

Chapter 35 Dependents Education Assistance (DEA) Checklist

Complete the following checklist if you are a dependent of a disabled or deceased veteran and have previously used the benefits at any other institution.

Application Process

- Fill out our free [online application](#)
- Send an official copy of all high school & college transcripts to DSCC
 - Including military transcripts: Go to <https://jst.doded.mil/official.html>
- Submit an official ACT/SAT score if you are under 21, or sign up to take the ACCUPLACER test
- Provide [Immunization Health History Form](#)

Financial Aid Process

- Go to <https://fafsa.gov> to file.
- Review additional information at: <https://www.dsc.edu/financial-aid>

To start your benefits:

- Go through <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> using VONAPP
- Fill out **Form 22-5490** – application for DEA benefits
- If you have previously used these benefits at a different institution, you will fill out **Form 22-5495** (Dependents' Request for Change of Program or Place of Training)

To be eligible for Benefits at Dyersburg State, submit:

- Copy of your VA Form 22-5490 or 22-5495 from VONAPP
- Copy of your Certificate of Eligibility from the VA

To use VA Benefits towards your classes:

Meet with your advisor to develop a plan towards graduation. In order for the VA to pay for your classes, you will need to designate a program of study that will lead to an Associate of Arts or Associate of Applied Science degree or eligible certificate listed in the Dyersburg State Community College catalog.

Register for Classes:

You will meet with an advisor to register for classes. You will register for classes during a designated orientation day OR a scheduled meeting with an advisor.