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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

April 26, 1982

*1 Mr. Louis B. Fowler
920 Burwell Lane
Columbia, South Carolina 29205

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Your letter of April 10, 1982, to the Attorney General has been received and referred to me for an appropriate response. Under the procedures of the Department of Veterans Affairs, entitlements for children under [Section 59-111-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws \(1976\)](#) ('Free Tuition for Certain Veterans' Children') expire eight years from the date eligibility is established of the parent-veteran, if the child becomes entitled to free tuition after his or her eighteenth birthday. In your daughter's case, she became eligible for free tuition on March 19, 1974, when the above act was amended to provide free tuition for children of prisoners of war. Therefore, her eligibility would expire eight years from that date or March 19, 1982. In a letter dated December 5, 1980, to the Registrar of The Citadel, a copy of which letter was sent to your daughter, the Department of Veterans Affairs advised that your daughter's eligibility would terminate at the end of the quarter or semester following March 19, 1982. I am enclosing a copy of that letter for your information.

The Attorney General's office has no authority to extend your daughter's eligibility beyond the time period provided by law. If you should have any further questions regarding your daughter's eligibility, I would suggest that you contact the Department of Veterans Affairs, since that is the agency charged with administering this act.

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Kale, Jr.
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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