

TOP 11 VA BENEFITS FOR SPOUSES

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DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION (DIC)

The DIC program by the Department of Veterans Affairs provides monthly benefits to the surviving spouses of deceased Veterans.

VA HOME LOANS

If you are a surviving spouse of a Veteran and did not remarry, you are eligible to apply for VA home loan benefits. However, the reason for death must be service-connected, such as disability, injury, killed in action, missing in action or if a service member is a prisoner of war.

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CHAMPVA

Whether you are the spouse of a disabled Veteran or a surviving spouse of a deceased U.S. military service member, you may be eligible for VA's healthcare benefits. This program is known as the "Civilian Health and Medical Program for the Department of Veterans Affairs" (CHAMPVA).

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SURVIVOR'S & DEPENDENT'S EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs offers assistance to all eligible spouses of Veterans with permanent and total VA disability ratings due to service-connected conditions.

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VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

According to the official resources available on VA.gov, if you are a spouse caring for a disabled Veteran of the U.S. military, you may be eligible for skills training and career counseling.

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MILITARY SPOUSE PREFERENCE PROGRAM

Under this program, as a spouse, you will get preferential treatment for employment in placements positions open for a civilian in the Department of Defense (DOD).

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MILITARY SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIPS

You may be eligible for state and federal military-specific scholarships, including MyCAA – An education benefit or financing program for military spouses by the Department of Defense.

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LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES

As military spouses who are spouses eligible for VA benefits, you may be able to convert your spousal insurance coverage (FSGLI) into an individual plan with a private insurance provider within 120 days of the Veteran's end of military services.

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VA PENSION BENEFITS

If you are a housebound surviving spouse of a Veteran and unable to perform any activity without assistance, you may also qualify to receive an additional pension allowance.

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VA MEMORIAL BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES

Surviving spouses of Veterans who have passed are spouses eligible for VA benefits who may qualify for burial benefits by the Department of Veterans Affairs, including interment at one of VA's national cemeteries.

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OTHER FINANCIAL BENEFITS

Apart from all the above benefits, if you are spouses eligible for VA benefits and your loved one has a 100 permanent and total VA rating, you may be entitled to the following payment increase. Most promisingly, you do not have to apply for these increments at all; they become automatically applicable due to your eligibility.

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