Chapter 35 Survivors and Dependents/Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education (VMSDEP)

Eligibility Requirements:
1. **Federal benefit** - Spouse or child of a veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.

2. **State benefit** - If the Veteran was domiciled in Virginia when they entered the service, apply for VMSDEP which provides education benefits to spouses and children of certain military service members. Note: A Veteran’s 90-100% disability must have been directly caused by the Veteran’s involvement in: 1) military operations against terrorism; 2) a peacekeeping mission; 3) a terrorist act; 4) an armed conflict subsequent to December 6, 1941. The service connected disability cannot have been incurred during active duty that coincides with, but was not the direct result of, one of the listed events/missions.

- To be re-certified each year, contact VMSDEP staff at VMSDEP@dvs.virginia.gov or 804-225-2083.