



## Children's Education Benefit

*The Benefits Plan provides welcome financial help to the children of a deceased Plan member so that they may continue their education after high school.*

The children of a deceased Benefits Plan member become eligible for the Education Benefit when they begin post-high school education providing that the member was enrolled in the Death and Disability Plan at the time of death. If the member was retired at the time of death, he or she must previously have retired from active service with immediate commencement of pension payments.

This benefit can be of enormous help in financing post-high school education for the dependents of deceased members. It pays \$9,000 per school year to any qualified child under the age of 25 for each of the first four years of full-time education immediately following high school, at any **accredited** school or other institution of higher learning. The maximum potential benefit for a child is \$36,000 and the last month of eligibility is the month in which the child reaches age 25.

Payment is issued directly to the student over a 12-month period as follows:

- Fall semester – 6 payments from October to March
- Spring semester – 6 payments from April to September

When a child's enrollment in a post-high school institution is confirmed, please contact the Board at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN) to apply for the benefit.

The child will receive the necessary form at the start of the first semester and must return the completed form to the Board. The Board will verify a student's enrollment twice during a normal academic year.

*If any discrepancy exists between this and the Benefits Plan document, the official Plan document governs. Call the Board of Pensions at 800-773-7752 (800-PRESPLAN) for a copy of this official document or download the Benefits Plan at [Pensions.org](http://Pensions.org).*

