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Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Program



The **Arkansas Crime Victims Reparations Program**, administered by the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the Crime Victims Reparations Board, provides financial compensation to victims

who have suffered personal injury or death as the result of violent crime.

Eligible victims may qualify for up to \$10,000 for medical care, counseling, lost wages, funeral expenses, crime scene clean up and loss of support for dependents of deceased victims. Victims suffering catastrophic injuries may qualify for up to \$25,000.

Additionally, the Sexual Assault Reimbursement Program allows evidence to be collected after a sexual assault has been committed without the victim bearing the burden of the expense, and it pays for ambulance services and medical or legal examinations.

These programs are funded by fees collected from criminal offenders and a federal grant through the Victims of Crime Act, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Eligibility to Apply

Ark. Code Ann. §§16-90-701-719 (West 2015)

- Victim of a violent crime
- Minor child of eligible victim
- Spouse, parent, sibling and grandparent of eligible victim
- Non-immediate family member who resided in the same household as a deceased victim
- Individual who discovers a homicide victim's body
- Person injured by an act of terrorism outside the United States
- An Arkansas resident victimized in another state that does not have a compensation program

Criteria to Receive Compensation

- Incident occurred since July 1, 1988, in Arkansas and reported to authorities within 72 hours (minors excluded)
- Application filed within one year of incident
- Injury or death as a result of a criminal act
- Victim/claimant cooperated with investigation and/or prosecution
- Victim's expenses are not covered by a collateral source
- Victim/claimant does not have a felony conviction
- Victim's conduct did not contribute to incident
- Victim did not engage in illegal activity
- Victim was not incarcerated at time of the incident
- Injuries from motor vehicle use must involve intent to inflict harm, hit and run, or violate Omnibus DWI Act

Know Your Rights as a Victim

Ark. Code Ann. §§16-90-1101-1115 (West 2015)

Crime victims have the right to:

- Be present at any proceeding where the defendant has a right to be present
- Submit victim impact statements
- Basic privacy
- Be informed

Ensure your rights are protected by:

- Designating someone to receive information about the criminal matter
- Informing the proper authorities of your representative's name and contact information
- Maintaining all related written correspondence
- Cooperating with the prosecution

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If you think you may be eligible for assistance, apply by contacting the Arkansas Attorney General's Office.



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