

VETERAN'S DEPENDENTS OR SURVIVORS APPLICATION FOR FREE TUITION  
(SDCL 13-55-6 THROUGH 13-55-10)

**IMPORTANT: SEE INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM**

<b>1. Veteran or National Guard Members Information:</b>				<b>2. Social Security Number</b>	
<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last Name</i>			
<b>3. Service Information - Enter the following data for each period of service.</b>					
<i>Service Number</i>	<i>Branch of Service</i>	<i>Date Entered Active Duty</i>	<i>Date Separated</i>	<i>Type of Discharge</i>	<i>Grade / Rank</i>

**4. Date and place of veteran's death or National Guard members' death or permanent disability:**

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<b>5. Students Information:</b>			<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Social Security Number</i>
<i>First Name</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>Last Name</i>		
<i>Mailing Address</i>			<i>Phone Number</i>	

**6. I wish to apply for free tuition on courses I will be taking at** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of School)  
\_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Day/Year)

**7. My eligibility for this program is based upon:** (check appropriate box and attach verification of your relationship to the veteran or National Guard Member e.g. birth certificate, adoption papers, marriage certificate, etc.)

- I am the child of a veteran who died during service in the Armed Forces.
- I am the spouse or child of a veteran who was a Prisoner of War or was declared Missing in Action.
- I am the spouse or child of a National Guard Member who died or was permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty.

**THIS SECTION FOR VA USE ONLY**

I hereby verify that the records of the US Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Defense confirm that the above named veteran or National Guard Member: (please check appropriate box)

- Died during service in the Armed Forces
- Is listed as a Prisoner of War or Missing in Action
- Died or was permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty while a member of the National Guard.

Is above named student entitled to VA Educational Benefits?  Yes  No

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(Signature of VA Official)

**CRITERIA GOVERNING THE VETERAN'S DEPENDENTS OR SURVIVORS  
FREE TUITION PROGRAMS AT STATE SUPPORTED SCHOOLS**

**Free Tuition for Children of Veterans Who Die During Service**

(SDCL §13-55-6 to §13-55-9)

Children who are under the age of 25, are residents of South Dakota, and whose mother or father was killed in action or died of other causes while on active duty in the armed forces, are eligible for free tuition at a state supported school or any postsecondary technical institute. The deceased parent must have been a bona fide resident of this state for at least six (6) months immediately preceding entry into active service.

**Free Tuition for Dependents of POW's and MIA's**

(SDCL §13-55-9.2 to §13-55-9.6)

Children and spouses of prisoners of war, or of persons listed as missing in action, and who were residents of this state at the time of entry into the armed forces, are entitled to attend a state supported school without the payment of tuition or mandatory fees provided they are not eligible for equal or greater federal benefits.

**Free Tuition for Dependents of National Guard Members Disabled or Deceased In Line of Duty**

(SDCL §13-55-10)

Resident children who are under the age of twenty-five years, and/or the spouse of a South Dakota National Guard Member who died or sustained a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from duty as a member of the National Guard, while on state or federal active duty or any authorized training duty, are entitled to free tuition at any state educational institution under the control and management of the Board of Regents.

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Individuals applying for free tuition must complete this application and mail it to:

Shane Olivier  
SD Department of Veterans Affairs  
Soldiers and Sailors Building  
425 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

Those desiring more information should contact Shane Olivier at 605-773-3648.