



## Lost Support - Adult Dependent - Guidelines

### General Information

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board may compensate a qualifying dependent of a homicide victim up to \$40,000 for loss of support. Up to \$80,000 may be available if there are multiple dependents that were financially dependent upon the victim at the time of the death.

Lost support awards are generally provided to the victim's minor children; however, the Board may compensate lost support of a relative who was financially dependent upon the victim at the time of the incident.

A relative may include a spouse, parent, grandparent, stepparent, natural born child, stepchild, adopted child, grandchild, brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister, or spouse's parents.

### Required Documentation

- The victim's most recent federal tax returns, showing formal dependency or a joint return, including schedules if applicable, for the year prior to the crime and a paystub within 60 days from the date of the crime.
- If an ex-spouse is filing for spousal support or alimony: A copy of the court order showing the amount of support ordered and the duration of the order. There is no need to submit tax returns.
- Social Security survivor benefit award letter/statement or denial, if applicable.
- If applicable, copy of survivor pension benefit statement(s) for which dependent(s) are beneficiaries and/or information regarding civil awards or other benefit(s) received because of the victim's death.
- If the support is based on a loss of Social Security, Retirement, Disability, etc., income documentation showing the amount of benefit the victim was providing as well as documentation indicating what amount of the benefit may continue to the claimant.

**Return Required Documentation by mail or email to the above Office**