

Veteran Dependents Education Assistance

Chapter 35: Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)

This educational benefit is for dependents of deceased or permanently and totally disabled veterans resulting from military service. The program offers up to 45 months of educational benefits used towards degree programs, and on-the-job training. Go to www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp for eligibility rules. For current rates go to www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp#ch35.

In addition, dependents of Louisiana residents may be eligible for Louisiana's Title 29 Dependents' Educational Assistance. This state benefit provides tuition assistance at any state-supported college or university for surviving spouses of certain deceased or disabled war veterans and children of veterans with at least 90% service-connected disability. See your local VA office representative to apply for this assistance