



Survivors and Dependents Education Assistance (DEA)/Chapter 35

Dependents of veterans who are rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability or died while on active duty or as the result of a service-connected disability may receive educational assistance through this benefit.

EXAMPLES OF ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES ARE:

- A Child between the ages of 18-26 years of age (there may be exceptions)
- A Surviving Spouse
- A spouse of a veteran with a permanent and total disability rating or listed as POW or MIA

Beneficiaries using DEA/Chapter 35 are entitled to a monthly stipend for the time that they are enrolled in school, prorated based on the rate of pursuit.

If you are using DEA/Chapter 35, it is your responsibility to pay tuition and fees to your training institution.

DID YOU KNOW DEA/CHAPTER 35 CAN BE USED IN HIGH SCHOOL?

If your dependents are eligible for DEA, they can receive up to **five extra months** of benefits in addition to the 36 months while enrolled in high school.

Students must be 18 years old and attending an approved school.

For more specific information, you can also visit the DEA/Chapter 35 Facebook page: [Chapter 35 Dependents Education Assistance \(DEA\) | Facebook](#)

Not sure if your dependent's school is approved? Check out the GI Bill Comparison Tool: [GI Bill® Comparison Tool | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)

SCHOOL OR INSTITUTIONAL LEADERS:

Contact the Idaho State Approving Agency to start the approval process!

Email education@veterans.idaho.gov or call (208)780-1334.