

# Apply for education benefits as an eligible dependent

Equal to VA Form 22-5490 (Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits).

## Sign in now to save your work in progress

Here's how signing in now helps you:

- We can fill in some of your information for you to save you time.
- You can save your work in progress. You'll have 60 days from when you start or make updates to your application to come back and finish it.

**Note:** You can sign in after you start your application. But you'll lose any information you already filled in.

Sign in to start your application

[Start your application without signing in](#)

## Follow the steps below to apply for education benefits.

### 1. Prepare

#### To fill out this application, you'll need your:

- Social Security number (required)
- Sponsor's Social Security number (required)
- Basic information about the school or training facility you want to attend
- Bank account direct deposit information
- Education history

**What if I need help filling out my application?** An accredited representative, like a Veterans Service Officer (VSO), can help you fill out your claim. [Get help filing your claim.](#)

#### Learn about educational programs

See what benefits you'll get at the school you want to attend. [Use the GI Bill Comparison Tool.](#)

### 2. Apply

Complete this education benefits form.

After submitting the form, you'll get a confirmation message. You can print this for your records.

### 3. VA review

We usually process claims within 30 days. We'll let you know by mail if we need more information.

We offer tools and counseling programs to help you make the most of your educational options. [Learn about career counseling options](#)

### 4. Decision

You'll get a Certificate of Eligibility (COE), or award letter, in the mail if we've approved your application.

If your application wasn't approved, you'll get a denial letter in the mail.

Sign in to start your application

[Start your application without signing in](#)