

Kutztown University Office of Veterans Services Fast Facts VA Chapter 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Educational

VA Chapter 35 General Overview

The Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) program provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents and spouses of veterans.

Basic Eligibility Website:

<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance/>

Application Process

- Student must complete VA Form 22-5490 online or manual application. No deadline. The online application is processed faster.
 - Manual Paper Application: <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/vba-22-5490-are.pdf>
 - Online Application: <https://www.va.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/5490/introduction>
 - Start your application without signing in if you do not have an online VA account
 - Take a screenshot of the confirmation page for future reference
- VA will process your application and reply by mail or email within 5 to 7 weeks.
- Students who are approved will receive a *Certificate of Eligibility* (COE) via mail or email.

Submit Required Forms to KU

1. Submit your COE form to KU's VA School Certifying Official (see Contact section).
2. Each semester the student plans to use military benefits, submit the electronic KU Veterans Services Certification Form.
 - New Students complete form after they register for classes. Office of Veterans Services will provide instructions during Veterans Orientation.
 - Returning Students complete form after they register for classes. An email reminder is sent to students.
 - Certification form should be submitted as early as possible. (No form submission=no benefit payment. Late form submission=late benefit payment)

Contact for more information:

Office of Veterans Services veterans@kutztown.edu

Send Forms To: VA School Certifying Official peffley@kutztown.edu

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Payment (VA and KU)

1. Rates: *Scroll to VA Chapter 35 DEA section*
https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp
2. VA Chapter 35 DEA payment is made monthly during the months the student is enrolled. Maximum payment is made for Full Time enrollment (12 credits or more).
3. The VA sends payment directly to the student. KU cannot provide a courtesy credit for payments that are sent to the student from the student's tuition bill.
4. VA payments do not start until the semester begins. The first payment is usually made 6-8 weeks after the start of the semester- tuition bill must be paid and textbooks purchased before your payment arrives. View Financial Aid Options here,
<https://www.kutztown.edu/affordability/guide-to-financial-aid.html>.

ADDITIONAL MILITARY-RELATED BENEFITS
FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR VA CHAPTER 35

PA Educational Gratuity Program

Eligibility Website and Video:

<https://www.dmva.pa.gov/veteransaffairs/Pages/Programs%20and%20Services/Educational-Gratuity-Program.aspx>

Apply: Request application from KU Veterans Services or your County VA Office. No deadline.

*Payment is made directly to the school. KU can provide courtesy credit to tuition bill.

Folds of Honor

Website: <https://foldsofhonor.org/scholarships/>

Apply: Complete application on website, 'Higher Education' section

Deadline: The deadline to submit the current academic year's application is 6:00 PM (EST) Thursday, March 31, 20XX.

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