

SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENT ASSISTANCE

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program (Chapter 35) offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition. This benefit provides the student a monthly stipend during enrollment periods. In order to receive the monthly stipend, students must:

- *Complete a one-time application for benefits online at www.va.gov.*
- *Complete an Intent of Enrollment form each semester (first speak with the VA Certifying Official at your campus). We do not make assumptions about benefit usage each term and request that students who want to use benefits for a term, complete the Intent form each semester. The Intent form may be submitted once the student is registered for courses and preferably prior to the start of term.*
- *Because the benefit pays directly to the student, payment arrangements must be made with the university for the semester bill. The student may use financial aid or other scholarships while using the Chapter 35 benefit.*

The Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Program (OWOS) awards tuition assistance to the children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio veterans who served in the armed forces during a period of declared war or conflict.

A student must be an Ohio resident, enrolled for full-time undergraduate study and pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree at an eligible Ohio college or university. The student must apply between the ages of 16-24. Applications are due by May 15 and can be found online at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/ohio-war-orphans>.

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