

Military Spouse or Dependent Checklist

Complete the following checklist if you are a spouse or unmarried dependent of a member of a Uniformed Service (Marine Corps, Navy, Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, or Space Force) and intend on applying to Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC).

DSCC Application Process

- Create a Login ID and PIN, and fill out the free [online application](#).
- Send an official copy of all high school and college transcripts, including military/Joint Service transcripts, to DSCC.
- Submit an official ACT/SAT score if you are under 21 years of age. If you do not have either/or, sign up to take the [ACCUPLACER](#) test.

Financial Aid Process

- Complete the [FAFSA](#). The FAFSA must be filled out **ANNUALLY** in order to receive financial aid.
 - Review DSCC's [financial aid webpage](#) for more information.

VA Benefits Process

- **For Chapter 35 (Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program)**
 - Create or log in to your [benefits account](#).
 - Fill out the application for Dependents Education Assistance (Form 22-5490).
 - If you have previously used these benefits at a different institution, fill out the Dependents' Request for Change of Program or Place of Training (Form 22-5495).
- **For Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill®)** GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
 - **Veterans**
 - In order to transfer your benefits to a spouse or dependents, visit the [Department of Defense Transferability of Education Benefits](#) (TEB).
 - Choose "edit" for any family member listed who you wish to transfer your benefits.
 - Choose the start/end dates AND the estimated number of months benefits will be used.
 - Indicate you understand your actions and submit.
 - Visit TEB to track the status of your transfer request. The date and status will appear in the upper left corner after approval.
 - **Spouse and/or dependents**
 - Once the above request is approved, you must apply to the use [transferred education benefits](#) (Form 22-1990e).

Using Benefits at DSCC

- Submit your Certificate of Eligibility (COE). **THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATION.**
 - Any registered classes will not be paid for by the VA without certification.
- Submit your VA forms:
 - Chapter 33: Form 22-1990e
 - Chapter 35: Form 22-5490 OR Form 22-5495
- Submit a completed [VA Entrance Counseling form](#).
- Meet with your advisor to develop a plan towards graduation and register for classes during a designated orientation day or a scheduled meeting.
 - In order for the VA to pay for classes, designate a program of study which will lead to an Associate of Arts, Science, or Applied Science degree or eligible certificate listed in the DSCC catalog.