

# COUNTY OF CARBON

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### Educational Gratuity

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#### **Purpose:**

Educational Gratuity provides financial assistance (up to \$500 per semester/term) to children of honorably discharged veterans who have wartime service-connected disabilities or who died in service during a period of war or armed conflict.

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#### **Eligibility Requirements:**

##### Veteran's Criteria:

1. Killed in action or died in service as a result of wounds incurred in service during a period of war or armed conflict or as a result of hostile fire or terrorist attack during peacetime, as determined by the Department.
2. Honorably discharged and have a 100% service-connected disability or died as a result of wounds incurred during a period of war or armed conflict or as a result of hostile fire or terrorist attack during peacetime, as determined by the Department.

##### Child's Criteria:

1. Between the ages of 16 and 23.
  2. The child of an eligible disabled or deceased veteran.
  3. A resident of this Commonwealth for five (5) years immediately preceding the date the application was filed.
  4. Attending an approved educational institution in Pennsylvania.
  5. Demonstrates a financial need for the gratuity.
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#### **Required Documentation:**

1. Copy of state issued birth certificate for applicant.
  2. Proof of Identification (driver's license, voter's registration, Military ID card, etc.)
  3. DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) - Needed to verify wartime service.
  4. Form MA-VA 3288 E (pre-filled release of information form) and/or VA Code Sheet.
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#### **Payments:**

Payments will not exceed \$500 per term or semester per qualified child. Payments are paid directly to the approved educational institutional upon proof of matriculation of the applicant and may not be made for longer than four (4) scholastic years.

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#### **Instructions:**

Application must be fully completed. Every bank must have an entry or the application will be returned. A determination cannot be made until all required information is provided.

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**Privacy Act Statement:**

The information requested on this form included the applicant's Social Security Number. This information is solicited under 51 PA. C.S. 8703. It will be used for routine uses within the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and may also be disclosed to other state, federal or local agencies as required to process the application. Disclosure is voluntary but if the information is not provided we may not be able to process your application.

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**Legislation:**

Statute: 51 Pa C.S. Ch 87, Procedures: 43 Pa Code 5.11

Respectfully,

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