



Chapter 35/Benefits for Survivors & Dependents

About Survivor & Dependent Assistance

The Survivors & Dependents' Education Assistance (DEA) program offers education and training to qualified dependents of Veteran who:

- Are permanently and totally disabled because of a service-related condition, or
- Died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition

Who Qualifies

- Spouse or dependent (18-26 years old) of veteran that is permanently disabled or died as a result of service connected conditions.

Apply for Benefits

- Apply online: <https://www.va.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/5490/introduction>
- More information on benefits is available at:
<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/>

About Benefits

- 36 months of education benefits per student
- Monthly stipend for house, books and supplies is paid direct to the student
- Rates are based off course schedule reported to the VA each term.
 - Rates are subject to change. View the website for updated rates:
<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/>

Next Steps

- You must obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from the VA
- Every semester that you wish to use your benefits, you must submit a schedule to our office
- Send all required documents to Veterans@cincinnatiastate.edu