



## Veterans: Resources for Survivors

---

# Navigation Services



Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or [navigation@jcmh.org](mailto:navigation@jcmh.org)

If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

### **Resource Navigation**

#### **Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)**

1-800-959-8277 (24 hour hotline)

<https://www.taps.org/>

- Provides free support and resources to those grieving the death of a military loved one.
- Offers assistance navigating benefits and resources, casework advocacy, education assistance, grief support services, and referrals to local counseling services. Also provides information on government legislation around survivor resources.
- Offers programming that includes survivor seminars, youth programs, retreats, and peer mentors.

#### **Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs**

Denver Office: 1355 South Colorado Blvd. Building C Suite 113 Denver, CO 80222; 303-284-6077

Lakewood Office: 155 Van Gordon Suite 210 (first floor) Lakewood, CO 80228; 303-914-5832

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/vets/family-survivor-benefits-and-resources-1>

- Provides information on benefits and resources available to surviving families of veterans through both the VA and other organizations.
  - Website discusses benefits, including burial, CHAMPVA, Dependents Indemnity Compensation (DIC), parents DIC, education and training, education program refund, home loan guarantee, health care, life insurance, and commissary and exchange privileges.

#### **Veterans Affairs Office of Survivors Assistance (OSA)**

<https://www.va.gov/survivors/>

- Provides information on resources and benefits available through the OSA, including funeral resources, bereavement counseling, and employment resources.

### **Educational Benefits**

#### **Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship)**

<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/fry-scholarship/>

- Provides scholarships for children and surviving spouses of active-duty service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.
  - Provides 36 months of benefits, including money for tuition (full in-state tuition costs at public schools and up to \$22,805.34 per year for training at private or out-of-state schools), housing, and books.
- Eligibility requirements vary based on when veteran died. Visit website for specific requirements.
- Apply online or fill out Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits (VA Form 22-5490) and send it to the VA regional office where the school is located.

#### **Contents:**

[Resource Navigation:](#)

page 1

[Educational Benefits:](#)

page 1 - 2

Need more information? Contact our Navigation Services Team at 303-432-5130 or [navigation@jcmh.org](mailto:navigation@jcmh.org)

### **Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)**

<https://www.va.gov/education/survivor-dependent-benefits/dependents-education-assistance/>

- Provides education and training benefits to children and spouses of veterans or service members who have died while on active duty, were captured or are missing, or have disabilities from service-related causes.
  - Provides up to 45 months of monthly payments to help cover the cost of college or graduate degree programs, career training certificate courses, educational and career counseling, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training.
- Eligibility requirements vary based on applicant age and qualifying events. Visit website for specific requirements.
- Apply online or fill out a Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits (VA Form 22-5490) and mail it to the Colorado regional processing office at PO Box 32432 St. Louis, MO 63132-0832.