

## S 793

Department of Veterans Affairs Vision Scholars Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Apr 2, 2009

**Current Status:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 111-76.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 111-76. (Apr 22, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/senate-bill/793>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 19, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Apr 22, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Apr 2, 2009)

Department of Veterans Affairs Vision Scholars Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish and carry out a scholarship program of financial assistance for individuals who: (1) are accepted for, or currently enrolled in, a program of study leading to a degree or certificate in visual impairment or orientation and mobility, or both; and (2) enter into an agreement to serve, after program completion, as a full-time Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) employee for three years within the first six years after program completion. Sets maximum assistance amounts of \$15,000 per academic year and \$45,000 total. Requires prorated repayment for failure to satisfy education or service requirements, while allowing the Secretary to waive or suspend such repayment whenever noncompliance is due to circumstances beyond the control of the participant, or when waiver or suspension is in the best interests of the United States.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Apr 22, 2009:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 111-76.
- **Apr 2, 2009:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 2, 2009:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.