



Veterans Services

Ch. 35 – Survivors and Dependents’ Educational Assistance

Eligibility:

- You must be the daughter, son, 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 Servicemember missing in action or captured in the line of duty by a hostile force.
 - A Servicemember forcible detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.
 - A Servicemember who is hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment for a service connected disability.
- If you are a daughter or son, you must be between the ages of 18 and 26, although some exclusions may apply.*
- If you are a spouse, the amount of time you are eligible for Ch. 35 varies depending on your situation.*
- You may be receive this benefit for up to 45 months of full-time schooling (about 4 years).
 - If you’re eligible for more than one VA benefit, you may receive a max of 81 months between Ch. 35 and other programs.

Payment Rates:

- Full Time (12+ credits): \$1,024/month; $\frac{3}{4}$ Time (9-11 credits): \$767/month; $\frac{1}{2}$ Time (6-8 credits): \$510/month; Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ Time but more than $\frac{1}{4}$ time (4-5 credits): \$510/month**; $\frac{1}{4}$ time or less: \$256**
 - Note: Months where you are not in school at least 28 days (January, May, August, December) the monthly benefit will be prorated for the number of days in class.

Steps to Set Up Ch. 35:

1. Ensure that the selected program is approved for VA training. The VA can inform you and the school about the requirements.
2. To apply visit vets.gov. Click on “Education Benefits” and then “Application Process”. Click on the green button that says “Apply for Benefits” and select the option to fill out the 22-5490 form.
 - a. Have your banking information on hand: the application asks for direct deposit information in order to pay you.
3. Once you have registered for the semester, you must notify Karla Frieler, the School Certifying Official at Century College. You do this by completing the “Military Benefits Request Form” online in myCentury. This lets Century know that you intend to use benefits and that we should certify your enrollment to the VA. Once this form is submitted, Century will defer your payment due date until the end of the term.
4. Each term that you wish to use your benefits you will need to notify the School Certifying Official by completing the military benefits request form in myCentury.

* For more information, visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/DEA.asp>.

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