



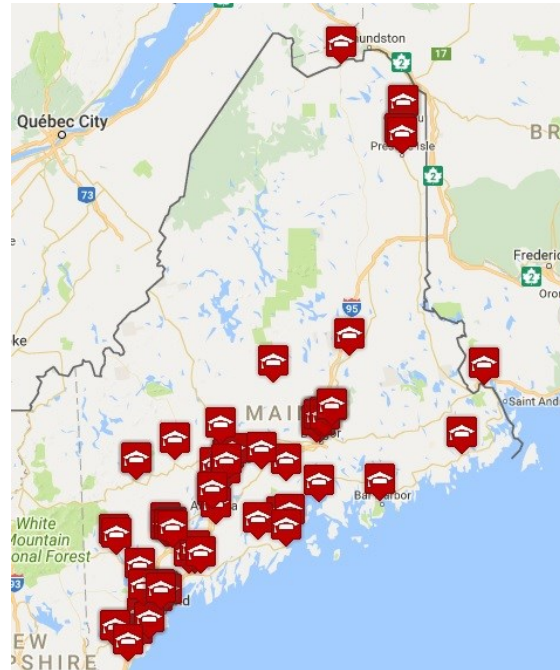
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Eastern Maine Community College
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Veterans'
Dependents
Educational
Benefits

DO I QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS?

Spouses, Children, Step-Children, and Adopted Children qualify for VDEB if the veteran meets one of the following requirements:

- 100% Permanent & Total disability rating.
- Killed in action.
- Died from a service connected disability.
- As a member of the Armed Forces on active duty was listed MIA for 90 days, captured or forcibly detained in the line of duty.

Veteran means any person who served in the military of the United States and entered the service from this state or has been a resident of this state for (5) years. Veterans who entered service from another state **must** provide residency verification for the State of Maine for (5) years preceding the application.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Applicants or dependents must apply for FAFSA (Pell Grant) -
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

2. To apply for the Veterans' Dependents Education Benefits Program, for certificate and degree programs please visit:

<https://www.maine.gov/veterans/benefits/education/dependents-educational-benefits.html>

What are Chapter 35 Benefits?

If you're the dependent spouse or child, or the surviving spouse or child of a veteran you may qualify for Chapter 35 benefits through the Dependents Education Assistance program. Additionally, when a student turns (18) and is still in high school they may be eligible for additional months of benefits.

Chapter 35 Benefits can be used in addition to the VDEB program.

Go to the VA's website to learn more:
<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/>

FAQ

Q. What does VDEB cover?

A. 100% waiver of tuition and mandatory fees

Q. How many dependents qualify for VDEB per veteran?

A. All children of a disabled veteran qualify for the benefit.

Q. What type of degree can I earn?

A. Spouses may be admitted to certificate programs, or an associate's, bachelor's, or master's degree program. Children may use benefit for a certificate, associate's, or bachelor's program.

Q. Is there an age limit?

A. Children must enroll in program prior to the age of (22) unless they are unable due to service in the Armed Forces.

Q. How long do I have to complete my degree?

A. Spouses have up to (10) consecutive years from the date of entrance. Children have up to (10) consecutive academic years.