



Dear Beneficiary,

This letter is being sent to you to clarify eligibility requirements for [Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship](#) (Fry Scholarship) and [Dependency and Indemnity Compensation \(DIC\)](#) survivor benefits. VA discovered that some Fry Scholarship recipients received a letter stating they may qualify for concurrent receipt of DIC and the Fry Scholarship provisions of the Post 9/11 GI Bill due to the death of a parent in the line of duty before to August 1, 2011. Due to an isolated incident, this letter was sent in error.

There have been no recent changes to the law or VA policy about the ban to simultaneous receipt of DIC benefits and the Fry Scholarship. As has been the case since August 1, 2011, surviving spouses are eligible to receive DIC benefits while using the Fry Scholarship. However, DIC payments for children over the age of 18 ends once they begin using the Fry Scholarship.

We apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions regarding education benefits, please contact the Education Call Center at 888-442-4551 between 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday-Friday.

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