



# RIVERSIDE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES

Honoring Those Who Served

**VA Education Benefits for California Veterans'  
Dependents**



# INTRODUCTION

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VA education benefits for veterans' dependents provide financial assistance for tuition, fees, and other educational expenses to the spouses, children, and surviving family members of veterans, helping them access higher education, vocational training, and career development opportunities.



# WHAT DO YOU NEED?

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Most education benefits require a service-connected disability rating



# WHAT IS A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY?

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**Any Condition, Injury, or Disease**

Caused by

Aggravated by

First diagnosed during military service

**As long as it is**

Chronic in nature

Or has residuals



## WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY?

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**It is incumbent upon the veteran to substantiate:**

Something happened during military service

Injury, disease, exposure, event

Current condition

Nexus (link) between military & current condition



# Education Benefits



## Riverside County Veterans Services

### Have You Heard?

The new Cal Vet fee waiver application is now available. Cal Vet/DVS 40 is available to the dependents of disabled Veterans. To see if you qualify stop by any of our office locations or contact us at our phone number or check out the link below. Our services team will gladly assist with any other questions and many other benefits.

#### Contact us

(951) 955-3060

<https://rivcoveterans.org/calvet-college>



- **CalVet College Fee Waiver**
- **Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Chapter 35**
- **The Fry Scholarship**
- **Yellow Ribbon Program**
- **Post-9/11 GI Bill for Dependents**



## CalVet College Tuition Fee Waiver

- The state of California provides benefits to veterans and dependents in addition to those provided by the federal government through the U.S. Department of Veterans Administration.
- Waives tuition and fees at:  
State of California Community College  
California State University  
University of California
- Does NOT cover books, parking, room & board
- Applicant must meet California residency requirement
- Four Plans under which a dependent may be eligible:  
Plans A, B, C, or D



# PLAN A

## Eligibility:

Child of a veteran who is totally disabled due to service-connected disabilities, or whose death was service-connected.

Age 14-27 (unless the child is a veteran, in which case the age limit is extended to age 30).

Spouse or Registered Domestic Partner (RDP) of a veteran who has been rated as service-connected and totally disabled.

No age restrictions.

Unmarried surviving spouse or RDP of a veteran whose death has been rated as service-connected.

No age restriction

Any dependent of a veteran who has been declared missing in action, captured in the line of duty by hostile forces, or forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power.

Veteran must have served during wartime or been awarded a campaign or expeditionary medal

Student can NOT receive both Plan A and Chapter 35 educational benefits at the same time.

## Period of Wartime

### WWII:

Dec. 7, 1941 – Dec. 31, 1946

### Korea:

June 27, 1950 – Jan. 31, 1955

### Vietnam:

Feb. 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975 for Veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam;  
otherwise Aug. 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975

### Gulf War:

Aug. 2, 1990 –today





# PLAN B

## Eligibility

- Child of a veteran who has a service-connected disability, or had a service-connected disability at the time of death whose annual income does not exceed the **annual income limit**
- Child of a veteran who died of service-related causes whose annual income does not exceed the annual income limit.

### Annual Income Limit:

- The **annual income limit** for eligible children includes the child's adjusted gross income, plus the value of support provided by a parent.
- CDVA sets the limit in accordance with the **(NEW 2024) California poverty level** as published by the Franchise Tax board, amount similar to MAGI.
- CDVA will issue a bulletin to announce the established level for each academic year.



# PLAN C

## Eligibility:

- Any dependent of any member of the California National Guard who, in the line duty while on **active service to the state**, was killed.
- Any dependent of any member of the California National Guard who is permanently disabled as a result of an event that occurred while in the service to the state.

**“Active service to the state,”** means a member of the California National Guard activated pursuant to Section 146 of the California Military and Veterans Code. A copy of those orders must be furnished to establish eligibility.



# PLAN D

- Medal of Honor recipients and children of Medal of Honor recipients under the age of 27 may be **eligible**.
- Limited to undergraduate studies only.
- Applicants are subject to income restrictions, which are the same as that for Plan B.
- Benefit recipients may receive concurrent VA Chapter 35 benefits.



# **Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Chapter 35**

- Provides up to 45 months of education benefits for children and spouses of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to service or have died in service
- Covers tuition, fees, books, and supplies
- Children: Must be between the ages of 18 and 26, unless they are married or have special circumstances (such as a disability).
- Spouses: Must be married to a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, or who died as a result of a service-related disability. Spouses may use the benefits for up to 10 years from the veteran's disability rating date or the veteran's death.



# The Fry Scholarship

- Provides education benefits to children of service members who died in the line of duty after 9/11
- Similar benefits to the Post-9/11 GI Bill





# Yellow Ribbon Program

- A supplement to the Post-9/11 GI Bill for private school tuition costs. The VA matches the institution's contribution, providing additional financial support for out-of-state or private school tuition.
- Available to both veterans and their dependents, covering excess tuition fees
- Both public and private institutions can participate.

## Benefit Limits:

- The program covers up to the full amount of tuition, depending on the agreement between the school and the VA.

## Key Feature:

- Provides an opportunity for veterans and their dependents to attend schools with higher tuition costs without financial strain.

## Eligibility

- Must be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill
- The school you plan to attend must be a Yellow Ribbon Program participant



# Post-9/11 GI Bill for Dependents

- **Transferability**
  - Veterans can transfer unused benefits to their spouse or children
  - Transfer must be done while the veteran is still in service
  - Dependents can use the benefits for up to 15 years from the date of transfer
- **Eligibility for Dependents**
  - Dependents (spouse or children) of veterans who served at least 6 years of active duty
  - Children must be between 18 and 26 years old to use the benefits
- **Benefits Covered**
  - Tuition & Fees: Paid directly to the school
  - Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA): Based on the location of the school
  - Book Stipend: Up to \$1,000 per year
  - Up to 36 months of benefits for a degree program, vocational training, or certifications



# HOW TO ACCESS



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## Walk-Ins

Office Hours 8am - 4pm Mon-Thurs



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## Appointments (online bookings)

- In-Person
- Phone
- Virtual



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## Online Services

- BDD Claims
- DVS-40 College Fee Waiver



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## Outreach Events

Presentations are tools that can be used as lectures.

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# How do I apply?

**VA.gov**

**VA Education off Muskogee, Oklahoma:  
1-888-442-4551**

**U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Education Service  
P.O. Box 8888  
Muskogee, OK 74402**

**For CalVet Fee Waivers:  
Contact Riverside County Department of Veterans Services for additional assistance or claims  
services.**



## Main Locations & Hours of Operation

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### RIVERSIDE

4360 Orange Street,  
Riverside, CA 92501

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Friday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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### HEMET

749 North State Street,  
Hemet, CA. 92543

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Friday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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### INDIO

44-199B Monroe Street  
Indio, CA 92201

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Friday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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### TEMECULA

43200 Business Park Drive  
Temecula, CA 92590

Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Friday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

## Satellite Sites & Hours of Operation

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### BLYTHE

VFW-POST 2987  
148 N 1st Street  
Blythe, CA 92225

Every other 4th Wednesday  
8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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### DESERT HOT SPRINGS

Henry Lozano Community  
12800 W Arroyo Dr,  
DHS, CA 92240

2nd & 4th Wednesday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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### MURRIETA

MilVet  
33040 Antelope Rd.  
STE 114, Murrieta, CA 92563

2nd & 4th Tuesday  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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### CORONA

Corona Vet Center  
800 Magnolia Ave  
Corona, CA 92879

Every Wednesday

