



18A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL OR TRAINING FACILITY *(Number and street or rural route, city or P.O., State and ZIP Code)*

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18B. IN WHAT STATE DO YOU ANTICIPATE LIVING WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THIS TRAINING *(You must notify us immediately if the state in which you live changes from the state indicated below)*  
 GIVE TWO-LETTER POSTAL ABBREVIATION CODE

19. SPECIFY YOUR EDUCATION OR CAREER OBJECTIVE, IF KNOWN *(e.g., Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Welding Certificate, Police Officer)*

20. WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING? *(Please see Item 20 in the instruction section for more details about vocational and educational counseling)*  
 YES  NO

**PART IV - BENEFIT ELECTION**

**IMPORTANT:** For help completing this section, please see the attached instructions page or click on the "Summary of VA Education Benefits" link at [www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov) to compare various benefits and eligibility criteria. For general information, visit our website at [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill).

21. YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL *(Check only one)*

**SPOUSE/SURVIVING SPOUSE**  
*(Please complete only Section I below, and then proceed to Part V)*

**CHILD/STEPCHILD/ADOPTED CHILD**  
*(Please complete only Section II below, and then proceed to Part V)*

**SECTION I - SPOUSE/SURVIVING SPOUSE**

22. IS A DIVORCE OR ANNULMENT PENDING TO THE QUALIFYING INDIVIDUAL?  
 YES  NO

23. IF YOU ARE THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, HAVE YOU REMARRIED?  
 YES  NO *(If "Yes," please provide date of remarriage) \_\_\_\_\_*

24. PLEASE SELECT THE BENEFIT THAT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR BELOW

**IMPORTANT:** If you are eligible for Chapter 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA) and eligible for Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship), **you must relinquish entitlement to the benefit that you are not applying for (even if entitlement arises from separate events).** You cannot retain eligibility for both programs simultaneously. By checking the box below, you agree and understand that you are making an irrevocable election to receive the selected benefit and your election may not be changed. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS PAGE BEFORE MAKING A SELECTION.

<input type="checkbox"/> A. I AM APPLYING FOR CHAPTER 35 - DEA  <b>By checking this box I acknowledge that I understand this election is irrevocable and may not be changed.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> B. I AM APPLYING FOR CHAPTER 33 - FRY SCHOLARSHIP  <b>By checking this box I acknowledge that I understand this election is irrevocable and may not be changed.</b>
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**SECTION II - CHILD/STEPCHILD/ADOPTED CHILD**

25. PLEASE SELECT THE BENEFIT THAT YOU ARE APPLYING FOR BELOW

**IMPORTANT:** If you are eligible for Chapter 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA) and eligible for Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship), **you must relinquish entitlement to the benefit that you are not applying for (but only with regards to the entitlement arising from the same events).** You cannot retain eligibility for both programs based on the same event. By checking the box below, you agree and understand that you are making an irrevocable election to receive the selected benefit and your election may not be changed. PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS PAGE BEFORE MAKING A SELECTION.

<input type="checkbox"/> A. I AM APPLYING FOR CHAPTER 35 - DEA  <b>By checking this box I acknowledge that I understand this election is irrevocable and may not be changed.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> B. I AM APPLYING FOR CHAPTER 33 - FRY SCHOLARSHIP  <b>By checking this box I acknowledge that I understand this election is irrevocable and may not be changed.</b>
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**IMPORTANT:** While receiving DEA or FRY Scholarship benefits you may not receive payments of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) or Pension and you may not be claimed as a dependent in a Compensation claim. CAREFULLY READ THE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THE ELECTION BLOCK BELOW. YOU ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS YOUR ELECTION WITH A VA COUNSELOR.

26. I CERTIFY THAT I UNDERSTAND THE EFFECTS THAT THIS ELECTION TO RECEIVE DEA OR FRY SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS WILL HAVE ON MY ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE DIC, AND I ELECT TO RECEIVE SUCH EDUCATION BENEFITS ON THE FOLLOWING DATE:  
 YES  NO *(If "Yes," please provide date of election) \_\_\_\_\_*

**PART V - APPLICATION HISTORY**

27. PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION, HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED FOR OR RECEIVED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VA BENEFITS? *(Check all appropriate boxes)*

- A.  DISABILITY COMPENSATION OR PENSION
- B.  DEPENDENTS' INDEMNITY COMPENSATION *(DIC)*
- C.  VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS *(Chapter 31)*
- D.  VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE BASED ON YOUR OWN SERVICE SPECIFY BENEFIT(S): \_\_\_\_\_
- E.  VETERANS EDUCATION ASSISTANCE BASED ON SOMEONE ELSE'S SERVICE  
 SPECIFY BENEFIT(S) BY CHECKING APPLICABLE BOX BELOW AND COMPLETE ITEMS 28 AND 29
  - CHAPTER 35 - SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM *(DEA)*
  - CHAPTER 33 - POST-9/11 GI BILL MARINE GUNNERY SERGEANT DAVID FRY SCHOLARSHIP
  - TRANSFERRED ENTITLEMENT
- F.  NONE
- G.  OTHER *(Specify benefit(s))* \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** Complete Items 28 and 29 **only** if you checked block "E" in Item 27

28. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL ON WHOSE ACCOUNT YOU PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED BENEFITS *(First, Middle, Last)*

29. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL ON WHOSE ACCOUNT YOU PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED BENEFITS

**PART VI - APPLICANT'S MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION**

*(Note: Chapter 35 benefits are not payable while an eligible person is on active duty)*

30. HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES? *(If "No," skip to Part VII)*

- YES     NO

**31. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR PERIOD(S) OF ACTIVE DUTY**

A. DATE ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY	B. DATE SEPARATED FROM ACTIVE DUTY	C. BRANCH OF SERVICE OR RESERVE OR GUARD COMPONENT	D. CHARACTER OF DISCHARGE

**PART VII - EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EMPLOYMENT**

**SECTION I - EDUCATION & TRAINING**

32. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX AND ENTER THE DATE IN ITEM 33

- GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL                       DISCONTINUED HIGH SCHOOL
- EXPECT TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL             AWARDED GED
- NEVER ATTENDED HIGH SCHOOL

33. DATE

34A. TYPE OF SCHOOL	34B. NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL <i>(City and State)</i>	34C. DATES OF TRAINING		34D. NUMBER OF SEMESTER, QUARTER, OR CLOCK HOURS COMPLETED	34E. DEGREE, DIPLOMA, OR CERTIFICATE RECEIVED	34F. MAJOR FIELD OR COURSE OF STUDY
		FROM	TO			
HIGH SCHOOL						
COLLEGE						
VOCATIONAL OR TRADE						
OTHER <i>(Specify)</i>						
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**SECTION II - EMPLOYMENT**

35. CURRENT AND PAST EMPLOYMENT

A. EMPLOYER	B. JOB TITLE	C. NUMBER OF MONTHS EMPLOYED	D. LICENSE OR RATING

**NOTE:** Complete Item 36 **only** if you are a civilian employee of the U.S. Government.

36A. DO YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM YOUR AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT FOR THE SAME COURSES FOR WHICH YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE VA EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE? (If "Yes," complete Item 36B)

YES       NO

36B. SOURCE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT

**PART VIII - REMARKS, REMINDERS AND VA EDUCATION BENEFITS PAMPHLET**

**SECTION I - REMARKS**

37. REMARKS (If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper. Be sure to include name and social security number on each sheet)

**SECTION II - REMINDERS**

**DID YOU REMEMBER TO:**

- WRITE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON EACH PAGE
- WRITE YOUR COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS
- ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (e.g., birth certificate, marriage license, DD214, etc.)

**SECTION III - VA EDUCATION BENEFITS PAMPHLET**

38. THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION ON VA EDUCATION BENEFITS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill). IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE VA EDUCATION BENEFITS PAMPHLET PLEASE CHECK THE BOX.

**PART IX - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

**I CERTIFY THAT** all statements in my application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

39A. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (**DO NOT PRINT**)

39B. DATE SIGNED

SIGN HERE  
IN INK

**PENALTY:** Willfully false statements as to a material fact in a claim for education benefits is a punishable offense and may result in the forfeiture of these or other benefits and in criminal penalties.

(Please detach at perforation and retain this information for future reference)

**INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE  
DEPENDENTS' APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS  
(VA FORM 22-5490)**

Do not use this form to apply for Veterans' education assistance based on your own service (chapters 30, 32, 33, 1606, or 1607) or vocational rehabilitation benefits (chapter 31). To apply for veterans' education assistance based on your own service, use VA Form 22-1990. To apply for vocational rehabilitation benefits, use VA Form 28-1900.

**INTERNET VERSION AVAILABLE** - You may complete and submit this application on-line at [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill). Click on "GI Bill: Apply for Benefits."

**NOTE:** The number on the instructions match the item numbers on this application. Items not mentioned are self-explanatory.

**ITEM 8.** The Department of Treasury requires all Federal benefit payments be made by electronic funds transfer (EFT), also called direct deposit. Please attach a voided personal check or deposit slip or provide the information requested below to enroll in direct deposit. If you do not have a bank account, you must receive your payment through Direct Express Debit MasterCard. To request a Direct Express Debit MasterCard, you must apply at [www.usdirectexpress.com](http://www.usdirectexpress.com) or by telephone at 1-800-333-1795. If you elect not to enroll, you must contact representatives handling waiver requests for the Department of Treasury at 1-888-224-2950. They will address any questions or concerns you may have and encourage your participation in EFT.

**ITEM 16.** You will not be eligible to receive benefits for any period for which you or the qualifying individual on whose account you are claiming benefits has an outstanding felony warrant. Any benefits paid to you for such period will result in an overpayment and be subject to collection.

**ITEM 17B.** Types of education or training programs are self-explanatory, except for the following:

"Licensing or Certification Test." A licensing test is a test offered by a state, local, or federal agency that is required by law to practice an occupation. A certification test is a test designed to provide affirmation of an individual's qualifications in a specific occupation.

"National Admission Exam or National Exam for Credit." Individuals eligible to receive benefits under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program may be reimbursed for the cost of approved tests for admission to or credit at institutions of higher learning.

"Correspondence." Only spouses and surviving spouses eligible for the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program may receive benefits for correspondence training. Payments for correspondence courses are made quarterly after VA receives a certification showing the number of lessons completed. For more information on correspondence courses, please visit our website at [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)

"Flight Training." You must already have a private pilot's license. If you are taking an Airline Transport Pilot course, you must have a valid first-class medical certificate on the date that you enter training. For all other flight courses, you must have a valid second-class medical certificate on the date that you enter training.

**ITEMS 17C and 17D.** Any individual eligible under the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program may receive Special Restorative Training or Specialized Vocational Training if a VA counselor determines that a specialized program is needed to overcome the effects of a physical or mental handicap. To be eligible for receipt of specialized training, the disability must prevent you from pursuing an educational program. Examples of Special Restorative Training include speech and voice correction, language retraining, lip reading, and Braille reading and writing. Specialized Vocational Training consists of specialized courses leading to a suitable vocational objective.

**ITEM 20. VA VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING HELP AVAILABLE** - VA offers a wide range of services to assist you in planning your educational and/or career goals. Services include educational and vocational guidance and testing to develop a greater understanding of your skills, talents, and interests. For more information on VA counseling, call VA toll-free at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) or if you use the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal Relay number is 711.

**ITEM 21.** If you are certifying that you are married for the purpose of VA benefits, your marriage must be recognized by the place where you and/or your spouse resided at the time of marriage or where you and/or your spouse resided when you filed your claim (or a later date when you became eligible for benefits) (38 U.S.C. § 103(3)). Additional guidance on when VA recognizes marriages is available at <http://www.va.gov/opa/marriage/>.

## INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS (Continued)

**ITEMS 24 and 25.** Select the benefit for which you are applying.

To qualify for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) you must be either -

- (1) The spouse or child of a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled as a result of a service-connected disability.
- (2) The spouse or child of an individual on active duty who has been listed as missing in action, captured in the line of duty by hostile force, forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by foreign government or power for more than 90 days.
- (3) The surviving spouse or child of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability or who dies while a service-connected disability was rated permanent and total in nature.
- (4) The surviving spouse or child of an individual on active duty for which the evidence shows that the individual is hospitalized for receiving outpatient medical care services or treatment; has a total disability permanent in nature incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in the active military, naval, or air service; and the serviceperson is likely to be discharged or released from such service for such disability.

Eligibility for DEA will be terminated in the event that VA determines that the individual on whose account benefits are claimed is no longer totally disabled or VA is notified that the individual is no longer listed as captured, missing in action, or forcibly detained.

To qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, you must be the surviving spouse or child of an individual who died in the line of duty while serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces after September 10, 2001.

**ITEMS 24 and 25. Irrevocable Election** - Your decision to elect one benefit over the other **CANNOT** be changed once you have submitted this application.

**Child** - Your election will be effective as of the date indicated in Item 26 of this form, if you elected to receive education benefits instead of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). If Item 26 is not applicable, your election will be effective on the date shown in Item 39B or the date VA receives this application, whichever is earlier.

**Surviving Spouse** - Your election will be effective on the date shown in Item 39B or the date VA receives this application, whichever is earlier.

**ITEM 24A. By selecting this box you are agreeing to the following statement:** I understand that if I am also eligible for Fry Scholarship benefits then I am electing to receive DEA benefits in lieu of any Fry Scholarship benefits for which I am currently eligible including Fry Scholarship benefits based on the death of the individual listed in Item 10 of this application, as well as, Fry Scholarship benefits based on the death of any other individuals not identified on this application.

**ITEM 24B. By selecting this box you are agreeing to the following statement:** I understand that I am electing to receive Fry Scholarship benefits in lieu of any DEA benefits for which I am currently eligible including DEA benefits based on the death of the individual listed in Item 10 of this application, based on the death of any other individuals not identified on this application, based on a spouse who has a total disability permanent in nature resulting from a service-connected disability, or based on any other criteria as listed in 38 U.S.C. § 3501(a)(1).

**ITEM 25A. By selecting this box you are agreeing to the following statement:** I understand that if I am also eligible for Fry Scholarship benefits based on the death of the individual listed in Item 10 of this application then I am electing to receive DEA benefits in lieu of any Fry Scholarship benefits based on that death. Furthermore, I understand that even after this election I will continue to retain any current eligibility to Fry Scholarship benefits if the eligibility is based on the death of an individual not listed in Item 10 of this application.

**ITEM 25B. By selecting this box you are agreeing to the following statement:** I understand that I am electing to receive Fry Scholarship benefits in lieu of any DEA benefits for which I am currently eligible based on the death of the individual identified in Item 10. Furthermore, I understand that even after this election I will continue to retain any current eligibility to DEA benefits if the eligibility is based on the death of an individual not listed in Item 10 of this application, based on a parent who has a total disability permanent in nature resulting from a service-connected disability, or based on any other criteria as listed in 38 U.S.C. § 3501(a)(1).

**ITEM 26.** Your election to receive Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance (DEA) in lieu of payments of compensation, pension, and Dependents' Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is final and cannot be changed. This means that payments of compensation, pension, and Dependents' Indemnity Compensation (DIC) will be terminated upon issuance of a DEA benefit payment. If you are planning to pursue a program of education for more than 45 months, you should consider deferring receipt of DEA benefits. We strongly recommend that you discuss your education or training plans with a VA counselor before making a decision. If you decide to elect benefits under DEA, indicate the date from which you wish your DEA payments to begin.

## HOW TO FILE YOUR CLAIM

You may complete and submit your application online at [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill) or be sure to do the following:

**(A) If you have selected a school or training establishment:**

**Step 1:** Mail the completed application to the VA Regional Processing Office for the region of that school's physical address. See the last page for addresses of the VA Regional Processing Offices.

**Step 2:** Tell the veterans certifying official at your school or training establishment that you have applied for VA education benefits. Ask him or her to submit your enrollment information using VA Form 22-1999, Enrollment Certification, or its electronic version.

**Step 3:** Wait for VA to process your application and notify you of its decision concerning your eligibility for education benefits.

**(B) If you have not selected a school or training establishment:**

**Step 1:** Mail the completed application to the VA Regional Processing Office for the region of your home address. Check next page for the post office box address for these offices.

**Step 2:** Wait for VA to process your application and notify you of its decision concerning your eligibility for education benefits.

## ADDITIONAL HELP COMPLETING APPLICATION

If you need additional help completing this application or you want information about our work-study program, call VA toll-free at 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). If you use the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal Relay number is 711. You can also get more information about education assistance from our education Internet site at [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill).

<b>Eastern Region: VA Regional Office P. O. Box 4616 Buffalo, NY 14240-4616</b>			
SERVES THE FOLLOWING STATES			
CT	DE	DC	MA
MD	ME	NC	NH
NJ	NY	PA	RI
VA	VT	US Virgin Islands	Foreign Schools
APO/FPO AA			

<b>Western Region: VA Regional Office P. O. Box 8888 Muskogee, OK 74402-8888</b>			
SERVES THE FOLLOWING STATES			
AK	AL	AR	AZ
CA	FL	GA	HI
ID	LA	MS	NM
NV	OK	OR	PR
SC	TX	UT	WA
Guam	Philippines	APO/FPO AP	

<b>Central Region: VA Regional Office P. O. Box 32432 St. Louis, MO 63132-0832</b>			
SERVES THE FOLLOWING STATES			
CO	IA	IL	IN
KS	KY	MI	MN
MO	MT	NE	ND
OH	SD	TN	WV
WI	WY		

**PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION:** VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (i.e., awards of benefits) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Your obligation to respond is required to obtain education benefits. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary. Refusal to provide your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law in effect prior to January 1, 1975, and still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine the maximum benefits allowable under the law. While you do not have to respond, VA cannot process your claim for benefits unless the information is furnished as required by existing law (38 U.S.C. 3513). The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

**RESPONDENT BURDEN:** We need this information to determine your eligibility for education benefits (38 U.S.C. 3513). Title 38 U.S.C. allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 45 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. If desired, you can call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.