Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship amends the Post-9/11 GI Bill (chapter 33) to include the children of service members who die in the line of duty after Sept. 10, 2001. The benefit is effective August 1, 2009; the same day the Post-9/11 GI Bill takes effect.

Effective January 1, 2015 benefits have been expanded to surviving spouses of military personnel who die in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Previously only children of those who died in the line of duty were eligible for this benefit. Remarriage will terminate a surviving spouse’s eligibility to the Fry Scholarship. Children, as always, will not lose eligibility if they marry. A child may be married or over 23 and still be eligible.

Eligible recipients attending school may receive:

- Full tuition & fees paid directly to the school
- A monthly housing allowance
- A books & supplies stipend

If a child is eligible for the Fry Scholarship, he or she may be eligible for VA’s Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program (DEA). Although the benefits cannot be used at the same time, a child may be eligible for up to 48 months of benefits between the two programs. Find out more about DEA at http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp.

HOW TO APPLY

Go to VA’s website, http://benefits.va.gov/gibill, and click on “Apply for Benefits.” Paper versions of the form (VA Form 22-5490) may also be printed. A parent or guardian must sign the application if the child is under age 18.

For More Information, Call Toll-Free 1-888-GIBILL-1 or Visit the VA Web Site at

http://benefits.va.gov/gibill