**Chapter 35 – Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance**

Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. These benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. If you are a spouse, you may take a correspondence course. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

**Beginning August 1, 2011, break (or interval pay) will no longer be payable under DEA except during periods your school is closed as a result of an Executive Order of the President or an emergency (such as a natural disaster or strike). For example, if your Fall term ends on December 15th and your Spring term begins January 10th, your January housing allowance will cover 15 days in December and your February housing allowance will cover 21 days in January.**

Proper documentation must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by the student in order to originate the processing of VA enrollment certifications and related processes.

# New VA beneficiary

* Copy of [22-5490](file:///O%3A%5CVA%5CFORMS%5C22-5490-3.pdf), **(link to 22-5490-3.pdf)** Application OR Certificate of Eligibility from VA (submit to the Financial Aid Office).

Apply at your local county VA Office. Click here to locate your county office:

 <http://www.va.state.al.us/vso.htm>

* 22-1999, Application for Advance Payment - certain restrictions apply; obtain this form in the Financial Aid Office.
* [VA Information Sheet](file:///O%3A%5CVA%5CFORMS%5CVAINFO%2030%201606%201607%2035%20FEB%209%202012.docx) **(link to VAINFO 30 1606 1607 35 FEB 9 2012x)** (print, sign and submit to the Financial Aid Office).

Transfer from prior college OR change program of study

* [22-5495](file:///O%3A%5CVA%5CFORMS%5C22-5495%20NOV%202010.pdf), **(link to 22-5495 NOV 2010.pdf)** Change of Major or Place of Training (submit to the Financial Aid Office).
* 22-1999, Application for Advance Payment - certain restrictions apply; obtain this form in the Financial Aid Office.
* [VA Information Sheet](file:///O%3A%5CVA%5CFORMS%5CVAINFO%2030%201606%201607%2035%20FEB%209%202012.docx) **(link to VAINFO 30 1606 1607 35 FEB 9 2012x)** (print, sign and submit to the Financial Aid Office).