



13. HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VA BENEFITS? (Check applicable box(es))

A. ☐ VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFITS (Chapter 31)B. ☐ VETERANS' EDUCATION ASSISTANCE BASED ON YOUR OWN SERVICE (Specify benefit) \_\_\_\_\_C. ☐ DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Chapter 35)D. ☐ SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Complete Items 14A and 14B) on reverse)E. ☐ OTHER (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_F. ☐ NONE**NOTE:** COMPLETE ITEMS 14A AND 14B ONLY IF YOU CHECKED ITEM 13D

14A. NAME OF VETERAN ON WHOSE ACCOUNT YOU PREVIOUSLY CLAIMED BENEFITS

14B. VETERANS FILE NUMBER OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

**PART IV - APPLICANT'S MILITARY SERVICE**

15. HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES? (Including an initial period of active duty for training for a period of 3 months or more OR subsequent periods of active duty for training of 6 months or more) (If "NO," skip this part and continue to Part V)

☐ YES ☐ NO**16. SERVICE INFORMATION**(Enter the following information for each period of active duty. Attach a copy of your DD214.  
If you have already sent VA a DD214, do not send one with this application)

| A. DATE ENTERED<br>ACTIVE DUTY | B. DATE SEPARATED<br>FROM ACTIVE DUTY | C. BRANCH OF SERVICE OR RESERVE<br>OR GUARD COMPONENT | D. CHARACTER OF<br>DISCHARGE |
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17. REMARKS (Use this space to provide information that does not fit elsewhere on this form or that will help VA process your claim. Refer to the item numbers on this form to help us match your answers to the correct questions. If more space is needed, please attach separate sheets of paper. Be sure to place your name and Social Security Number on each additional page)

**PART V - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

(All Applicants Must Complete This Part)

**I CERTIFY THAT** all statements in my application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.**PENALTY:** Willfully false statements as to a material fact in a claim for counseling benefits is a punishable offense and may result in the forfeiture of these or other benefits and in criminal penalties.

18A. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

18B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY)

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**PART VI - SIGNATURE OF PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN**

(This section must be completed if you are a minor child)

19A. NAME OF PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN (Type or print)

20A. SIGNATURE OF (Check one)

☐ PARENT ☐ GUARDIAN ☐ CUSTODIAN

20B. DATE SIGNED (MM-DD-YYYY)

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19B. TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR CUSTODIAN (Include Area Code).

20C. DATE REFERRED TO VR &amp; E (MM-DD-YYYY)

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# EDUCATIONAL/VOCATIONAL COUNSELING APPLICATION

Information And Instructions For Completing This Application  
(Please keep these instructions for future reference)

This VA form 28-8832 is also available on the Internet at [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms).

VA EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL COUNSELING HELP IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE if you meet one of the following conditions:

1. You are a veteran or dependent eligible for educational benefits under a program that VA administers;
2. You were discharged or released from active duty under honorable conditions not more than 1 year ago;
3. You are on active duty and 6 months or less remain before your scheduled release or discharge from service.

You may get counseling about any matter, including personal problems, related to:

- Counseling to facilitate career/occupational decisions for civilian or military occupations
- Adjustment counseling to address personal problems that may interfere with achieving any educational or employment goal
- Educational/Vocational counseling to help you develop a training, educational or employment plan
- Explanation of test results, exploration of potential objectives and assistance in developing a successful program

What is discussed in counseling depends on you, your situation and needs. You can learn more about yourself; career opportunities and requirements; training possibilities; sources of financial aid; and how to carry through on plans that you make.

## HOW TO GET COUNSELING

Complete this application and send it to the nearest United States Department of Veterans Affairs office. If you have received a DD214, you should attach a copy of it, unless you are still on active duty or if you are applying as a dependent of a veteran. VA will arrange for a counselor to meet with you. There is no charge for counseling, but you will have to pay your own travel. (Please note: counseling is not available in foreign countries except the Republic of the Philippines)

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please complete only those areas which are applicable to you. The number on the instructions matches the item numbers on the application. Items not mentioned are self-explanatory. If you have a question *please* phone 1-800-827-1000 and request help.

**Item 2C.** VA may have assigned the veteran or individual an eight-digit file number. If you know the number, write it in the space provided.

**Item 3A.** "Child" includes adopted children and step children who are members of the veteran's or individual's household. Married children are eligible.

**Item 13F.** Check this box if you have never applied for VA educational benefits.

**Item 14A and B.** If you have previously applied for benefits as the dependent child or spouse of a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled due to service-connected disabilities or who died on active duty, write the name of the person (parent or spouse) under whom you received these benefits in Item 14A and the file number or social security number in 14B.

This form is an application for counseling only. Do not use this form to apply for VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Chapter 31) (use the VA form 28-1900, *Disabled Veterans Application For Vocational Rehabilitation*) or for VETERAN'S EDUCATION ASSISTANCE (Chapter 30, 32, 33, 1606 or 1607) (use the VA Form 22-1990, *Application For VA Education Benefits*). These forms are available on the Internet at [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms).

## PART I - CLAIMANT INFORMATION

1A. NAME OF CLAIMANT:

1B. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF APPLICANT:

2C. DATE OF BIRTH:

1C. VA FILE NUMBER (If applicable):

2B. APPLICANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS:

3A. RELATIONSHIP OF APPLICANT TO VETERAN:

3B. TELEPHONE NUMBER:

3C. MAILING ADDRESS:

## PART II - INFORMATION CONCERNING DISABLED OR DECEASED VETERAN OR INDIVIDUAL ON ACTIVE DUTY

6A. NAME OF VETERAN OR INDIVIDUAL ON ACTIVE DUTY ON WHOSE ACCOUNT BENEFITS ARE CLAIMED:

6B. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

6C. VA FILE NUMBER (If applicable):