

## **State of Tennessee**

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## More than 1,300 Tennessee Heroes Awarded Grant Money for College

Tennessee's post 9-11 veterans are taking advantage of the state's Helping Heroes grant program. A new report from the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury finds that 1,325 veterans have received more than \$3.1 million in grant money from 2008-2013.

The Helping Heroes grant program was established by the General Assembly in 2008. The program provides postsecondary education financial assistance to Tennessee citizens who are decorated post-9/11 veterans. Helping Heroes awards total either \$500 or \$1,000 per student per semester (according to part-time or full-time status), as long as the student passes his or her courses. The grants are funded through the state's system of lottery-funded scholarships.

To view the report online, go to: <a href="http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/OREA/">http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/OREA/</a>

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