



The Marine Gunnery Sgt. John David Fry Scholarship

What This Benefit Offers

The Fry Scholarship provides Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits to the **children and surviving spouses** of service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.

- **Tuition & Fees:** 100% of in-state tuition and mandatory fees paid directly to Vol State.
- **Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA):** Paid to the student. Rates are based on an E-5 with dependents for the Gallatin/Cookeville area.
- **Book Stipend:** Up to \$1,000 per academic year, paid directly to the student.
- **Relocation Allowance:** A one-time payment of **\$500** may be available if you are relocating from a highly rural area to attend Vol State.

Student Guidelines & Vol State Regulations

- **The Irrevocable Election:** If you are also eligible for **Chapter 35 (DEA)**, you must make an "irrevocable election" when you apply. In most cases, you cannot switch back once you choose the Fry Scholarship.
- **Submit VCRF:** You **must** submit your Veterans Certification Request Form (VCRF) through My.Vol.State every semester. We cannot pull your funds without this internal Vol State form.
- **Remedial Course Restriction:** Per Vol State policy, any developmental courses (ENGL 0810, READ 0810, MATH 0101, etc.) **must be taken in a physical classroom.** The VA will not pay for these if you register for the "Web" or "Online" sections.
- **Degree Works:** The VA will only pay for classes that are active requirements for your major as shown in your Degree.Works audit.
- **Monthly Verification:** You are required to verify your enrollment with the VA at the end of each month (via text or email) to receive your MHA.



Duration & Eligibility Limits

- **Children:** If your parent died before January 1, 2013, your eligibility expires on your **33rd birthday**. If they died on or after that date, there is **no expiration date** for your benefit.
- **Spouses:** Surviving spouses do not have an expiration date to use the benefit, but eligibility ends if you **remarry**.
- **DIC Conflict:** If you are a child receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), you must give up those payments to use the Fry Scholarship. (Spouses may keep both).

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