Hazlewood Act for Spouse/Child

Spouses and dependent children of eligible Active Duty, Reserve, and Texas National Guard who died in the line of duty or as a result of injury or illness directly related to military service, are missing in action, or who became totally disabled for purposes of employability as a result of a service-related injury or illness are entitled to each receive a 150 credit hours exemption.

Qualifications

A **spouse** must:

- Be a spouse of a Veteran who, at the time of entry into the U.S. Armed Forces, be classified by the institution as a Texas resident, designated Texas as Home of Record, or entered the service in Texas;
- Be a spouse of a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or the Texas National Guard who died as a result of service-related injuries or illness, is missing in action, or became totally disabled (100%) as a result of service-related injury or illness or is entitled to receive compensation at the 100% rate due to individual employability (IU) due to a service connected injury or illness;
- Have no federal Veterans education benefits, or have no federal Veterans education benefits dedicated to the payment of tuition and fees only (such as Chapter 33 or 31) for term or semester enrolled that do not exceed the value of Hazlewood benefits;
- Be classified by the institution as a Texas resident; and
- Meet the GPA and excessive hour requirements of the institution’s satisfactory academic progress policy in a degree or certificate program as determined by the institution’s financial aid policy.

- This requirement does not apply to the spouse of a MIA, KIA, or service connected deceased Veteran.
- Texas State’s policies are as follows:
  - **GPA requirements:**
    - Undergraduate – 2.0
    - Second Baccalaureate – 2.5
    - Master’s/Doctorate – 3.0
  - **Excessive Hours:** A student cannot use VA benefits if they are in excessive hours. A student will be considered in excess hours if on the first day of term, the student has attempted more than 30 hours (45 if initially enrolled before Fall 2006) over what is required for their degree program.

- Beginning Fall of 2011, the Veteran must reside in Texas during the semester or term for which the exemption is claimed. This requirement does not apply if the spouse either received the exemption prior to the 2011-2012 academic year, or is the spouse of a MIA, KIA, or service connected deceased Veteran.

A **child** must:

- Be a child of a Veteran who, at the time of entry into the U.S. Armed Forces, be classified by the institution as a Texas resident, designated Texas as Home of Record, or entered the service in Texas;
- Be a child of a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, Texas National Guard, or Texas Air National Guard who died as a result of service-related injuries or illness, is missing in action, or became totally disabled (100%) as a result of a service-related injury or illness or is entitled to receive compensation at the 100% rate due to individual employability (IU) due to a service connected injury or illness;
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**Application process for Spouse/Child**

A spouse or child of a Veteran whose death was service connected, is MIA, or is/was 100% permanently disabled must:

- Apply and be accepted to a Texas public college or university. Go to [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org) or use your institution’s application for admission;

- Provide a DD214 and a disability rating letter or a DD1300 Report of Casualty regarding the Veteran's death;

- Provide proof of eligibility or ineligibility for GI Bill benefits (Chapter 31, 33/Post-9/11) by requesting a certificate of eligibility for federal education benefits from [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) (ONLY if Veteran has active duty service after 9/11/2009);

- Provide proof that the VETERAN currently resides in Texas (TX driver’s license or utility bill will work), unless you are the dependent of a MIA, KIA, or service connected deceased Veteran;

- Student’s Birth Certificate, or Marriage Certificate, or Adoption Documentation, or IRS 1040 from current or previous year indicating dependency of child, and identification of designee if applicable;

- Fill out the Hazlewood Exemption application form; and

- Submit all documentation to Texas State University Office of Veterans Affairs via an online [Certification Request](#).

Applications and all supporting documentation must be received by the institution no later than the last day of class in order to be evaluated for the semester or term.

**Additional Information**

- [Texas Education Code §54.341](#)
- [Texas Education Code §54.2001](#)
- [Texas Veterans Commission Rules, Chapter 461](#)
- [Information for Institutions](#)