

Survivor Outreach Services

Fort Sill/OKC/Norman/Tulsa

2024 Education Benefits Guide

Keeping the Promise



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Congratulations on furthering your education!

The Oklahoma Survivor Outreach Services Teams is excited for you and the investment you are making towards your educational and career goals.

It can be overwhelming trying to understand the education benefits available to you. This guide was created in hopes that it will help you navigate the steps that need to be taken to ensure you receive any and all benefits and scholarship opportunities for which your be eligible.

Included is a helpful guide for understanding and how to apply for your education benefits. If you are having any issues or have questions, please reach out to your local Support Coordinator.

Sincerely,

Keith, Lloyd, Jordan and Robbin Your Oklahoma Survivor Outreach Services Team

FIRST OF ALL, THINGS TO CONSIDER...

There are many things to consider when planning out your educational future. You need to think about a career choice that interests you and look into what type and how much education is needed to obtain that career goal. There are many financial options that can help ensure that you are able to complete your educational goals. Here are some things to consider when deciding whether to use your VA Benefits or other scholarship opportunities.

College Isn't for Me

You don't have to go to college to use your VA Education Benefits. The Survivors' and Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) can help pay for career-training certificate courses, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training. There are also other scholarships available that can also help pay for trade schools and certificate courses.



https://www.adultology.io/blog/so-you-don't-want-to-go-to-college-here-are-some-alternatives

I Only Need an Associates or Bachelor's Degree

Both the Fry Scholarship and the Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) can help pay for your undergraduate degree program. There are many other scholarship opportunities that can help cover your undergraduate tuition and fees if you think you may need further schooling in the future.



https://www.uagc.edu/blog/associate-vs-bachelors-which-is-the-right-degree-for-you

I Will be Pursuing Graduate School

Both the Fry Scholarship and the Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA) can help pay for your graduate degree program. There are many other scholarship opportunities that can help cover your undergraduate tuition and fees if you think you may need further schooling in the future. You may want to hold off using your VA Benefits until graduate school and use the other scholarship opportunities to cover your undergraduate degree.



https://www.betterup.com/blog/should-i-go-to-grad-school

The following pages are intended to help you navigate your VA Education Benefits as well as make you aware of the many scholarship opportunities available to you. This is not a complete list as many more opportunities may be available. It is also recommended that you search for potential scholarships at the school you plan to attend. Should you have any questions, please reach out to the Survivor Outreach Services Support Coordinator in your area.

STEP ONE: FILL OUT YOUR FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form is an application for federal student aid. You need to complete the FAFSA form to apply for federal student aid such as federal grants, work-study funds, and loans. Completing and submitting the FAFSA form is free and easier than ever, and it gives you access to federal student aid—the largest source of aid—to help you pay for college or career/trade school. In addition, many states and colleges use your FAFSA information to determine your eligibility for state and school aid. Some private aid providers may use your FAFSA information to determine whether you qualify for their aid. Visit: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa



Who should complete the FAFSA® form?

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs. This includes grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.



How long will it take?

It takes most people less than one hour to fill out the FAFSA form, including gathering any personal documents and financial information needed to complete it.



What do I need?

- Verified account username and password (FSA ID)
- Parent or spouse contributor name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address
- Income and asset information (if required)

Soft Launch of the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

The 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form is available periodically as part of our soft launch. During the soft launch, the FAFSA form will be available for short periods of time while we monitor site performance and form functionality. We will initiate pauses for site maintenance and to make technical updates as needed to provide you with a better experience. You can complete the form to apply for financial aid to help pay for attendance at college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. You will have plenty of time to complete the FAFSA form. If you do submit your form during the soft launch, your information will be saved, and you won't need to resubmit your form or any related information. If your form is unavailable when you or your family members try to access it, please try again later. You can complete the form to apply for financial aid to help pay for attendance at college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. You will have plenty of time to complete the FAFSA form. If you do submit your form during the soft launch, your information will be saved, and you won't need to resubmit your form or any related information. If your form is unavailable when you or your family members try to access it, please try again later.

What's New

The 2024–25 FAFSA form expands eligibility for federal student aid, including Pell Grants, and provides a streamlined user experience. 610,000 new students from low-income backgrounds will be eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants due to updates to student aid calculations. Plus, applicants will be able to skip as many as 26 questions, depending on their individual circumstances. Some applicants could answer as few as 18 questions, which could take less than 10 minutes.

What Happens After You Submit

When you submit your completed 2024–25 FAFSA form, you'll get an email confirming that we received your form with preliminary information related to your eligibility for federal student aid. This will include your estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) and estimated eligibility for Federal Pell Grants. We'll provide your FAFSA eligibility information to your school and state in late January, so you will have ample time to fill out the form and do not need to rush to complete the form during the soft launch. Once your school receive your FAFSA information, they will provide you with personalized aid information in the coming weeks. Until your school and state receive your form, they won't be able to answer questions about your aid eligibility or status. We'll send you an email when your FAFSA information has been sent to your selected schools and when you can access your FAFSA Submission Summary on StudentAid.gov. The FAFSA Submission Summary will provide your official SAI calculation and Federal Pell Grant eligibility. You can also check the status of your FAFSA form on StudentAid.gov in late January. Because many states have made changes to their aid processes for the 2024–25 award year, please review your state's aid eligibility and deadline information.



STEP TWO: DS LOGON

DS Logon

DS Logon (DSL) is a single sign-on web application that makes it easy for users to access information across DOD and VA websites.

How to Create Your DS Logon

- **Step 1**: Go to: https://myaccess.dmdc.osd.mil/identitiymanagement/app/registration
- **Step 2**: Choose the appropriate selection for your situation. (Email registration is recommended for Family Members with a valid DoD ID Card. Make sure the email provided in DEERS matches the email you provide for registration)
- **Step 3**: Complete the Registration Process and follow the steps on the screen.

STEP THREE: LOGIN TO YOUR EBENEFITS ACCOUNT



My Gateway to Benefit Information

eBenefits is a site where you can view the status of you VA benefit applications, benefits status and track your VA payments. You must have a **DS Logon** to access eBenefits. (<u>Spouses</u>, you may already have a DS Logon, so you may not need to Register, but instead Login utilizing your DS Logon)

- **Step 1**: Go to: https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ ebenefits/homepage
- **Step 2**: Login using your DS Logon
- **Step 3**: Click on the "Manage" tab at the top of the screen
- **Step 4**: Use eBenefits to track the status of your Certificate of Eligibility and manage your benefits.



eBenefits Features

- » Apply for benefits online
- » Access personalized VA and DoD information
- » Check VA claim status
- » Single Sign On Access to other VA and DoD websites
- » Get your DD-214
- » Download VA letters
- » Sign up for Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) (Time limits apply)
- » Check Post-9/11 GI Bill enrollment status
- » Order medical equipment such as hearing aid batteries and prosthetic socks
- » Generate a VA home loan certificate of eligibility

STEP FOUR: KNOW YOUR VA BENEFITS—FRY AND DEA

If you're a dependent or surviving spouse of a Veteran, you may be eligible for VA education benefits. If you qualify for both Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance (DEA) and the Fry Scholarship, you'll have to pick one or the other when you apply. After you've made this decision, you will not be able to change it.

Exception: If you're the child of a Service Member who died in the line of duty before August 1, 2011, you can use both programs and get up to 81 months of education and training; however, you may only use one program at a time.

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship)

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving Spouses of Service Members who died in the line of duty while on Active Duty after September 10, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries attending school may receive up to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level. Benefits include money for tuition (paid directly to the school or training program), housing, books and supplies.

- Children are eligible as of their 18th birthday (unless they have already graduated high school).
 A child may be married or over 23 and still be eligible. If they became eligible before January 1, 2013 their eligibility ends on their 33rd birthday. The age limitation is removed if the child became eligible on or after January 1, 2013. If you are receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) you will need to give up those payments when you start to use the Fry Scholarship.
- Spouses are eligible for as long as they do not remarry and can still receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payments while using the Fry Scholarship.

Check current Fry Scholarship Rates at: https://va.gov/education/benefit-rates/fry-scholarship-rates

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who died from a service-connected injury or illness or of Service Members who died while on active duty, in the line of duty. Benefits include a monthly payment sent to you to pay for college or graduate degree programs, career-training certificate courses, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training. You may also receive educational and career counseling. If you use DEA benefits to pay for school or training that started before August 1, 2018 you may be able to get benefits for up to 45 months, those that began after August 1, 2018 may be able to get benefits for up to 36 months.

- Children are eligible as of their 18th birthday (unless they have already graduated high school or secondary education). The age limitation to use DEA is removed if the child became eligible on or after August 1, 2023. An 8 year time limitation applies if you turned 18, completed high school or if the event that made you eligible occurred before August 1, 2023. If you are receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) you will need to give up those payments when you start to use the Fry Scholarship.
- Spouses are eligible for benefits that end 10 years from the date the VA finds you eligible. If your Service Member died on Active Duty the benefits end after 20 years.

Other Factors to Consider: In certain instances, it is possible to begin before age 18 and to continue after age 26. Marriage is not a bar to this benefit. If you are in the armed forces, you may not receive this benefit while on active duty. To pursue training after military service, your discharge must not be under dishonorable conditions. VA can extend your period of eligibility by the number of months and days equal to the time spent on Active Duty.

Check current DEA Rates at: https://www.va.gov/education/benefit-rates/chapter-35-rates/

VA BENEFITS (CONTINUED)—YELLOW RIBBON

The Yellow Ribbon Program can help you pay for higher out-of-state, private school, foreign school, or graduate school tuition and fees that the Post-9/11 GI Bill doesn't cover. To be eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program you must qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 100% level. If you qualify, your school will contribute a certain amount toward your extra tuition and fees through a grant, scholarship or similar program and the VA will match the contribution.



Does my school participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program?

To find out if your school participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, visit: https://www.va.gov/education/yellow-ribbon-participating-schools/

You can also search for participating schools using the GI Bill Comparison Tool: https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/

More Information: https://va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/ yellow-ribbon-program/

How Do I Get This Benefit?

Apply for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. If you qualify for benefits, you'll get a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Bring your COE to your school's certifying official, or to the financial aid, military liaison, or other appropriate office. Ask to apply for your school's Yellow Ribbon Program.

Your school will decide:

- Whether it has already enrolled the maximum number of students for the program peri-
- **od.** Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. We have an agreement with each school about how many students they'll cover each year.
- •How much funding you'll receive. Your school decides this amount. They'll add up tuition and mandatory fees, then subtract any aid you've received from other sources—such as scholarships, grants, and your Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition payment. Your school will apply the Yellow Ribbon Program benefit to this final amount.

You'll get a notice from your school about whether it has accepted you into the program and how much money you'll receive for tuition and fees.

HOW TO USE THE GI COMPARISON TOOL

The Veterans Administration helps you research colleges and employers approved for the GI Bill. Answer a few questions and enter your school/employer selection to get an estimate of your GI Bill benefits. You'll also receive information about the facility's value and affordability.

Search by name	Search by location	Which GI Bill benefit do you want to use? (<u>Learn more</u>)
School, employer, or training provider		Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (🇢
	Q Search	What's your dependent status?
Step 1: Go to: https://www.va.gov/ed	ducation/gi-bill-comparison-	Spouse Is your spouse currently on active duty?
Step 2: Search your school by name or location. (Top Picture)		No •
Step 3: Update the toggle bar to your	information. (Right Picture)	Will you be taking any classes in person? (<u>Learn more</u>)
•	you. You can add up to three by clicking the blue bar at the ys "Compare Institutions" and	Yes No

VA BENEFITS (CONT)—EDITH NOURSE ROGERS STEM

The Edith Nourse Rogers Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Scholarship allows eligible Veterans using the Post-9/11 GI Bill or dependents using the Fry Scholarship to get added benefits. This scholarship provides up to 9 months (or \$30,000) of benefits for training in high-demand fields. Find out if you're eligible and how to apply.

You must be eligible for the Fry Scholarship to qualify for this additional scholarship and also be currently enrolled in an undergraduate STEM degree program or qualifying dual-degree program, a covered clinical training program for health care professionals, working toward a teaching certification after completing a degree in an approved STEM degree field.

- If you are approved you will receive up to 9 months of added benefits (or \$30,000, whichever comes first). Your monthly benefits will be the amount you received through the Post-9/11 GI Bill or Fry Scholarship.
- Approved subject areas for this scholarship are: agriculture science or natural resource science, biological or biomedical science, computer and information science and support services, engineering, engineering technologies, or an engineering-related field, health care or health-care-related field, mathematics or statistics, medical residency (undergraduate only), physical science, and science technologies or technicians. A full list of degree programs can be found at: https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/fgib/STEM Program List.pdf
- Appy online: https://www.va.gove.education/other-va-education-benefits/stem-scholarship/apply-for-scholarship-form-22-10203/introduction

STEP FIVE: APPLY FOR YOUR VA BENEFITS

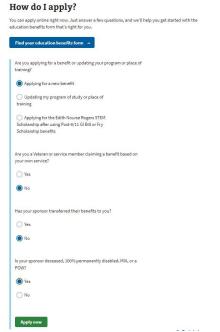
If you qualify for both the Fry Scholarship and DEA, you'll need to choose which program you want to use. Once you choose, you can't change your mind. **Exception:** If your parent died in the line of duty before August 1, 2011, you can use both the Fry Scholarship and DEA. You can get up to 81 months of full-time training, but you can use only one program at a time.

To Apply Online:

- 1. Go to: https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply
- 2. Under "How do I apply?" title click on the green bar that says "Find your education form".

Find your education benefits form 💛

3. Follow the prompts and click "Apply Now".



Sign in using your DS Logon and fill out the required information to submit online.

To Apply In Person:

- Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee help you. You can also work with your school's certifying official. This person is usually in the Registrar or Financial Aid office at the school. Some school have Veterans offices. https://www.va.gov/find-location/? facilityType=benefits
- You can work with a trained professional called an accredited representative to get help applying for education benefits. https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim

To Apply by Mail:

- 1. Call 888-442-4551, Monday through Friday, 8:00AM-5:00PM Eastern Time, to request that the VA send an application to you.
- Fill out and mail the application to the regional claims processing office that 's in the same location as your school. https://www.va.gov/disability/get-help-filing-claim

What happens after I apply?

- It will take the VA about 30 days to determine you eligibility. After they make their determination, they will send you a decision letter in the mail.
- 2. If you have been approved you will have to show the letter to the VA certifying official at your school to start using education benefits.
- If you disagree with a decision on your education benefits claim, you can request a decision review at: https://www.va.gov/decision-reviews

STEP SIX: SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to the benefits available to you through the VA, there are many federal and private organizations that help military Survivors obtain their educational goals. This list is a compilation of federal and private organization education and scholarship opportunities specifically available to military Survivors (i.e.: spouses, dependents, parents, or siblings). These are in addition to any State Survivor education benefits that might also be available. The organizations listed below are funded with federal dollars and through private Nonprofit 501C 3 organizations.

AMILLIÁN ÉS	https://amillionthanks.org/scholar/apply/		https://www.cposf.org
A SOLDIER'S CHILD FOUNDATION	https://www.asoldierschild.org		https://www.fallenpatriots.org
AFCEA	https://www.afcea.org/afcea-educational- foundation	Children Soldlers Colled Fund	https://www.cfsrf.org
Children's Fund of America	www.childrensfundofamerica.org		www.collegescholarships.org
LEGION AUXILIARY	https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships	† CollegeBoard	https://www.collegeboard.org
	http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy	E Knowledge	https://eknowledge.com/SOS
	https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/ non-traditional-student-scholarship/	FBY	https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/ entrepreneurship/start-up/ebvf/
	https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/ children-of-warriors-national-presidents scholarship/		https://www.ngef.org/get-involved/ apply-for-the-leonardo-drs-guardian- scholarship/
AMVETS	http://amvets.org/scholarships/	EOD WARRIOR FOUNDATION	https://eodwarriorfoundation.org/ scholarship-program/
THE STATE OF	https://aoafallen.org	MCF FALLEN PATRIOT FUND	https://www.fallenpatriotfund.org
* À AFBA	http://www.afba.com/about-afba/scholarship	Scholarship America Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund.	https://www.familiesoffreedom.org/
	https://www.quad-a.org/scholarship		https://www.fisherhouse.org/ programs/scholarship-programs/ scholarships-for-military-children/
	https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/ scholarships/	MELTIARY SPOURE VILLOW	http://www.militaryspouseafcpe.org/
ARMY SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION	https://armyscholarshipfoundation.org/ scholarships/	FOLDED FLAG	https://www.foldedflagfoundation.org/ Apply
ARMY WOMEN'S FOUNDATION	https://www.awfdn.org/scholarships/	FOLDS of HONOR	https://foldsofhonor.org/scholarships/ military-scholarships/
ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	https://www.aspirescholarship.org/ scholarships/		https://www.fascholarship.com/
BEAUMONT FOUNDATION of America	https://bmtfoundation.com/scholars-portal/		http://www.goldstarpeak.org/ scholarship-opportunities/
careeronestop	https://www.careeronestop.org	FYHOPE ILL AWARIORS	https://www.hopeforthewarriors.org

STEP SIX: SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT)

HORATIO ALGER ASSOCIATION	https://scholars.horatioalger.org/ scholarships/about-our-scholarship- programs/	MGU 🕸	https://www.wgu.edu/financial-aid- tuition/scholarship/military-veterans/gold -star.html
College Grants	https://www.collegegrants.org/housing- grants-for-college.html	THE PERSONAL PROPERTY.	https://specialops.org/
NATIONAL MILITARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION	https://scholarships.militaryfamily.org/ offers/nmfa-spouse-scholarship/	THE COST OF COURAGE.	the cost of courage foundation.org/gold- star-fund.html
	https://www.cwoauscg.org/ scholarships.html#/		https://www.taps.org
LOCAL ADDITIONAL TIPE TO THE CONTROL OF THE CONTROL	https://la-fra.org/scholarship.html	tuesday's children	https://www.tuesdayschildren.org
LIVING LEGAC SCHOLARSHIP	https://www.columbiasouthern.edu/tuition -financing/scholarships/living-legacy- scholarship	tutor.com	https://military.tutor.com/home
FREEMAN PR LECT	https://freemanproject.org	Veterans United Foundation	https://enhancelives.com/scholarships
MOAA	http://www.moaa.org/education/	VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.	https://vfw.org/assistance/student- veterans-support
To the	https://www.mcsf.org/		https://specialoperations.org/soa/ scholarship-fund
0	https://www.purpleheart.org/ ScholarshipProgram	WINGS	https://wingsoveramerica.us/
MILITARY SURVIVOR	https://www.militarysurvivor.com/ scholarship-listing	AIR FORCE AID SOCIETY	http://www.afas.org/merit
NGS	http://www.nogreatersacrifice.org/	Le)	https://www.navyleague.org/programs/ scholarships
	https://pattillmanfoundation.org/		http://www.nmcrs.org/
PROFESSIONAL TUTORS	http://www.professionaltutors.com/ childrensoldiers	MODIAL POLICY OF THE POLICY OF	https://hqamf.org/scholarships
PURDUE GLOBAL.	https://www.purdueglobal.edu/military/ miltary-spouses	AFA	https://www.afa.org/scholarships
Scholarship America.	https://scholarshipamerica.org/students/ resources	THE REPARENT OF	https://www.dolphinscholarship.org/ scholarships/
	https://www/1stid.org/scholarships	18 miles	fallenheroessfdn@gmail.com
SOUTH CATE ALL	https://www.somegaveallfoundation.org/ apply-now	D. 192	https://www.mcsf.org
SPECIAL OPS Survivors	https://www.specialopssurvivors.org/ education-career-advancement-grants/		https://www.ngef.org/get-involved/apply- for-the-usaa-guardian-scholarship/

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Congratulations on furthering your education and career opportunities! Your academic and personal achievements are a testament to your talent, skills, and determination. Your Survivor Outreach Services Support Coordinators wish you all the best for your future endeavors!

FINALLY: DON'T FORGET YOUR ANNUAL DD 2788

The Survivor Benefit Plan provides an ongoing monthly annuity payment to military spouses or children when a military member dies while on active duty, on inactive duty in the line of duty, or after retirement (if the retiree chooses to purchase coverage). A child's eligibility to receive SBP payments ends when the child turns 18 unless proven to be in school or incapacitated/incapable of self-support and/or handling their own affairs. If a child annuitant attends school full-time (in high school or at an accredited college or university), the SBP annuity payments can continue until they reach age 22 or otherwise become ineligible. SBP child annuitants between 18 and 22 years old must regularly certify their status as an unmarried, full-time student to continue to receive annuity payments. If a child annuitant attends school full-time and the child's birthday is between September 1 and June 30, the child's eligibility to receive SBP payments ends on July 1 following the 22nd birthday. If the child's birthday is in July or August, the annuity eligibility stops the first day of the month in which the annuitant reaches age 22.

Beginning August 2023, DFAS is reducing the requirements for SBP annuitants to **one annual** eligibility verification. Previously, some SBP annuitants needed to complete multiple forms each year. **Now, SBP annuitants will only need to complete and submit one of the annual verifications each year.**

- Student SBP Child Annuitants turning 18 = School Certification and Direct Deposit forms due the first of the month of their birthday.
- Student SBP Child Annuitants 18-22 = School Certification annually - due the end of their school year.



- SBP child annuitants between 18 and 22 years old must regularly certify their status as an unmarried, full-time student to continue to receive annuity payments.
- For SBP child annuitant college students between 18 and 22 years old once each year, approximately 60 to 90 days prior to the end of your school year, we will mail a DD 2788 School Certification form and Child Annuitant's Certification for Previous Attendance Letter. These verifications are due the first day of the month their school year ends.
- For both high school and college student turning 18 and over 18, we will now also use the annual DD 2788 School Certification Form as the annual COE/SBP-MSU instead of sending a separate verification to submit each year. The annual School Certification/Previous Attendance will serve as their sole annual verification.
- Child SBP annuitants 18-22 who receive a paycheck in the mail to a foreign address are no longer required to submit the additional annual ROE/FAUMC verification. The annual School Certification/Previous Attendance will serve as their sole annual verification.
- The completed, signed School Certification and Previous Attendance letter can be mailed, faxed, or uploaded to the askDFAS online upload tool specifically for the School Certification titled "School Certification."
- DD 2788 Forms can be found here: https://www.dfas.mil/RetiredMilitary/forms/



SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES

Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) was created to embrace and reassure Survivors that they are continually linked to the Army Family through a unified support program that enables them to remain an important part of the Army for as long as they desire.

Your Oklahoma SOS team continually strives to provide the highest quality of services to surviving Family members of Fallen Warriors. As such, we want to provide you with information on the Support Coordinator in your area. We stand ready to serve you and answer your questions.

Services Available:

Provide Expertise on State & Federal Survivor Benefits Arrange for estate and financial advice Connect Survivors with mental health/support counseling Connect Survivors with other Survivors Provide long-term case management support & resource referrals for:

- Peer Support & Bereavement Counseling
- Emergency Financial Services
- Military Legal Assistance & TRICARE
- Educational Benefits & Benefits Assistance

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Let's Stay Connected

We want to ensure you stay connected to the military family for as long as you

desire. In order to do that, we must have your up to date contact information! If your phone number, addresses or **EMAIL ADDRESS** has been changed, please contact us to provide it to us.

If you have an **EMAIL ADDRESS**, please send your coordinator an email today so we can make sure you know all about the great happenings and benefit updates for Survivors!