



Virginia Department of Veterans Services

**Veterans Education Transition and Employment
Virginia Military Survivors and
Dependents Education Program**



Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP)

New Program Benefits Effective July 1, 2019

OVERVIEW

VMSDEP is a Commonwealth of Virginia program which provides education benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner, or who became totally and permanently disabled or at least 90 percent permanently disabled as a result of military service. Military service includes service in the United States Armed Forces, United States Armed Forces Reserves, or the Virginia National Guard.

The Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is responsible for managing the program and collaborates with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) and Virginia's public colleges and universities to assist survivors and dependents of qualified Veterans in attaining their educational goals.

TIER 1 ELIGIBILITY

The eligible student must be: Admitted to a public college or university in Virginia; and the spouse, or the child between the ages of 16 and 29, of a qualifying Veteran.

A qualified Veteran is one who: Is rated totally and permanently disabled or at least 90% permanently disabled due to military service and meets the domiciliary requirement as defined in the Code of Virginia § 23.1-608.

TIER 2 ELIGIBILITY

The eligible student must be: Admitted to a public college or university in Virginia; and the spouse or the child between the ages of 16 and 29 of a qualifying Veteran or military service member.

A qualified Service Member or Veteran is one who: Was killed, became missing in action, taken prisoner of war, or is rated totally and permanently disabled or at least 90% permanently disabled due to direct involvement in covered military combat (includes military operation against terrorism; a peacekeeping mission; a terrorist act; or any armed conflict) and meets the domiciliary requirement as defined in the Code of Virginia § 23.1-608.

TUITION BENEFITS (TIER 1 & TIER 2)

Eligible students, as confirmed by DVS, are guaranteed waiver of all tuition and mandatory fees for eight semesters at a Virginia public college or university and Eastern Virginia Medical School.

STIPEND (TIER 2 ONLY)

Eligible students may receive a stipend to offset educational expenses such as room, board, books, and supplies. SCHEV works with DVS and the public colleges and universities in disbursing funds. The amount of the stipend is determined annually by SCHEV and is dependent on the student's enrollment status; the number of participating students; and the available funding.

APPLY

Apply online at www.dvs.virginia.gov.

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