

Survivors and Dependent Assistance Chapter 35

WHO QUALIFIES?

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 out of active service in the armed forces.
- A veteran who died from any cause while such permanent and total service connected disability was in existence.
- A service member missing in action or captured in the line of duty by a hostile force.
- A service member forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power.
- A service member who is hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment for a service-connected permanent and total disability, and is likely to be discharged for that disability. This change is effective Dec. 23, 2006.

What Benefits Are Provided?

- Up to 45 months of entitlement based on part- or full-time enrollment.*
- Qualifying dependents may also be eligible for additional scholarships.
Please visit: veteans.pitt.edu for more information.

*Some DEA beneficiaries may be eligible for up to 81 months of G.I. Bill benefits if they use the Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance program in conjunction with an entitlement from other VA education programs.

How Do I Apply?

- Visit: gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/application/.
- Complete **VA Form 22-5490**.
- The dependent will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) in the mail from the Veterans Administration.

What's the Next Step?

Contact the Office of Veterans Services Outreach Coordinator for a pre-admissions appointment today! Call **412-624-6919** or e-mail veterans@pitt.edu.

For more information, visit veterans.pitt.edu.