# Benefit Opportunities for Families of United States Service Members

## Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance
- Must be an eligible spouse or dependent of a veteran (further specifications apply)

## Transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill® Benefits to Spouse/Dependents
- Service member must have been active on or after August 1, 2009
- Service member must have six years of service and commit to an additional four
- Unused education benefits can be transferred to immediate family members (spouse and children)

## Post-9/11 GI Bill®: Fry Scholarship
- Must be the child or eligible surviving spouse** of a service member who died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001

## Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute Scholarship*
- Provides financial aid to children, spouses and financial dependents
- Service member must have served on or after August 2, 1990 and been a NYS resident
- Service member must have died, become severely and permanently disabled, or been classified as missing in action in a combat zone while engaged in hostilities or training for hostilities

## NYS Regents Award
- Must be the child of a service member who served in the US Armed Forces during specified time periods who, as a result of service:
  1. died; or
  2. is suffering a 40% or more disability; or
  3. has died and suffered a 40% or more disability; or
  4. is classified as a former prisoner of war or missing in action
- Veteran must be a current NYS resident or have been a NYS resident at time of death or classification as missing in action

## Military Spouse Career Advancement Accounts (MyCAA)*
- Must be a military spouse pursuing a license, certificate, credential or degree program leading to employment in Portable Career Fields

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Don’t forget to apply for financial aid!
- May be eligible to receive a Bookstore Advance

### For Further Information

- **Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance**
  - Hudson Valley Registrar’s Office
  - Guenther Enrollment Services Center, First Floor
  - (518) 629-4545
  - [www.hvcc.edu/veterans](http://www.hvcc.edu/veterans)

- **Transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill® Benefits to Spouse/Dependents**
  - Department of Veterans Affairs
  - 1-888-442-4551
  - [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)

- **Post-9/11 GI Bill®: Fry Scholarship**
  - [www.hes.n.y.gov](http://www.hes.n.y.gov)

- **Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute Scholarship***
  - [roll over Pay](https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa/)

- **NYS Regents Award**
  - Financial Aid Office: (518) 629-7150
  - Application: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

*These benefits are considered duplicative with the Post-9/11 GI Bill®.

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