

# Children's Bursary

Children's Bursary may be able to support you while you study.

## Who can get this

You may be able to get this if your parent has either:

- Qualifying Service before 1 April 1974, or
- Qualifying Operational Service in Viet Nam.

Qualifying Service explained (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/eligibility/qualifying-service/>)

One of these must also apply:

- You get a Children's Pension.
- Your parent receives Weekly Income Compensation.
- Your parent receives a Veteran's Pension.

## What you can get

Children's Bursary is for study:

- with a tertiary education organisation
- at a secondary school.

## Payments

Payment is made once a year, in each year of study covered.

Payment rate depends on your circumstances, and on the type of study:

- secondary or tertiary
- part or full-time for tertiary study.

Course providers can confirm if a course is part or full-time.

If you change from part to full-time in the same year, we may pay the difference between the rates.

Children's Bursary payment rates (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/for-clients/payments/payment-rates/childrens-bursary-payment-rates/>)

## Ongoing study

You can stay on Children's Bursary up to whichever comes first:

- end of the year you finish study, or
- end of the year you turn 23.


For ongoing payment, we'll need a completed disclosure form each year. This is to confirm you're still on an approved course of study. We'll send the form to you.

If you're over 18 and studying full-time you'll receive Children's Bursary until 31 December. This can continue into the next

study year if you intend to study full-time. You'll need to provide us with Conditional Acceptance letters from the tertiary institute you'll be studying at for payment to continue.

## How to apply

1. Fill out the Children's Bursary application form.
2. Send the application form and any supporting information to us.

 Download the Children's Bursary application form [PDF, 791 KB]  
(<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Forms/Childrens-Bursary-application-form.pdf>)

If you're under 16 your guardian can fill out the application form for you.

## What happens next

After you apply we'll:

1. contact you to confirm we've received your application
2. start the decision-making process
3. inform you in writing once a decision has been made.

How we make decisions (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/for-clients/how-we-make-decisions/>)

## Find out more

Contact us for more information (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/contact-us/>)

We strive to be transparent. If you want to know how this entitlement is administered you can read the full policy.

 Children's Bursary policy [PDF, 736 KB] (<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/Policy/Childrens-Bursary-policy.pdf>)