

Expansion of Eligibility for Fry Scholarship

ARE YOU THE CHILD OR SPOUSE OF A SERVICE MEMBER?

You may qualify for educational benefits through the Fry Scholarship.

Effective August 1, 2021, eligibility for the Fry Scholarship includes those whose parent or spouse died on or after September 11, 2001:

- While serving on duty other than active duty as a member of the Armed Forces; or
- From a service-connected disability while a member of the Selected Reserve.

Previously, only dependents or spouses of Service members who died while on active duty were eligible.



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As the Child of a Service Member:

You may be eligible for the Fry Scholarship:

- › If you are married or unmarried.
- › If you turned 18 or graduated from high school before January 1, 2013, you can get a Fry Scholarship until you're 33 years old.
- › If you turn 18 or graduate from high school after January 1, 2013, you can get a Fry Scholarship at any age over 18 or after you graduate (whichever comes first).
- › If your parent died in the line of duty before August 1, 2011, you may qualify for both the Fry Scholarship and the **Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)** program.

Eligible Beneficiaries May Receive:

Up to 36 months of benefits, including tuition and fee payment, a monthly housing allowance, and a stipend for books and supplies.

Note:

- › If you qualify for both the Fry Scholarship and DEA, you will need to choose which program you want to use. If your spouse or parent died in the line of duty before August 1, 2011, you may use both the Fry Scholarship and DEA for up to 81 months of benefits, but would need to utilize one program at a time.
- › As the spouse of a deceased Service member, you will no longer be eligible for the Fry Scholarship if you remarry.

Apply for benefits online or fill out a **Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits form** and send it to VA.



Learn More About:

- › **Fry Scholarship** and the benefits you may receive.
- › **Isakson and Roe Act** and the expanded eligibility for the Fry Scholarship.