

CHAPTER
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Survivors' and Dependents'
Education Assistance (DEA)

& Kentucky State Tuition Waivers



Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance

www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance/

If you're the child or spouse of a Veteran or service member who has died, is captured, or missing, or has disabilities, you may be able to get help paying for school or job training through the DEA program—also called Chapter 35.

What benefits can I get?

Monthly payment to help cover cost of:

1. College or graduate degree programs
2. Career-training certificate courses
3. Educational and career counseling
4. Apprenticeships
5. On-the-job training

Note: If you began using this program to pay for your school or training before August 1, 2018, you can get benefits for up to 45 months. If you began using the program on or after August 1, 2018, you can get benefits for up to 36 months.

Eligibility

You may be able to get these benefits if both you and the Veteran or service member meet certain eligibility requirements. One of the descriptions listed below must be true:

1. The Veteran or service member is permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability, or

2. The Veteran or service member died while on active duty or because of a service-connected disability, or
3. The Veteran or service member is missing in action or was captured in the line of duty by a hostile force, or
4. The Veteran or service member was forcibly detained (held) or interned in the line of duty by a foreign entity, or
5. The Veteran or service member is in the hospital or getting outpatient treatment for a service-connected permanent and total disability and is likely to be discharged for that disability (effective December 23, 2006)
6. If you're the child of a Veteran or service member

Caveats

1. You can get benefits if you're between the ages of 18 and 26, except in certain cases.
2. You may be married or unmarried.
3. If you're over 18 years old and using DEA, you can't get Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from us.
4. If you join the military, you can't use this benefit while on active duty. And if you want to use this benefit after you leave the service, you can't have a dishonorable discharge.
5. Military service can extend your eligibility, but this increase doesn't usually go past your 31st birthday.
6. If you're the spouse of a Veteran or service member your benefits start on the date, we conclude that you qualify or on the date of the Veteran's death, and last for 10 years.
7. If we rated the Veteran as permanently and totally disabled, with an effective date that's 3 years after discharge from active duty, you'll qualify for benefits for 20 years from that effective date. This new policy began on October 10, 2008. We won't pay benefits for training you started before this date.
8. If the service member died on active duty, your benefits end 20 years from the date of death.

How do I get these benefits?

1. Contact UofL's VA School Certifying Official (Ms. Carissa Gentry, milconstu@louisville.edu, (502) 852-6442)
2. Apply for VA education benefits for dependents online or apply by mail
3. Get VA Form 22-5490 (Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits) to download
4. Fill out VA Form 22-5490 and mail it to the regional processing office for your state (You'll find the address on the last page of the form).
5. Send your application to the Center for Military-Connected Students (milconstu@louisville.edu)
6. Center fills out VA Enrollment Certification (VA Form 22-1999) and sends to VA along with your application.

Chapter 35 rates for survivors and dependents

Chapter 35 DEA Payment		ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023				
		Month	Daily Rate	Days/ month	DEA Payment	Date Paid
DEA (30 Days) Fall 2022		August	\$46.70	9	\$420.30	9/1/2022
\$1,401.00		September		30	\$1,401.00	10/1/2022
*Beginning 10/1/2022		October		30	\$1,401.00	11/1/2022
		November		30	\$1,401.00	12/1/2022
		December	\$46.70	13	\$607.10	1/1/2023
				Fall 2022	\$5,230.40	
		Month	Daily Rate	Days/ month	DEA Payment	Date Paid
		January	\$46.70	21	\$980.70	2/1/2023
		February		30	\$1,401.00	3/1/2023
		March		30	\$1,401.00	4/1/2023
		April		30	\$1,401.00	5/1/2023
		May	\$46.70	2	\$93.40	6/1/2023
				Spring 2023	\$5,277.10	
				Yearly DEA	\$10,507.50	

Kentucky State Tuition Waivers

Kentucky state tuition waiver is an education benefit provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in recognition of military service of certain Kentucky veterans. It is administered by the Kentucky Department of Veteran Affairs (KDVA).

The waiver permits student to attend any two-year, four-year, or vocational technical schools that are operated and funded by the Kentucky Department of Education. The state waiver is provided for children, stepchildren, adopted children, spouses, and un-remarried widows & widowers.

Qualifying factors, the veteran must meet one of the following criteria:

1. 100% service-connected disabled.
2. Died on active duty.
3. Died as a direct result of a service-connected disability as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
4. Totally disabled (non-service connected) with wartime service as deemed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or Department of Defense.

5. Is deceased and lived in KY at time of death and served during a wartime period.

Website: <https://veterans.ky.gov/Benefits/Pages/Education-for-Veterans-in-Kentucky.aspx>

Application: <https://veterans.ky.gov/Benefits/Documents/KY%20State%20Tuition%20Waiver%20%20Application%202022.pdf>