

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION  
**APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS BENEFITS**  
(PAYABLE UNDER TITLE II OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT)

(DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE)  
VA DATE STAMP

IMPORTANT-- Read instructions before completing form. Detach and retain ONLY the instruction sheet

1. FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME - LAST NAME OF VETERAN (Type or print) \_\_\_\_\_ 2. DATE OF DEATH \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: If the veteran's Social Security No. is unknown, complete Items 4, 5, 6 and 7 about veteran.  
3. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. OF VETERAN \_\_\_\_\_ 4. DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ 5. PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

6. NAME OF FATHER \_\_\_\_\_ 7. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER \_\_\_\_\_ 8. DID THE VETERAN WORK IN THE RAILROAD INDUSTRY AT ANY TIME AFTER 1936?  
 YES  NO

NOTE: The following information should be furnished for each period of the veteran's active service (regular or reserves) after September 7, 1939, in the military service of the United States or service as a commissioned officer in the Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or during WWII, Philippine or Filipino or Allied country military service. If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet.

9A. DATE ENTERED ACTIVE SERVICE	9B. SERVICE NO.	9C. DATE SEPARATED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE	9D. GRADE, RANK, OR RATING, ORGANIZATION AND BRANCH OF SERVICE

10. RELATIONSHIP OF APPLICANT TO VETERAN  
 SURVIVING SPOUSE OR SURVIVING DIVORCED SPOUSE  CHILD  
 PARENT

11. DATE OF BIRTH OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ 12. VA FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CHILDREN: Show names of surviving children (including adopted children and stepchildren) or dependent grandchildren (including stepgrandchildren) who at any time since the veteran died, were unmarried and (a) under age 18; (b) age 18 to 19 and attending secondary school; (c) disabled or handicapped (18 or over and disability began before age 22).

13A. \_\_\_\_\_ 13B. \_\_\_\_\_  
13C. \_\_\_\_\_ 13D. \_\_\_\_\_

I know that anyone who makes or causes to be made a false statement or representation of a material fact in an application or for use in determining a right to payment under the Social Security Act commits a crime punishable under Federal law by fine, imprisonment, or both. I affirm that all information I have given in this document is true.

14. DATE (Month, day, year) \_\_\_\_\_ 15. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (First name, middle initial, last name) (Sign in ink)  
SIGN HERE

16. MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (No. and street or rural route, city or P.O., State and ZIP) \_\_\_\_\_ 17. TELEPHONE NO. (Include Area Code) \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESSES REQUIRED ONLY IF SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT IS MADE BY "X" MARK ABOVE**

18A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_ 18B. ADDRESS OF WITNESS (No. and street, city, State and ZIP Code) \_\_\_\_\_  
19A. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS \_\_\_\_\_ 19B. ADDRESS OF WITNESS (No. and street, city, State and ZIP Code) \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS BELOW TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Use reverse for "Remarks"**

<p>20. PROOFS RECEIVED</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGE _____ (NAME)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) _____ (NAME)</p> <p>_____ (NAME)</p>	<p>21. PROOFS REQUESTED FROM CLAIMANT OR OTHER (Specify)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AGE _____ (NAME)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Specify) _____ (NAME)</p> <p>_____ (NAME)</p>
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22. DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 23. NAME AND ADDRESS OF TRANSMITTING VA OFFICE \_\_\_\_\_

Please see revised Paperwork Reduction Act and Privacy Act Statements below.

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**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THE SSA-24.  
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM SSA-24, APPLICATION FOR SURVIVORS BENEFITS  
(Payable Under Title II of the Social Security Act)**

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This application form, SSA-24, is an Application for Survivors Benefits Payable under Title II of the Social Security Act, as amended. Under authority of section 202(o) of the Social Security Act, the application requests information in order to determine eligibility to social security benefits.

You do not have to complete this application; there are no penalties under the law if you do not complete part or all of the SSA-24. However, it is usually to your advantage to provide the information because not providing it could prevent an accurate and timely decision on your claim or could result in the loss of some benefits or insurance coverage.

If you do wish to supply the information requested on the SSA-24, this information will be forwarded to the Social Security Administration and used by them to determine whether social security benefits may be payable to surviving dependent(s) of the veteran. Social Security will then contact you regarding any social security benefits payable based on information given on this form.

Please understand that Social Security may, in certain instances, disclose the information on this form to another Federal, State or local agency or individual without your written consent. This would be done in order to:

- enable a third party or an agency to assist Social Security in establishing an individual's right to benefits or coverage;
- comply with Federal laws which require or authorize the release of information from social security records; and
- facilitate statistical research and audit activities necessary to assure the integrity and improvement of the social security programs.

If you should have any question about entitlement to social security benefits or the information you have provided on this form, please contact your local social security office.

Complete each item of the attached application, Form SSA-24, (except Items 20 through 23). When signed and dated the form SHOULD BE LEFT ATTACHED to your completed

- VA FORM 21-534, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, Death Pension and Accrued Benefits by a Surviving Spouse or Child (Including Death Compensation if Applicable) or
- VA FORM 21-535, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s) (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation When Applicable).

~~PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT: This information collection meets the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. §3507, as amended by section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. You are not required to answer these questions unless we display a valid Office of Management and Budget control number. We estimate that it will take you about 15 minutes to read the instructions, gather the necessary facts, and answer the questions.~~

***SSA will insert the following revised PRA Statement into the form at its next scheduled reprinting:***

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## **Privacy Act Statement**

### **Collection and Use of Personal Information**

Section 202(o) of the Social Security Act, as amended, authorizes us to collect this information. We will use the information you provide to determine whether social security benefits may be payable to survivors of a veteran.

The information you furnish on this form is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information could prevent an accurate and timely decision on your claim or could result in the loss of some benefits or insurance coverage.

We generally use the information you supply to determine whether social security benefits may be payable to survivors of a veteran. However, we may use it for the administration and integrity of Social Security programs. We may also disclose information to another person or to another agency in accordance with approved routine uses, which include but are not limited to the following:

1. To enable a third party or an agency to assist Social Security in establishing rights to Social Security benefits and/or coverage;
2. To comply with Federal laws requiring the release of information from Social Security records (e.g., to the Government Accountability Office and Department of Veterans' Affairs);
3. To make determinations for eligibility in similar health and income maintenance programs at the Federal, State, and local level; and
4. To facilitate statistical research, audit or investigative activities necessary to assure the integrity of Social Security programs.

We may also use the information you provide in computer matching programs. Matching programs compare our records with records kept by other Federal, State, or local government agencies. Information from these matching programs can be used to establish or verify a person's eligibility for Federally funded or administered benefit programs and for repayment of payments or delinquent debts under these programs.

Additional information about this form, and any other information regarding our systems and programs, is available on-line at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or at your local Social Security office.