

## What Must I Do To Be Eligible?

1. You should report the crimes to authorities within 72 hours, unless good cause is shown.
2. Application(s) must be filed within 3 years of the crime; otherwise you must go through the appeals process.
3. You must cooperate with law enforcement officials in their investigation and prosecution.

## How Do I Apply?

You must file an application for assistance with the Crime Victims Compensation Program by an online application or a paper application.

<http://crimevictimscomp.ga.gov/>

An application can be sent to you by Victim Services:

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706-376-3128, [abowman@pacga.org](mailto:abowman@pacga.org)  
706-567-8374, [khuff@pacga.org](mailto:khuff@pacga.org)  
762-338-8825, [lwright@pacga.org](mailto:lwright@pacga.org)  
706-795-6322, [clane@pacga.org](mailto:clane@pacga.org)  
762-338-8825, [bmsmith@pacga.org](mailto:bmsmith@pacga.org)

You do not need an attorney to file an application.

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## Georgia Crime Victims Compensation

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## What Is The Crime Victims Compensation Program?

The State of Georgia has a program to assist victims with crime related expenses such as financial hardship (lost wages or loss of support), medical expenses, mental health counseling, funeral expenses and/or crime scene sanitation.

The following can be covered under medical expenses:

1. Home Health Care
2. Eye glasses
3. Dentures
4. Prosthetic devices
5. Wheelchairs

## What Compensation Is:

You are eligible for the following categories of compensation only if they are not already covered by another source:

1. Medical/Dental expenses- up to \$15,000
2. Counseling Expenses- up to \$3,000
3. Funeral Expenses- up to \$6,000
4. Economic Support (lost wages/loss of support)- up to \$10,000
5. Crime Scene Sanitation- up to \$1,500

**Total amount allowable is \$25,000**

## Who Is Eligible For Victims Compensation?

You may be eligible if...

- ✚ You are physically injured as a result of a violent crime.
- ✚ You personally witnessed or were threatened with a violent crime.
- ✚ You were hurt helping a victim of a violent crime.
- ✚ You are the parent or guardian of a person killed or injured as a result of a crime.
- ✚ You are a dependent of a homicide victim who relied on the victim for support.
- ✚ You did not provoke or consent to the events that led up to the crime.

Victims who have been physically injured in a violent crime, including but not limited to victims of:

- Assault
- Sexual Assault
- Child Abuse
- Domestic/Family Violence
- Child Pornography
- Child Exploitation
- Kidnapping
- Robbery
- Homicide
- Vehicular Homicide
- Hit and Run
- DUI/DWI Crash

## Who Is Not Eligible?

- Victims of property crime.
- Victims who consent, provoke, or incite the crime committed against them.
- Victims who were participating in a criminal act.
- Victims or witnesses committing a crime, on parole or probation; a victim or witness that is incarcerated, when the crime occurred.
- Victims who do not report the crime to authorities or do not cooperate with law enforcement.
- Victims Filing applications 3 years after the occurrence of the crime (unless Victims Compensation finds good cause).

## Are There Limitations on Compensation?

Compensation cannot be paid for stolen, damaged, or lost property. Victim/Claimant must first exhaust funds from other sources such as health insurance, car insurance, social security, annual/sick leave pay, disability insurance, worker's compensation, unemployment compensation, or funds from other government agencies.