



# MARINE GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN DAVID FRY SCHOLARSHIP

## WHAT IS IT?

- The Fry Scholarship is an education program for surviving family members of a Service member who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001 (Reference: Title 38 USC Chapter 33, DoDI 1341.13).

## HOW DO SURVIVING DEPENDENTS QUALIFY?

- Be the surviving spouse or child of a service member who died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001
- Spouse may still receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) while using the Fry Scholarship.
- If the service member died prior to August 1, 2011, the child may be eligible for both DEA and the Fry Scholarship:
  - May only use one program at a time,
  - Combined benefits are capped at 81 months.
- If the child is receiving DIC, they will need to give up those payments.
- Rules for Children who are serving or previously served in the Armed Forces:
  - Must relinquish eligibility to Montgomery GI Bill- Active Duty (MGIB-AD, Chapter 30) or Montgomery GI Bill- Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR, Chapter 1606).
  - Character of Service does not affect Fry Scholarship eligibility.
  - May qualify for 36 months of Fry Scholarships and another 36 months of Post-9/11 based on own service.

## WHAT BENEFITS DO SURVIVING DEPENDENTS RECEIVE?

- Up to 36 months of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits at the 100% payment tier
- Tuition and Fees
  - 100% of in-state tuition if attending a public school
  - Max tuition payment of \$28,937.09 per year for private or foreign school (1 Aug 2024)
- Book and Supply Stipend
  - Up to \$1,000 per academic year (\$41.67/credit hour)
- Monthly Housing Allowance
  - Equal to BAH rate - E-5 with dependents
  - Based on zipcode of campus where attending class
  - MUST be attending more than half-time to qualify
  - If attending only online classes: \$1,177.50 per month (1 Aug 2024)
- Timeline/Expiration of Benefits:
  - Spouse's eligibility expires on remarriage
  - Child's eligibility begins depending on when the child turns age 18 or graduates from high school (**whichever was first**):
    - If the child turns age 18 or graduates high school prior to January 1, 2013, eligibility expires on the child's 33rd birthday.
    - If the child turns 18 or graduates high school on or after January 1, 2013, eligibility never expires.

## HOW DO SURVIVING DEPENDENTS APPLY

- Complete the Online Application at:  
<https://www.va.gov/education/application-for-education-benefits/application/5490/introduction>
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338) or [arng\\_esc@army.mil](mailto:arng_esc@army.mil)
- Visit us Online: [www.nationalguard.com/education](http://www.nationalguard.com/education)
- Contact your State Education Services Office:  
[www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state](http://www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state)

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