Department of Veterans Affairs

APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

(Under Provisions of Chapter 35, Title 38,U.S.C.) See attached Information and Instructions

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INTERNET VERSION AVAILABLE- You	may complete and se	nd your application	over the Int	ernet at: www.gibill.va.gov		
PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION						
1A. NAME OF APPLICANT (FIRST-MIDDLE-LAST)		1B. SOCIAL S	ECURITY N	UMBER OF APPLICANT	1C. DATE OF BIRTH OF APPLICANT	
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5B. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER			5C. VA FII	5C. VA FILE NUMBER (If known)		
6. DATE OF BIRTH	7. BRANCH OF SERV	/ICE	8. SERVIC	E NUMBER	9. DATE OF DEATH OR DATE LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION OR P.O.W.	
	PART III - SPE	CIAL INFORMATION	ON CONC	ERNING APPLICANT		
10. IF YOU ARE THE SPOUSE OF A DISABLED VETERAN, IS A DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT PENDING? YES NO						
11A. IF YOU ARE THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A DECEASED VETERAN, HAVE YOU REMARRIED SINCE HIS OR HER DEATH? 11B. SURVIVING SPOUSE'S AGE AT TIME OF REMARRIAGE 11B. SURVIVING SPOUSE'S AGE AT TIME OF REMARRIAGE						
NOTE - COMPLETE ITEM 12 ONLY IF YOU ARE A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT						
12A. DO YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM YOUR AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT FOR THE SAME COURSE FOR WHICH YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE VA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE? (If you check "Yes," show the source of these funds in Item 12B) 12B. SOURCE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT 12B. SOURCE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT 12B. SOURCE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT						
13. HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VA BENEFITS? (Check applicable box(es)						
A. DISABILITY COMPENSATION OR PENSION						
B. DISABILITY COMPENSATION OR PENSION						
C. VETERANS' EDUCATION ASSISTANCE BASED ON YOUR OWN SERVICE (Specify benefit)						
D. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS						
E. SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Complete Items 14A and 14B)						
F. OTHER (Specify)						
G. NONE						
Complete Item 14 only if you check Item 13E 14A. NAME OF VETERAN ON WHOSE ACCOUNT YOU PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED BENEFITS 14B. VETERAN'S FILE NUMBER						
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PART IV - APPLICANT'S MILITARY SERVICE									
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PART VI - PROGRAM OF EDUCATION OR TRAINING									
20A. DO YOU KNOW YOUR EDUCATIONAL OR CAREER GOAL? (If "YES," please specify) YES NO									
20B. HAVE YOU SELECTED A SPECIFIC PROGRAM OF EDUCATION? (If "YES," list below each diploma, vocational course, job training program, or test you need to reach the goal specified in Item 20A. If "NO," leave blank) YES NO									
20C. EDUCATION OR TRAINING WILL BE BY: (Check more than one if necessary) COLLEGE OR OTHER SCHOOL									
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20D. HAVE YOU SELECTED YOUR SCHOOL OR TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT? (f you have selected a school, check "YES," and specify its complete name and mailing address. If you have not selected a school, check "NO." If you are only applying for reimbursement of test fees, skip to Item 21.		S OF SCHOOL OR TRAINING ESTABLISHMENT r rural route, city or P.O., State and ZIP Code)			
☐ YES ☐ NO	•				
20E. DO YOU KNOW THE DATE YOU WILL BEGIN YOUR SCHOOLING OR TRAINING? (If, "YES," specify the date)	ANTICIPATED BEGIN	INING DATE (MONTH/YEAR) OF TRAINING			
☐ YES ☐ NO					
20F. ARE YOU A HANDICAPPED CHILD, 14 YEARS OR OLDER, SPOUSE, OR SURVIVING SPOUSE SEEKING SPECIAL RESTORATIVE TRAINING? (See Instructions)		NDICAPPED CHILD, SPOUSE, OR SURVIVING ING SPECIALIZED VOCATIONAL TRAINING?			
YES NO	YES NO				
PART VII - ELECTION	ON (CHILD ONLY)				
IMPORTANT: You may not receive payments of Dependency and Indemndependent in a compensation claim while receiving Survivors' and Depende INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS ELECTION BLOCK. YELECTION WITH A VA COUNSELOR.	ents' educational assistanc	e (DEA). CAREFULLY READ THE			
21A. I CERTIFY THAT I understand the effects of an election to receive DEA benefits and that I elect to receive such benefits from the following date:	21B. DATE OF ELEC	TION			
22. REMARKS (Use this space to provide information that does not fit elsewhere on this on this form to help us match your answers to the correct questions. If more space is name and Social Security Number on each additional page)	needed, please attach separ	ate shéets of paper. Be sure to place your			
PART VIII - CERTIFICATION AND (All Applicants Must C		CANT			
I CERTIFY THAT all statements in my application are true and correct	I CERTIFY THAT all statements in my application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.				
PENALTY : Willfully false statements as to a material fact in a claim for in the forfeiture of these or other benefits and in criminal penalties.	r education benefits is a	punishable offense and may result			
23A. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Do NOT Print)	23B. DATE SIGNED				
SIGN HERE IN INK					
PART IX - SIGNATURE OF PAREN (This section must be complet	•				
24A. NAME OF PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN(<i>Type or print</i>)		R AND MAIL ADDRESS OF PARENT, GUARDIAN,			
25A. SIGNATURE OF (Check one) (DO NOT PRINT)	1	25B. DATE SIGNED			
PARENT GUARDIAN CUSTODIAN					
SIGN HERE IN INK					

(Please detach at perforation and retain this information for future reference)

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

This form is available on the Internet. We suggest that you file your application by going to www.gibill.va.gov and submitting your application electronically.Select"ElectronicApplicationForm."

If you submit your application electronically, VA will automatically transfer your application to the Regional Processing Office that handles your claim. See HOW TO FILE YOUR CLAIM for additional information on sending any supporting documentation and where to mail your completed paper application.

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: The number on the instructions match the item numbers on this application. Items not mentioned are self-explanatory.

DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO APPLY FOR VETERANS' EDUCATION ASSISTANCE (chapters 30, 32, 1606, or 1607) or VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS (chapter 31). These benefits require different application forms. Use VA Form 22-1990 to apply for Veterans' Education Assistance. This form is available at **www.gibill.va.gov.** Use VA Form 28-1900 to apply for Vocational Rehabilitation benefits See

http://va benefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp for the Veterans On-Line Application for this form. These forms are also available at your nearest VA regional office and may be available where you received this application.

- **ITEM 3A.** To qualify for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance you must be either:
- (1) the spouse of child of a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability;
- (2) the spouse or child of an individual on active duty who has been listed for a total of more than 90 days as missing in action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force, forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power, or;
- (3) the surviving spouse or child of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability or who died while a service-connected disability was rated permanent and total in nature.

Eligibility for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance will be terminated in the event that VA determines that the veteran on whose account benefits are claimed is no longer totally disabled or VA is notified that the individual is no longer listed as captured, missing in action, or forcibly detained.

NOTE: "Child" includes adopted children and stepchildren who are members of the veteran's or individual's household. Married children are eligible for this benefit.

The period of eligibility for a child is generally between the ages of 18 and 26 years. In certain instances, it is possible to begin training before age 18 and to continue after age 26.

- ITEM 4. VA publishes Pamphlet 22-73-3, Summary of Educational Benefits Under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, Chapter 35 of Title 38, U.S.C., an information pamphlet for this benefit. You should have received this pamphlet with your application. If you check "NO," VA will send you one. You may also request a pamphlet from the person who furnished you this application.
- **ITEM 5C.** VA may have assigned the veteran or individual an eight-digit file number. If you know this number, write it in the space provided.
- ITEM 10C. A spouse may use educational benefits during the 10-year period after eligibility is found. A surviving spouse may use these benefits during the 10-year period following the veteran's death or 10 years after VA determines the veteran's death was caused by a service-connected disability. The eligibility period is 20 years for a surviving spouse if the veteran's death was in service. Eligibility will terminate in the event a spouse is divorced from the veteran or in the event a surviving spouse is remarried, unless the remarriage is both after the surviving spouse's 57th birthday and or after January 1, 2004.

- **NOTE:** A surviving spouse who terminates a remarriage may re-establish eligibility, but will not qualify for an extension of the ten-year or twenty-year eligibility period.
- ITEM 13C. If you received education benefits under a law VA administers, such as the Montgomery GI Bill Educational AssistanceProgram, the Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program, the Reserve Educational AssistanceProgram,Vietnam Era GI Bill (chapter 34), WWII, or Korean GI Bills, specify which benefit in this block.
- **ITEM 13D.** Check the "Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits" block if you applied for VA education benefits as a disabled veteran.
- **ITEM 13E.** Check the "Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance" block if you have previously applied for benefits as the dependent of a veteran other than the veteran or individual on whose account you are currently claiming benefits.
- **ITEM 13F**. Check the "Other" block if you previously applied for VA benefits other than any of those specified in Items 13A through 13E.
- **ITEM 13 G.** Check the "None" block if you have never previously applied for VA education benefits.
- ITEMS 14A and B. If you previously applied for VA benefits as the dependent child or spouse of a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled due to service-connected disabilities or who died on active duty, write the name of the person (your parent or spouse) under whom you received these benefits in Item 14A and the VA file number (reference number) for this person in Item 14B.
- **ITEM 15**. Benefits under this program are not payable while an eligible person is serving on active duty in the Armed Forces.
- ITEM 17A. A child who is under 18 and has not completed high school must have his or her program of education or training approved by a VA counselor before educational assistance benefits can be authorized. An eligible person who has not received a high school diploma or its equivalent can pursue approved secondary-level programs. An eligible person can also pursue refresher, remedial, or deficiency courses needed for admission into an education program.
- ITEM 19. If you have ever held a license to practice a profession or journeyman rating to work at a trade, state the name of the license or journeyman rating and the state in which the license was held in the space marked "License or Rating." We only use this information if you apply for benefits for a similar program. Examples of a license include the following: electrician, CPA, teacher, lawyer, and bricklayer. Use Item 22, "Remarks," if you need more space.
- VA VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING HELP AVAILABLE. If you need help planning your individual educational and career goals, VA offers a wide range of counseling services to help you. Services include educational and vocational guidance and testing to help you to develop a greater understanding of your skills, talents, and interests. For further information on VA counseling, call VA Toll Free at:

1-800-827-1000 or TDD 1-800-829-4833

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS (Continued)

ITEM 20C. Self-explanatory, except for the following items:

Check the "Licensing or certification test" block if you want reimbursement for a licensing or certification test. A licensing test is a test offered by a state, local, or federal agency which is required by law to practice an occupation. A certification test is a test designed to provide an affirmation of an individual's qualification in a specific occupation.

The best way to claim the benefit is for the individual to send VA a copy of his or her test results with a note or a VA Form 21-4138, Statement in Support of Claim, stating that they are requesting reimbursement. The claimant should include:

- (1) The name of the test they took
- (2) The name and address of the organization issuing the license or certificate (not necessarily the organization that administered the test)
- (3) The date they took the test
- (4) The cost of the test
- (5) The following (signed) statement: "I authorize release of my test information to VA."

Check the "National admission exams or national exams for credit" block if you want VA to reimburse you for the fee you paid for taking one or more national tests. National tests for admission to institutions of higher learning include the following: the Scholastic Aptitude Test, Law School Admission Tests, Graduate Record Exam, or the Graduate Management Admission Test. National tests providing an opportunity for course credit at institutions of higher learning include the following: The Advanced Placement Exam and the College-level Examination Program.

NOTE ON CORRESPONDENCE TRAINING: Only spouses and surviving spouses may receive benefits for correspondence training. If you plan to enroll in a correspondence course or a combination correspondence-residence course, be sure the field of study is suitable to your abilities and interest before you sign a contract with the school. Information on correspondence courses is available at the nearest U.S. Veterans Assistance Center or VA Regional Office. The correspondence school may require you to pay for all or the majority of the course even though you complete only a portion of it. Unlike other VA training programs, payments for correspondence courses are made quarterly, after VA receives your certification showing the number of lessons you completed during the previous quarter. You must affirm a contract for enrollment in a correspondence course after at least 10 days following the date you sign the contract. If you decide not to enroll in a correspondence course after signing a contract but before signing the affirmation, you are entitled to receive a full refund from the school of any payment made for the course.

ITEMS 20F and G. Any eligible person may receive Special Restorative Training or Specialized Vocational Training, if a VA counselor determines that a specialized program is needed to overcome the effects of a physical or mental handicap. To be eligible, the disability must prevent you from pursuing an educational program. Examples of Special Restorative Training include speech and voice correction, language retraining, lip reading, auditory training, Braille reading and writing, or other similar training. Specialized Vocational Training consists of specialized courses leading to a vocational objective. This objective must be suitable for you and required because of a physical or mental handicap.

NOTE: You will not be eligible to receive benefits for any period for which you or the veteran or individual on whose account you are claiming benefits has an outstanding felony warrant. Any benefits paid to you for such a period will be an overpayment subject to collection.

ITEMS 21A and 21B. Your election to receive Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance is final and cannot be changed. This means that payments of compensation, pension, or Dependents' Indemnity Compensation (DIC) based on school attendance after your 18th birthday are prohibited once you cash your first benefit check under this chapter. If you are planning to pursue a program of education for longer that 45 months, you may find it to your advantage to defer benefits and continue compensation, pension, or DIC payment for the present. If it appears that a deferral of benefits might be to your advantage, we strongly recommend that you discuss with a VA counselor the various options open to you. However, if it does not appear that a deferral would be to your advantage, complete Items 21A and 21B, indicating the date from which you wish to receive Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

ADVANCE PAYMENT - Once you have enrolled in an approved course, you may receive an advance payment for the first month (or part of a month) and second month of enrollment if ALL the following conditions are met:

- •You are enrolled on at least a half-time basis, and
- Your school has agreed to receive and process advance payment checks for delivery to it students, and
- You request advance payment by signing a request block on the enrollment certification your school sends to us, and
- •VA receives your enrollment certification at least 30 days before classes start

NOTE: If we do not pay an advance payment, we will pay you after each month you attend school. In some cases, VA will require you to verify your enrollment each month before you receive payment.

IMPORTANT: Additional requirements set by law may prevent us from making an advance payment.

HELP: If you need help in completing this application, call VA TOLL FREE at **1-888-GI-BILL-1** (**1-888-442-4551**). If you are hearing impaired, call us toll-free at **1-800-829-4833**. Our education Internet site (www.gibill.va.gov) is available to help you.

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., awards of benefits) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22, Compensation, Pension, Education and Rehabilitation Records - VA, and published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain education benefits. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine the maximum benefits allowable under the law. While you do not have to respond, VA cannot process your claim for benefits unless the information is furnished as required by existing law (38 U.S.C. 3513). The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine your eligibility for education benefits (38 U.S.C. 3513). Title 38 U.S.C. allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 45 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.whitehouse.gov/omb/library/OMBINV.VA.EPA.html#VA. If desired, you can call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLETED PAPER APPLICATION

Be sure to sign and date this form. Then, do the following:

(A) If you have selected a school or training establishment,

- Step 1: Mail the completed form to the VA Regional Processing Office in the region of that school's physical address. Check below for the post office box address for these offices.
- Step 2: Notify the veterans certifying official at your school or training establishment that you have applied for VA education benefits. Ask him or her to submit your attendance information using VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification, or its electronic version.
- Step 3: Wait for VA to process your application and notify you of our decision concerning your eligibility for education assistance.

(B) If you have not selected a school or training establishment,

- Step 1: Mail the completed form to the VA Regional Processing Office in the region of your home address. Check below for the post office box address for these offices.
- Step 2: Wait for VA to process your application and notify you of our decision concerning your eligibility for education assistance.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLETED ELECTRONIC APPLICATION

If you completed your application electronically, VA furnished you with the following: (1) a unique confirmation number for your individual claim and (2) the address of the VA office (Education Regional Processing Office) that will process your claim. You need to write this information down and keep it in a safe location. You need to finalize your Internet submission by sending us your signature. (If you did not print the signature page from the electronic submission, type or print the following statement on a blank piece of paper: "My signature on this page supports the application for education benefits that was submitted through the Internet." Sign and date that piece of paper. Write your confirmation number, your Social Security Number (Item 1B on the form) and any VA file number (Item 5C) on that paper.

Then do the following:

If you have selected a school or training establishment, mail the paper with your signature to the VA Regional Processing Office in the region of that school's physical address. Check below for the post office box address for these offices. Then, follow the same action as shown in (A), step 2, above.

If you have not selected a school or training establishment, mail the paper with your signature to the VA Regional Processing Office in the region of your home address. Check below for the post office box address for these offices. Then, wait for VA to process your application and notify you of our decision concerning your eligibility for educational assistance.

Eastern Region: VA Regional Office P. O. Box 4616 Buffalo, NY 14240-4616					
SERVES THE FOLLOWING STATES					
СТ	DE	DC	ME		
MD	MA	NH	NJ		
NY	ОН	PA	RI		
VT	VA	WV	Foreign Schools		

Central Region: VA Regional Office P. O. Box 66830 St. Louis, MO 63166-6830						
SERVES THE FOLLOWING STATES						
СО	CO IA IL IN					
KS	KY	MI	MN			
МО	MT	NE	ND			
SD	WI	WY				

Western Region: VA Regional Office P. O. Box 8888 Muskogee, OK 74402-8888 SERVES THE FOLLOWING STATES					
AK	AR AZ CA				
HI	ID	LA	NM		
NV	OK	OR	Philippines		
TX	UT	WA			

Southern Region: VA Regional Office P. O. Box 100022 Decatur, GA 30031-7022						
SERVES THE FOLLOWING STATES						
AL	FL	GA	MS			
NC	PR	SC	TN			
US Virgin Islands						