

**State of Minnesota  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
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**EDUCATION BENEFIT FOR MINNESOTA VETERANS**

*INFORMATION SHEET*

The purpose of this information sheet is to provide eligibility information regarding the educational program administered by the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs.

All telephone inquiries should be directed to the Department's general information number above. Written inquiries may be sent to the above address. Please include the veteran's social security number in correspondence.

**Eligibility**

1. The applicant must have served for at least 181 consecutive days of active military service and have been separated from active duty under honorable conditions. The length of service requirement does not apply if active service was terminated earlier by reason of disability incurred while serving on active duty. The disability must be recognized and rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
2. The veteran shall have been a resident of the State of Minnesota at the time of entry into the Armed Forces, *and for six months immediately preceding entry.*
3. The veteran must be a citizen of the United States and a current resident of Minnesota.
4. The veteran must have completely exhausted his/her federal educational benefits prior to the delimiting date or within the eligibility period during which benefits were available. Veterans who have allowed their educational benefits to expire without completely using them do not qualify for this program.

## **Benefits**

1. A maximum payment of \$750.00, to be used toward tuition only.
2. The \$750.00 payment may be made to the school directly, or may be reimbursed to the veteran upon verification from the school that the tuition has been paid by the veteran.
3. This program may be used at the following institutions located within the State of Minnesota: state universities, community colleges, vocational-technical colleges, any campus of the University of Minnesota, or any college of higher learning which has been accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; a law college approved by the Supreme Court; a theological seminary; a nursing school approved by the Board of Nursing; a vocational-technical trade or business school approved by the State Department of Education.

## **How to Apply**

**Note:** For assistance in applying for these benefits, you may contact the County Veterans Service Office in the county in which you live.

1. Complete the Department of Veterans Affairs application form (MDVA-2 APPLICATION FOR MINNESOTA VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFIT).
2. Attach proof of military service – DD Form 214 or equivalent.
3. Obtain verification from the VA Regional Office (1-800-827-1000) or the St. Louis Regional Processing Office (1-888-442-4551) that all federal veteran educational benefits have been exhausted by actual use within the delimiting period.
4. Send the completed application to the address at the top of this sheet.