



Lost Support - Minor 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 were multiple children financially dependent upon the victim at the time of the death.

If the Board determines a minor child is entitled to lost support, the award is designed to assist in replacing the income the victim once provided to support the child. The Board will also consider children born after the death of the victim.

If an award is made, annual support payments are provided to the claimant on behalf of the child until the maximum award is reached, emancipation, or the age of majority is reached.

You must have legal authority to apply on behalf of the minor child and have guardianship of the child. For American Indians or Alaskan Natives, similar documentation from a tribal court will be accepted.

You must contact our office if your guardianship status changes.

Required Documentation

- Copy of birth certificate, adoption papers, or proof of paternity.
- The victim's most recent federal tax returns showing formal dependency, including schedules if applicable, for the year prior to the crime and a paystub within 60 days from the date of the crime.
- For court ordered child support: A copy of the court order showing the amount of support ordered and the duration of the order. For American Indians or Alaskan Natives, a court order from a tribal court will be accepted. 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 applicable, guardianship or conservatorship papers.

Return Required Documentation by mail or email to the above Office