

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Education Benefits for Tennessee Students

Who is eligible for the Dependents and Survivors Educational Assistance Program (DEA, Chapter 35)?

This program provides education benefits for the spouse and dependent children of **veterans who:**

- Are **permanently and totally disabled** from service connected causes or
- **died in service** or who **died of service connected causes**, or
- certain other veterans and service members, such as those currently missing in action or captured in the line of duty.

Eligibility for these benefits is determined by the VA (not Social Security). If you have questions regarding the veteran's VA disability rating and eligibility for DEA (Chapter 35), please contact your local VA Regional Office.

This benefit may be used for pursuit of an undergraduate or graduate degree, courses leading to a certificate or diploma from business, technical or vocational schools, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training programs. Benefits for correspondence courses are available to spouses only. The program provides up to 45 months of education or training.

Application for Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA, Chapter 35):
VA Form 22-5490 or online

VA Regional Processing Center

Education Benefits

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VA Regional Office

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