



**VETERAN'S DEPENDENTS OR SURVIVORS APPLICATION  
FOR FREE TUITION AT STATE SUPPORTED  
UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES**

**(SDCL 13-55-6 THROUGH 13-55-10)**

IMPORTANT: SEE INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

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| 1. Veteran or National Guard Members Information  |  |                                    | 2. Social Security Number |
| Last Name   | First Name                                   | MI                                 |                           |
| 3. Service Information - Enter the following data for each period of service                  |  |                                    |                           |
| Branch of Service   | Date Entered Active Duty<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Date Separated<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Type of Discharge         |
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| 4. Date and place of Veteran's death or National Guard member's death or permanent disability |  |                                    |                           |
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| 5. Students Information                       |            | Date of Birth<br>(Month/Day/Year)   | Social Security Number |
| Last Name                                     | First Name | MI                                  |                        |
| Mailing Address (Street, City, State and Zip) |            | Phone Number                        |                        |
| 6. Name of School Where Attending Courses     |            | Date Classes Start (Month/Day/Year) |                        |
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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 and Death Certificate or VA Award Letter)
- 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

Signature of Dependent or Survivor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 UNIVERSITIES AND TECHNICAL  
COLLEGES**

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 university or technical college. 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 South Dakota 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 supported university under the control and management of the Board of Regents.

Individuals applying for free tuition must complete this application and mail along with veterans DD214, NGB22, dependent verification, death certificate or VA Award Letter whichever is applicable to:

**South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs  
ATTN: Free Tuition, Shane Olivier  
425 E. Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501**

**PH: 605-773-3648**

**Email: [shane.olivier@state.sd.us](mailto:shane.olivier@state.sd.us)**

Once completed by VA Official the form will be returned to the veteran, where it should then be presented to the registrar of the university or technical college where the veteran will be attending classes.