



# Preparing Military Dependents DEA/Chapter 35 & the High School Senior

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# What is Survivors' and Dependents' Educational assistance program?



\*AKA DEA

\*AKA Chapter 35

\*For Academic School Year that begins on 10/1/2023 through 9/30/2024

\*\*Less for parttime or less rate of pursuit

## THE VETERAN OR SERVICE MEMBER:

- Has a rating at 100% permanent and total disability
- Has died in the line of duty
- There are other qualifying criteria; refer to the [VA's DEA webpage](#) for the complete list.

## THE CHILD BENEFICIARY

- Must be 18 or older
- The dependent may be married or unmarried
- May apply for their benefit at [Apply For Education Benefits | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)

## DEA-CHP35 PAYS UP TO \$1,488.00\* IN BENEFIT AT AN IHL OR NCD

- Fulltime rate of pursuit\*\*
- This amount updates every October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Click here for updated [payment rates](#)
- Benefit is paid directly to student

# DEA Dependent Criteria



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\*AKA Chapter 35

DEPENDENTS MAY QUALIFY TO USE DEA BENEFITS *AT ANY TIME* WHEN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING IS TRUE FOR THE DEPENDENT:

- The event that qualified the dependent for DEA benefits happened to the Veteran or service member **on or after** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 OR
- The dependent turned 18 years old **on or after** August 1, 2023 OR
- The dependent completed high school or secondary education **on or after** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

DEPENDENTS WHO HAVE AGE & TIME *LIMITS* FOR USING THEIR DEA BENEFITS PRESENT WHEN ALL THE BELOW CRITERIA IS TRUE:

- The event that qualified the dependent for DEA benefits happened to the Veteran or service member **before** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 AND
- The dependent turned 18 years old **before** August 1, 2023 AND
- The dependent completed high school or secondary education **before** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023
- ⦿ For a Child of a Veteran who meets this criteria, benefits start at 18 and the child beneficiary has 8 years to utilize benefits
  - *there may be exceptions so see [VA's DEA webpage](#)*

IS MY HIGH  
SCHOOL ALREADY  
APPROVED BY THE  
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TO DETERMINE IF YOUR HIGH  
SCHOOL IS APPROVED FOR  
DEA/CHP 35

Use this link:

[GI Bill® Comparison Tool \(Search By  
Name\) | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)



## TITLE 38 USC §3675

The approval process for high schools is streamlined because public High Schools are deemed approved under Title 38 USC §3675

- Approved as a NCD or NonCollege-Degree program
- The reason being is that Title 38 USC §3675 references “*secondary school*” and high schools are categorized as a secondary school.

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR DEA/CHP35 BENEFITS BY REACHING OUT TO  
[EDUCATION@VETERANS.IDAHO.GOV](mailto:EDUCATION@VETERANS.IDAHO.GOV)

## CALLING HIGH SCHOOL LEADERS

*The DEA/CHP35 benefit is important for beneficiary students; we ask you to create and drive awareness of this important benefit for those affected students at the high school where you lead.*

- Drive awareness of this benefit by reaching out to students and parents.
- For those qualifying beneficiaries (who may or may not know this benefit is available to them), this benefit will help the family plan for their dependent's next step into adulthood.
- High school principals can foster awareness by making this directive a strategic priority for their beneficiary student's completion of High School as well as a steppingstone for a protected demographic that allows beneficiaries realize their future education and career goals.
- The Idaho SAA needs informed counselors to help qualifying students and their parents to understand their benefit and create awareness.
  - The Idaho SAA is happy to present on this topic to any leader who requests it.





# Helpful Links and Resources for Beneficiaries & Certifying Officials

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Thank you for your interest!

Check out the Idaho SAA's webpage at [Education | Division of Veterans Services \(idaho.gov\)](https://www.idaho.gov/education/veterans-services)

- *Learn about the roles and responsibilities of the Idaho State Approving Agency (SAA)*
- *Find Idaho-specific Events and Information such as job and education fairs*
- *Discover Resources for Veterans, their Spouses & Dependents*
- *Quick links to Resources for Certifying Officials*
- *And so much more...*



# QUESTIONS?



*Email Questions to the Idaho State Approving Agency: [education@veterans.idaho.gov](mailto:education@veterans.idaho.gov)*

