



Hazlewood Exemption Information

Description of Exemption:

The purpose of the Hazlewood Exemption (Hazlewood Act) is to provide an education benefit to honorably discharged or separated Texas veterans and to the eligible dependents of Texas veterans.

If the veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, Texas National Guard, or Texas Air National Guard died as a result of service-related injuries or illness, is missing in action, or became totally disabled for purposes of employability as a result of a service-related injury or illness, there are benefits for the eligible dependent or spouse.

The exemption will cover all dues, fees, and charges, including fees for correspondence courses but excluding property deposit fees, student service fees, miscellaneous fees and any fees or charges for lodging, board, or clothing for up to 150 attempted semester credit hours.

Veterans who are using Chapter 33 and are eligible for Hazlewood benefits may “stack” their benefits up to the full amount of tuition and fees.

Veterans may transfer their unused Hazlewood hours (up to 150 SCH) to a child (stepchild, biological, adopted or dependent for income tax purposes). Eligible child must be a Texas resident who is 25 years of age or younger and makes satisfactory academic progress toward a degree, certificate or continuing education program.

Children of military service members who are deployed on active duty for the purpose of engaging in a combative military operation outside of the United States are exempt from the payment of resident tuition for every semester or academic term during the deployment.

Additional information regarding Hazlewood can be found at www.collegefortexans.com/.

Previous Exemption Recipients:

Each person who has previously received an exemption through the Hazlewood Exemption Program (Texas Education Code 54.203) prior to spring 2006 and who wishes to receive an additional exemption through the program must complete and sign the new statewide Hazlewood Exemption Application for Previous Exemption Recipients (Veterans and Dependents).

To apply for an Exemption, please submit the following documents:

1. The Hazlewood Exemption Application for Previous Recipients.
2. Benefits letter from VA – to verify federal veterans' education benefits. The letter regarding federal education benefits can be issued by the VA Education Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, whose phone number is 1-888-GI-Bill-1 or 1-888-442-4551 and web site is www.gibill.va.gov. If the benefits letter was previously submitted a new one is not necessary with the exception of veterans who have served additional active duty since 911. Please contact our office to see if the letter is on file.

Eligible Dependants of Texas Members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have never used the exemption:

Each dependant wishing to receive his/her first exemption through the Hazlewood Act (Texas Education Code 54.203) must complete and sign the new statewide Hazlewood Exemption Application for Dependants who have Never Used the Exemption.

To apply for an Exemption, please submit the following documents:

1. The Hazlewood Exemption Application for Dependants who have Never Used the Exemption.
2. DD1300 – issued by the Department of Defense (if parent died while still in the service); letter from the VA if parent died after discharge. Ratings Disability letter from VA if parent is rated as unemployable.
3. Dependency can be shown by providing a copy of a tax return indicating dependency at the time the parent died or became disabled.
4. Benefits letter from VA – to verify federal veterans' education benefits. The letter regarding federal education benefits can be issued by the VA Education Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, whose phone number is 1-888-GI-Bill-1 or 1-888-442-4551 and web site is www.gibill.va.gov

Veterans who have Never Used the Exemption:

Each veteran wishing to receive his/her first exemption through the Hazlewood Act (Texas Education Code 54.203) must complete and sign the new statewide Hazlewood Exemption Application for Veterans who have Never Used the Exemption.

To apply for an Exemption, please submit the following documents:

5. The Hazlewood Exemption Application for Veterans who have Never Used the Exemption.
6. DD214 – for use in verifying your place of entry, character of service, length of service, and dates of service. Make sure the copy provided includes all this information.
7. Benefits letter from VA – to verify federal veterans' education benefits if service member has had active duty since 911. The letter regarding federal education benefits can be issued by the VA Education Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, whose phone number is 1-888-GI-Bill-1 or 1-888-442-4551 and web site is www.gibill.va.gov .

For additional information and for the current Hazlewood applications please use the following link.

<http://www.collegefortexans.com/index.cfm?ObjectID=6D1D574C-EC9F-C46E-831E6865C9C6F882>

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