

## **DEPENDENT EDUCATION ASSISTANCE (CHAPTER 35) HIGH SCHOOL BENEFIT**

There is a benefit available to children of 100% permanent and total disabled veterans. Dependent children who turn 18 years of age during their senior year of High School can start receiving Chapter 35 benefits while attending High School.

Both spouses and dependent children receive 36 months of DEA benefits that can be used for College, On-The-Job (OTJ) Training and/or Apprenticeship programs. Dependent children who turn 18 during their senior year of High School can receive DEA benefits while attending High School full time and it does not take away from their 36 months of DEA benefits for College, OJT, and/or Apprenticeships.

The dependent child will receive approximately \$1,400 per month from their 18th birthday until High School Graduation. They can then enroll in college and still have 36 months of benefits to help pay for college tuition should the child decide to attend college after high school.

What is the process to get the student paid?

1. The child must apply for the DEA on the VA website at <https://www.va.gov/family-and-caregiver-benefits/education-and-careers/dependents-education-assistance/>. This step activates the benefit and establishes eligibility for DEA.
2. Bellbrook High School, a WEAMS institute, completes the necessary steps in the certification process.