



## Veterans: Resources for Survivors

### Navigation Services



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#### Resource Navigation

#### **Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)**

1-800-959-8277 (24/7 hotline)

<https://www.taps.org/>

- Provides free support and resources to those grieving the death of a military loved one.
- Offers assistance navigating benefits and resources, casework advocacy, education assistance, grief support services, and referrals to local counseling services. Also provides information on government legislation around survivor resources.
- Offers programming (in-person and virtual) that includes survivor seminars, Good Grief Camps, youth programs, retreats, and peer mentors.

#### **Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs**

Lakewood Office: 155 Van Gordon Suite 201 (first floor) Lakewood, CO 80228; 303-914-5832

Office of Survivors Assistance Phone: 1-800-827-1000

<https://vets.colorado.gov/family-and-survivor>

- Provides information on benefits and resources available to surviving families of veterans through both the VA and other organizations.
  - Website discusses benefits, including burial, survivors' pension, CHAMPVA, Dependents Indemnity Compensation (DIC), parents DIC, education and training, education program refund, home loan guarantee, health care, life insurance, bereavement counseling, and commissary and exchange privileges.
- To apply and/or gain application assistance, please contact your [County Veterans Service Office](#)

#### **Veterans Affairs Office of Survivors Assistance (OSA)**

<https://www.va.gov/survivors/>

- Provides information on resources and benefits available through the OSA, including funeral resources, bereavement counseling, and employment resources.
- OSA hopes that Survivors and dependents, Veterans, their families, caregivers, and others will become more knowledgeable about the benefits and services offered by VA to eligible Survivors and dependents, and take the next steps to apply, if deemed eligible.

#### **Military OneSource - Gold Star & Surviving Family Members**

800-342-9647 (24/7)

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/casualty-assistance/>

- Provides a comprehensive resource database and information on benefits, including the casualty assistance program, long term care, financial counseling, bereavement and grief counseling, support organizations, and other benefits.

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## **Educational Benefits**

### **Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship**

[Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship | Veterans Affairs \(va.gov\)](#)

- Scholarship allows eligible Veterans using the post-9/11 GI Bill or dependents using the Fry Scholarship to get added benefits.
- This scholarship provides up to 9 months (or \$30,000) of benefits for training in high-demand fields.
- View the website for eligibility and undergraduate degree programs the scholarship can be applied to.

### **Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship)**

<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship/>

- Provides scholarships for children and surviving spouses of active-duty service members who died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.
- Children and surviving spouses of those in the Selected Reserve who died from a service-connected disability on or after September 11, 2001 also qualify for this scholarship.
  - Provides up to 36 months of benefits, including money for tuition, housing, supplies and books.
- Eligibility requirements vary based on when veteran died. Visit the website for specific requirements.
- Apply online or fill out Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits (VA Form 22-5490) and send it to the VA regional office where the school is located.

### **Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)**

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

- Provides education and training benefits to children and spouses of veterans or service members who have died while on active duty, were captured or are missing, or have disabilities from service-related causes.
  - Provides up to 45 months of monthly payments to help cover the cost of college or graduate degree programs, career training certificate courses, educational and career counseling, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training.
- Eligibility requirements vary based on applicant age and qualifying events. Visit website for specific requirements.
- Apply online or fill out a Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits (VA Form 22-5490) and mail it to the Colorado regional processing office at PO Box 32432 St. Louis, MO 63132-0832.

## **Financial Benefits**

### **VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC)**

[About VA DIC For Spouses, Dependents, And Parents | Veterans Affairs](#)

- You may be able to get a tax-free monetary benefit called VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC) if you are the surviving spouse, child, or parent of a service member who died in the line of duty, or the survivor of a Veteran who died from a service-related injury or illness,
- For further eligibility requirements and the application process, visit the website.