Legacy Act (Child)

Eligible Veterans may assign unused hours of exemption eligibility to a child under certain conditions.

Qualifications
A child (legacy recipient) must:

- Be classified by the institution as a Texas resident;
- Be the biological child, stepchild, adopted child, or claimed as a dependent in the current or previous tax year;
- Be 25 years old or younger on the first day of the semester or term for which the exemption is claimed (unless granted an extension due to a qualifying illness or debilitating condition); 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. 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.
- Legacy recipients will receive an exemption for the number of degree certified hours reported by the institution for that term or semester. Maximum degree certified hours awarded to the Legacy recipient will be dependent upon the degree or certificate program in which the student is enrolled for that term or semester and shall be consistent with the program length as defined within the school catalog as approved by the regional accreditation commission. *If a child to whom hours have been delegated fails to use all of the assigned hours, a Veteran may re-assign the unused hours that are available to another child. Only one child will use Hazlewood Legacy benefits at a time.

Legacy Act Application Process
A child (legacy recipient) of a Veteran must:

- Apply and be accepted to a Texas public college or university. Go to [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- Provide proof (DD214) from the Department of Defense regarding military service and the nature of discharge;
- 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);
- 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.