

WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

- Stolen and/or damaged property;
- Payment for pain and suffering;
- Attorneys fees; and
- Expenses paid by an insurance plan, public funds, the offender or other sources.

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Fill out a compensation application and have it notarized; and
- Mail application and bills/expenses to the program.

Maximum Award is \$20,000

Benefits, maximums & eligibility requirements differ for crimes occurring before July 1, 2007

VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Additional services are provided through the Attorney General's Office, Victim Assistance Program. Services include information and referral, victim advocacy and court related services. For more information about the Victim Assistance Program, call 1-800-829-6766 or 601-359-4144.

VICTIMS' RIGHTS

The Mississippi Constitutional Crime Victims' Bill of Rights states that certain crime victims have the right to be treated with fairness, dignity and respect throughout the criminal justice system; and the right to be informed, present and heard. For more information about your rights, contact our office.

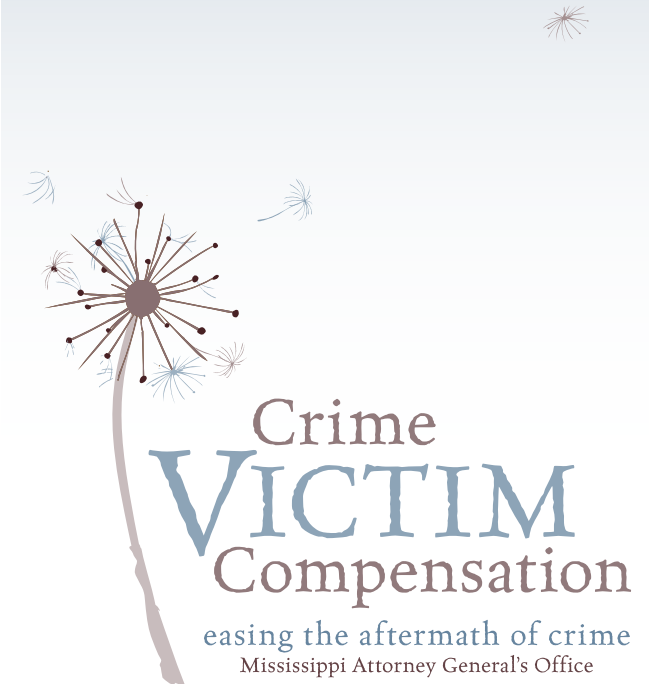
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION WRITE OR CALL:

Mississippi Attorney General's Office
Crime Victim Compensation Division
Post Office Box 220
Jackson, MS 39205-0220
1-800-829-6766 P 601-359-6766
601-576-4445 (Fax)
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Attorney General Jim Hood is committed to helping victims of violent crime. If you or a family member have been a victim of a violent crime and have financial losses resulting from injuries that are not

covered in full by insurance or any other source, the Crime Victim Compensation Division may be of some assistance to you. While no amount of financial aid can erase the trauma of crime, it is our goal to ease the aftermath of crime whenever possible.

WHO MAY BE ELIGIBLE?

- Individual must be the victim of a violent crime who has suffered personal injury, death or extreme psychological trauma as a result of the crime. Types of crimes include: assault, hit & run, homicide, sexual assault, domestic violence, DUI crashes, vehicular homicide, stalking, child abuse and kidnapping;
- Dependents of a deceased victim;
- Persons authorized to act on behalf of the victim or dependents of a deceased victim;
- Family members of the victim who have funeral expenses related to the claim;
- A Mississippi resident who is a victim of a violent crime in a foreign country which does not provide crime victim compensation; and
- A person who witnessed a violent crime.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

- Must report the crime to law enforcement officials within 72 hours or show good cause for not reporting;
- Application must be received within 36 months after the date of the crime;
- In cases of child sexual abuse, the application must be received within 36 months after the crime was reported;
- Must cooperate with law enforcement investigation and prosecution;
- Must not have contributed, provoked or in any way caused the injury or death; and
- All other available sources of payment such as insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, disability benefits and Workers' Compensation must pay first.

WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY?

- A victim/claimant who engaged in illegal conduct;
- The offender and/or accomplice to the offender;
- Anyone injured in a motor vehicle incident unless the vehicle was used by the offender (1) intentionally as a weapon, (2) in a hit & run, (3) while driving under the influence (DUI), or (4) in an attempt to flee from law enforcement;
- Anyone incarcerated in a penal institution when the crime occurred;
- A victim/claimant who, after the injury on which this claim is based, is convicted of any felony and the conviction becomes known to the Division; and
- A victim/claimant who has two previous felony convictions.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Medical expenses not covered by other sources, up to \$15,000 per claim;
- Transportation costs to obtain medical and/or mental health services that are at least 45 miles one way from the victim/claimant's residence, up to \$500 per claim;
- Mental health counseling for the victim/victim's family members, up to \$3,500 per claim;
- Lost wages for the victim, up to \$600 per week for 52 weeks; not to exceed \$20,000 per claim;
- Funeral expenses, up to \$6,500 and transportation costs to make arrangements or to attend funeral, up to \$800 per claim;
- Lost wages for claimant to make arrangements to attend funeral, up to \$600 per claim for one week;
- Loss of support for dependents of a deceased victim, up to \$600 per week for 52 weeks, not to exceed \$20,000 per claim;
- Domestic Violence Relocation Assistance, up to \$2,000 one time benefit. *To request this benefit, an application and other required documents must be submitted within 30 days from the date of the crime.
- Domestic Violence Temporary Housing Assistance, up to \$500 one time benefit. *To request this benefit, an application and other required documents must be submitted within 30 days from the date of the crime.
- Court related travel reimbursement, up to \$1,000 per claim;
- Repair/replacement costs for damaged windows, locks, doors and/or other security devices for residential dwelling, up to \$500 per claim; and
- Crime scene cleanup, up to \$1,000 per claim (homicides only).