



Grayson County College

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

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Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance – Chapter 35

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

Eligibility:

To be an eligible for Survivors' & Dependents' 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 out of active service in the Armed Forces.
- a veteran who died from any cause while such 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.

Spouses and surviving spouses have 10 years from the date VA establishes eligibility to use the benefit. 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.

***Note:** These time limits can be extended under certain circumstances. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the web site shown below.*

TO APPLY:

You may make appointment for assistance from this office (see phone and email address above) or apply on line. To receive assistance from us, please bring your original marriage license (spouse) or birth certificate (child) when you arrive. If applying on line:

1. Complete the 22-5490 online by going to www.va.gov. Click on “Education Benefits” and then “Education Forms”. You may apply online or print the 22-5490 from the website and mail to:
VA Regional Office
P. O. Box 888
Muskogee, OK 74402
2. Send a certified copy of your marriage license (spouse) or birth certificate (child)) to the VA Regional Office to expedite the adjudication process.
3. Bring a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility from the DVA to this office along with pages 3 and 4 of this packet to have your classes certified. You must also provide a copy of any college transcripts that you may have.

PROCEDURE FOR RE-CERTIFICATION

1. **IF** you are a returning student who received benefits last semester while at GCC, provide a copy of your class schedule to the VA office.
2. **IF** you received benefits while attending another institution, then you must go to www.va.gov and complete VA Form 22-5495 to change your place of training and provide a copy to this office (this form may also be completed in this office). You must also submit pages 3 and 4 of this packet to this office along with a Certificate of Eligibility from the DVA and copies of transcripts from all colleges previously attended.



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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR
CHAPTER 35

Please read each statement and initial on the line at the end of each. Sign and date the last page. Also, sign and date the Release of Information allowing this office to communicate with the Veterans Administration.

YOU MUST:

- 1) **be prepared to pay your tuition and fees “up front”. GCC DOES NOT HAVE advanced pay _____**
- 2) **adhere to a GCC degree plan. Courses taken that are not on the degree plan will not be certified and you will not receive payment for them. You can pick up a copy of your degree plan at the Office of Veteran Affairs or through Campus Connect once your program is established. _____**
- 3) **maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order to maintain satisfactory progress. Failure to maintain satisfactory progress may result in the suspension of your benefits. _____**
- 4) **have documentation of “need” of a developmental course in order to receive payment for remedial courses. Entrance tests such as THEA, COMPASS and ASSET are acceptable. _____**
- 5) **provide copies of all transcripts if you have attended any another institution(s). Your transcript will be evaluated and credit will be awarded, where applicable. _____**
- 6) **provide a copy of your schedule each time you enroll in a class in order for your benefits to be certified. This may be done in person or via email. _____**
- 7) **notify the Office of Veterans Affairs of any change in enrollment. This may be done in person or by email at metcalfj@grayson.edu. This office will notify the VA of any changes in status caused by an increase or decrease in training time. _____**

BE AWARE THAT:

- 1) **Individuals receiving educational benefits for the first time will not receive payment for 6-8 weeks from certification. Typically, August and September checks are received in October and January/February checks are received in March. _____**
- 2) **Individuals who are returning from the previous semester will receive payment within 4-6 weeks from certification. _____**

- 3) Any course previously taken and passed with a “D” will not be certified for payment. Unless it is stated in the catalog that a “D” does not meet the requirements of the degree plan that you have declared. _____
- 4) Monies received from the GIBILL are used in calculating eligibility for financial aid and may, therefore, preclude receipt of a loan or decrease the amount received. This information is reported to the Office of Financial Aid at the beginning of each term. _____
- 5) You will be financially responsible for any overpayments that may occur as a result of a change in enrollment (dropping a class or withdrawing from school). Overpayments are retroactive to be beginning of the semester. _____
- 6) You do not have to pay back the VA if you fail a course and they will allow you to retake the class and count it toward your eligibility.

PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

I, _____, hereby authorize the Grayson County College office of Veteran’s Affairs to release the following information to the Veterans Administration.

INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, V.A. FILE NUMBER, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, ALL MILITARY DISCHARGE DATA, MARITAL AND DEPENDENT STATUS, SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY DATA, PREVIOUS EDUCATIONAL TRAINING RECEIVED, PREVIOUS USE OF THE G.I. BILL, MEANS WHEREBY STUDENT WAS RECRUITED INTO THE COLLEGE, EMPLOYMENT STATUS, ENROLLMENT DATA, PROGRAM COMPLETION/GRADUATION DATA, COLLEGE MAJOR, GRADES AND ATTENDANCE PROGRESS.

REASON(S) FOR RELEASE: to receive G.I. Bill educational assistance and or benefits.

SIGNATURE

DATE