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Veterans Dependents Educational Benefits School Release of Information Form

I give permission to the University of Maine System, Community College System and/or Maine Maritime Academy to release to the Bureau of Maine Veterans Services information necessary for determining and administering eligibility benefits under the Veterans Dependents Educational Benefits Program. This release will remain in effect throughout the duration of my eligibility under this program.

The following information may be released to Maine Veterans Services to administer this program:

1. Enrollment Verification (ie. Effective date of enrollment acceptance, starting semester and name of Degree)
2. GPA at the end of each semester
3. Total credit hours waived (spouses *only*)
4. Transcripts
5. Current name and address
6. Students current telephone number
7. Email address

Date of Birth

Printed Name of Student

Signature of Student

Date

FAX #: (207) 626-4471

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION:

Children:

- Copy of Birth Certificate reflecting names of both parents
- Copy of VA letter verifying veteran's disability
- Copy of applicant's DD214 if unable to enroll in a degree program prior to age 22 due to military service.
- If the veteran did not enter the service from Maine proof of residency needs to be submitted showing the veteran has been a resident of Maine for at least five years and a copy of veteran's DD214.

Step-Children:

- Copy of Birth Certificate reflecting names of both natural parents
- Copy of Marriage Certificate of natural parent and veteran
- Copy of VA letter verifying veteran's disability
- If the veteran did not enter the service from Maine proof of residency needs to be submitted showing the veteran has been a resident of Maine for at least five years and a copy of veteran's DD214.

Adopted Children:

- Copy of Birth Certificate reflecting names of both parents
 - Copy of adoption certificate
 - Copy of VA letter verifying veteran's disability
 - Copy of letter from school verifying enrollment in a degree program.
- NOTE: If adopted child and claiming benefits on natural parent who is a veteran, then need to submit the following:**
- Copy of Birth Certificate
 - Proof of paternity to natural parent (examples: adoption papers, original birth certificate reflecting name of natural veteran-parent, or any other legal document with such verification)
 - If the veteran did not enter the service from Maine proof of residency needs to be submitted showing the veteran has been a resident of Maine for at least five years and a copy of veteran's DD214.

Spouse:

- Copy of Marriage Certificate
- Copy of VA letter verifying veteran's disability
- If the veteran did not enter the service from Maine proof of residency needs to be submitted showing the veteran has been a resident of Maine for at least five years and a copy of veteran's DD214.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- College preparatory schooling and correspondence courses do not qualify under this program.
- Benefits will not be authorized for schooling incurred before date of application for this program.
- This program applies only to the following schools:
State of Maine University System, Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy.

