

georgia crime victims compensation program application

YOU SHOULD APPLY IF:

- You are an innocent victim of a violent crime and suffered personal injury
- You went to the aid of another and suffered personal injury and/or serious mental or emotional trauma as a result
- You witnessed or were threatened with a crime and suffered serious mental or emotional trauma as a result
- You are the parent or legal guardian of a minor victim
- You are the parent or legal guardian of a minor victim and you lost wages or support due to the victimization
- You are the surviving spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling or child of a homicide victim (includes step relationships for crimes occurring on or after May 6, 2015)
- You were legally dependent on support from a deceased crime victim
- You are a domestic violence victim who is dependent on support from the offender
- You are not the victim, but you have been paying bills related to the crime

YOU SHOULD NOT APPLY IF:

- You were committing a crime or you were incarcerated when the crime occurred
- You participated in or were involved in the events leading to the crime
- You were on probation or parole due to a felony crime involving physical injury to others when the crime occurred
- You are filing the application more than 3 years from the date of the crime (for crimes occurring prior to July 1, 2014)

The Crime Victims Compensation Program (CVCP) was primarily established to provide financial assistance to victims of violent crime and to encourage victims to participate in the criminal justice system. Eligible program applicants can receive compensation for up to \$25,000 to help with medical and dental care, mental health counseling, economic support, crime scene sanitization, and funeral expenses when the costs are not covered by other sources (see category caps below).

Categorical Caps (For covered expenses)

- ✓ Medical and Dental Expenses - up to \$15,000
- ✓ Mental Health Counseling Expenses - up to \$3,000
- ✓ Economic Support - up to \$10,000
- ✓ Crime Scene Sanitization - up to \$1,500
- ✓ Funeral Expenses - up to \$6,000 for crimes occurring on after May 6, 2015 and up to \$3,000 for crimes that occurred prior to May 6, 2015

*Benefits received are based on actual eligible expenses.

General Instructions

- ✓ Please print clearly and remember to sign your application (an original signature is required to process your application).
- ✓ Provide at least two telephone numbers where you can be reached, or where we can leave a message, during business hours.
- ✓ Provide the completed and signed application, at least one itemized bill, and a copy of the police report, incident report, TPO, or warrant when you submit your application.
- ✓ If you would like assistance filing your claim, or if you have questions, please call the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council at 404-657-2222 or 800-547-0060.
- ✓ Please send your completed application to:
Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program
104 Marietta Street NW, Suite 440
Atlanta, GA 30303

Please Note

- ✓ You may submit an application even if there is no known offender. Prosecution is not a program requirement.
- ✓ It is important that you inform the Program if you change your address or telephone number. Also, be sure to provide a secondary contact who has an address or telephone number that we can send information about your claim, or leave messages for you regarding your claim.
- ✓ CVCP is the payor of last resort, this means your benefits will be reduced by the monies you receive from any other source as a result of the crime, such as insurance, restitution, and civil suit settlements.
CVCP is not an entitlement program; we only award compensation to those who meet all of the programs eligibility requirements.

GEORGIA CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

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 Web Site: cjcc.ga.gov

SECTION 1. VICTIM / WITNESS INFORMATION		Please provide information on the individual who witnessed a violent crime, or was injured or killed as result of a violent crime.			
Name of Victim / Witness (Last, First, M.I.)		Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) / /		Social Security Number
Street Address (including apartment #)		City		State	Zip Code
Best Contact Phone Number	Alternate Phone Number	E-Mail Address			
Please check all that apply:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Victim/Witness gainfully employed at the time of the crime			<input type="checkbox"/> Victim/Witness unable to work due to the crime		
Please provide the date(s) victim/witness was out of work, due to crime:					
Demographic Data (Optional for Statistical Use Only)			(Optional - for Statistical Use Only)		
Race: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Native American or <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			Are you disabled? If yes, type of disability		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Mental <input type="checkbox"/> Physical

SECTION 2. SECONDARY CONTACT INFORMATION		If your contact information above becomes invalid, please provide information for a person we can contact to reach you about your claim or mail correspondence for you to their address.			
Name (Last, First, M.I.)		Best Contact Phone Number		Alternate Phone Number	
Street Address (including apartment #)		City		State	Zip Code

SECTION 3. BENEFITS REQUESTED		Please complete this section by checking all the benefits you are applying for. The program may request additional information once the application is received.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Include your itemized bill(s) with your application.	<input type="checkbox"/> Lost Wages Include paystubs for at least 60 days prior to the crime.	<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Support Include paystubs for at least 60 days prior to crime and proof of support.	<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling Include your itemized bill(s) with your application.	<input type="checkbox"/> Funeral/Burial Include your itemized bill(s) and death certificate with your application.	<input type="checkbox"/> Crime Scene Sanitization Include your itemized bill(s) with your application.
If applying for lost wages, you cannot be reimbursed if your wages were fully covered (e.g., sick or annual leave, vacation, disability etc.) while you were out due to crime. If eligible, you can only be reimbursed when you missed work and were not paid, or your wages were only partially covered.					
Please check if you have requested/filed: <input type="checkbox"/> Restitution <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Action/Lawsuit					

SECTION 4. CLAIMANT INFORMATION		Complete this section if you are filling on behalf of the deceased victim, minor victim, an incapacitated adult victim, or if you are not the victim, but are paying bills on behalf of the victim.			
Claimant's Name (Last, First, M.I.)		Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY) / /		Social Security Number
Street Address (including apartment #)		City		State	Zip Code
Relationship to Victim/Witness		Best Contact Telephone Number		Alternate Telephone Number	

SECTION 5. CRIME INFORMATION		Include with this application, a copy of the incident report from law enforcement, child protective services, the courts, medical authorities or any other official governmental or investigative authority.			
Location of Crime		County of Crime		Date of Crime	Date Crime Reported
Type of Crime Reported		Agency Crime Reported To		Name of Officer/Detective	
Offender's Name			Law Enforcement Case Number		

SECTION 6. INSURANCE INFORMATION		Please provide information on any insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare benefits that you have available to you. If you have insurance, please send a copy of your card with your application.			
Please check if you have applied for: <input type="checkbox"/> Workers Compensation <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____					
Name of Primary Insurance Company		Policy Number		Policy Number	
Address			City	State	Zip Code
Name of Secondary Insurance Company		Policy Number		Policy Number	
Address			City	State	Zip Code

SECTION 7. REFERRAL INFORMATION		Please tell us who referred you to the Crime Victims Compensation Program.	
Name of Referring Agency or Office		Name of Contact Person from Referring Agency or Office	

SECTION 8. SUBROGATION AGREEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		Please read carefully, a copy of this signed release shall be considered the same as the original.	
I hereby agree that if I am awarded any money by the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board, in consideration of such award, I assign, transfer and subrogate to the Board, all rights, claims, interests, and rights of action, to the extent of the Board's award, that I may have against other parties or entities that may be obligated to compensate me for the injuries or damages which form the basis for this application. I also hereby certify that, to date, I have not received any compensation except as noted on this form.			
_____		_____	
Victim/Witness/Claimant Signature (Original Signature Required)		Date	

SECTION 9. MEDICAL AND CRIMINAL HISTORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		Please read carefully, a copy of this signed release shall be considered the same as the original.	
A Criminal History will be completed on all victims/witnesses and claimants 18 years of age and older. I hereby authorize and understand that a criminal history report will be analyzed to determine eligibility for the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program. I authorize any hospital, physician, medical facility, insurer or any other person or law enforcement agency that has knowledge relative to my claim to furnish information to the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Board. If psychiatric assistance is requested, a separate authorization form may be required.			
_____		_____	
Victim/Witness/Claimant Signature (Original Signature Required)		Date	

SECTION 10. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING		Please read carefully, a copy of this signed release shall be considered the same as the original.	
I declare and affirm under the penalty of perjury that the statements made on this Application are true and correct. I hereby acknowledge that the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program will only award compensation if <u>all</u> of the program's eligibility requirements are met; I also acknowledge that the Georgia Crime Victims Compensation Program is <u>not</u> an entitlement program, and is the payor of last resort. As such, my benefits will be reduced by the monies I receive from any other source as a result of the crime, such as insurance, restitution, and civil suit settlements.			
_____		_____	
Victim/Witness/Claimant Signature (Original Signature Required)		Date	