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Survivors' and Dependents Educational Assistance is an educational benefit for eligible spouses and children of veterans. Eligible persons can receive up to 45 months of full-time or equivalent benefits for

- College, business, technical, or vocational school
- On-the-job training and apprenticeship programs
- National test
- Remedial, deficiency, and refresher training (in some cases)
- Cost of test for licenses or certifications needed to get, keep or advance in a job

Eligibility Information

To be eligible for Survivors' and Dependent's Education Assistance you must be the son, daughter, or spouse of

- A veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must arise about of active service in the armed forces.
- A veteran who died from any cause while such service connected disability was existence
- A service member missing in action or captured in the line of duty by a hostile force
- A service member hospitalized or receiving outpatient care for a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) determined service-connected permanent and total disability may be eligible for these benefits.

Spouses and surviving spouses have 10 years from the date the VA establishes eligibility to use the benefit; however, surviving spouses of veterans who died while on active duty have 20 years from the date of the veteran's death to use the benefit.

Children may use the benefit while they are between the ages of 18 and 26.

Authoritative information about the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program is available online at gibill.va.gov or by calling the VA at 1-888-GIBill1 (1-888-442-4551)

Tuition Coverage

The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training program and training time you take such as full time, part time, etc.

Institution Training

<i>Training Time</i>	<i>Monthly Rate</i>
Full time	\$1,024.00
Three-quarters time	\$767.00
Half time	\$510.00
Less than half time	\$510.00
One fourth time or less	\$256.00

*Tuition and Fees ONLY. Payment cannot exceed the listed amount

Setting you up for success towards completion: Step-by-Step Instructions

- **Apply to Reynolds.** You can find information on admission to Reynolds and an application at the Admission and Records web site. Ensure you complete the attached Application for In-State Tuition and provide supporting documents. For more information on domicile issues, go to the Admission and Records web site.
- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at fafsa.ed.gov. For more information on financial aid, go to the Office of Financial Aid. The application should be filed as soon as possible after January 1
- **Apply for your federal GI Bill education benefits** using the Veteran Online Application (VONAPP) web site in order to receive a COE.
 1. If you have **never applied for benefits, submit** An Application for VA Benefits (VA Form 22-5490 E) for dependents with transferred benefits.
 2. **If you have your** benefit at an institution other than Reynolds, submit A Change of Program or Place of Training through VONAPP- VA Form (22-1995)

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- **Attend student orientation.** Orientation is offered over the summer for students enrolling in the fall semester. Information can be found available online at http://www.reynolds.edu/student_services/advicing/orientation.aspx
- **Register for courses at Reynolds.** Students generally register for classes for their first semester during orientation
- **Submit a copy of the COE** to the Military Resource Center in order to be certified.
- **Complete the Request for Certification** each semester after registration is finalized to continue receiving GI Bill benefits. The form is available online at <https://forms.reynolds.edu/Veterans/>

Payment Policies

At Reynolds your payment/charge for the tuition and fees for all classes must be made and settled in full according to the payment schedule. Students failing to pay in full by these deadlines risk enrollment cancellation. Students may lose some or all of their desired courses if their tuition and fees are not paid in full. If your tuition and fees are not 100% covered then you will need to pay the remaining balance by the deadlines.

Virginia's Military Survivors and Dependents Program

Virginia's Military Survivors and Dependents Program (VMSDEP) provides education benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner, or at least 90 percent disabled as a result of military service in an armed conflict. This program may pay for tuition fees at any state supported college or university.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible, children and spouses of qualifying military service members must meet the following requirements:

The child must be between the ages of 16 and 29. There are no age restrictions for spouses.

The military service member is a must have been a Virginia citizen at the time he or she entered active duty or must have been a Virginia citizen for at least five years immediately prior to the date of the application for admission.

In the case of a deceased military service member, the veteran's surviving spouse can meet the residency requirements if he or she lived in Virginia for at least five years prior to marrying the military service member or has been a citizen of Virginia for at least five years immediately prior to the date of application.

Applications for the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Program are available through the Virginia Department of Veteran Services web site at dvs.virginia.gov.

Important information

Developmental classes: self-paced and online developmental classes cannot be certified.

The VA does not typically pay for withdrawals: if you withdraw from a class after the add/drop deadline, you may be responsible for tuition and fees.

Send previous college transcripts: Admissions and Records, Reynolds Community College, P.O. Box 85622, Richmond, VA 23285

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