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Instructions on Internet

Application for Lump-Sum Death Payment and Annuities Unpaid at Death

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Section 1

General Instructions

Before you complete this application, be sure to read the booklet RB-21, Lump-Sum Death Payment, Residual Lump-Sum, and Annuities Unpaid at Death, which explains information you will need to answer many of the questions in this application.

Please be sure to read the important notices on the inside covers of the RB-21 booklet. Type or print legibly in ink. If you need more space than is provided to answer a question, use Section 8, Remarks, for this purpose. If you do not know the answer to a question, print "Unknown" in the space provided for the answers. When entering dates, always use numbers. Also, be sure there is one number in **each** box. For example, you would enter September 25, 2022 as:

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Some items in this application will not apply to you so you will not need to answer them. Based on your answer to a question, you may be told to skip to another item number, or even another section. Follow the instructions that tell you to "Go to" another item. These are designed to save you time and help you move through the application form quickly, filling in only necessary information. If no "Go to" instructions are given, answer the next item in order. Do not skip any items unless directed to do so.

If you are completing this application on behalf of someone else, you must answer each question as it applies to the applicant.

Section 2 Identifying Information

Check the information entered by the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) in Items 1 through 6 for accuracy.

- ▶ If the information is correct, **go to Item 7.**
- ▶ If the information is not correct, cross out the incorrect information and enter the correct information above it.
- ▶ If the information is missing, fill it in.

Employee Identification	1	Employee's Name							
	2	Employee's Social Security Number	3	Empl	oyee	e's Railroad Retireme	ent Clai	m Number (Include	Prefix)
Applicant Identification	4	Applicant's Name NOTE: If representative of funeral hon	ne, e	enter fu	inera	l home's name, repres	sentative	e's name and represer	ntative's title.
	5	a Mailing Address NOTE: If representative of funer	ral h	nome,	ente	r funeral home addre	ess.		
	5	b City and State			5c	ZIP Code		5d County	
	6	Daytime Telephone Number (include area code)			7	Applicant's social sec NOTE: Do not comp	•	mber. If none, enter " ou are the funeral hon	

Sect	ion	3 Information About The Employee										
If a railro	oad i	retirement survivor benefit was previously received by someone	e, go to Sec	tion	5 ; oth	nerv	vise ç	jo to	Item 8			
						Mon	th	Day		Yea	ır	=
Birth Date	8	Enter the employee's date of birth.										
Residence	9	Enter the state (or country if other than United States) which was the employee's permanent home at the time of death.			'	•		1		1	•	
Military		Please read the chapter "Credit for Military Service" in the RB-21 bool	klet to find ou	t how	active	e mi	itary	servic	e is dete	ermine	d.	
Service	10	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:			Yes	•	Go	to No	te and	Item	11	
		The employee was in active military service after September 7, 1939.			No	•	Go	to Ite	m 13			
		Note: If answered "Yes," and proof of the employee's a our file, you may be requested to provide it. We will not					dy in					
	11	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:			Yes	•	Go	to Ite	m 12			
		The employee had voluntary military service during the period June 15, 1948, through December 15, 1950.	•		No	•	Go	to Ite	m 13			
	12	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:			Yes							
		The employee had nonrailroad earnings after leaving the military service and before returning to the railroad.	•		No							
Disability		If the employee died at 62 or older, go to Item 14.										
	13	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:			Yes							
		The employee was unable to work at the time of death because of an illness or accident which occurred at least five months before death.	•		No							
Recent Employment	14	Regardless of whether the employee was retired at death, enter the employer for whom the employee performed any part-time or full-tand address of the most recent employer in 14a , the second in 14 ended. If you need additional space, continue in Section 8.	ime work du	ring t	he las	t th	ree y	ears.	Enter	the na		
		Name and Address of Employer										
		a Name				Be	gan			Ended		
		Address		N	1onth		Year		Month	Υ	'ear	
		City, State, and ZIP Code										
		b Name				Be	gan			Ended		
		Address		N	1onth		Year		Month	Υ	⁄ear	
		City, State, and ZIP Code										
		c Name				Be	gan			Ended		
		Address		N	1onth		Year		Month	Υ	′ear	
		City, State, and ZIP Code										
Self-	15	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:		П	Yes	•	Go	to Ite	m 16			
Employment		The employee was self-employed during any of the last three calendar years.	•		No	•			m 18			
	16	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:			Yes	•	Go	to Ite	m 17			
		The employee's net earnings from self-employment were more than \$400 in any of the last three calendar years.	•		No	•	Go	to Ite	m 18			

Self-	17	Enter an "X" in th					J	☐ Thi	s Year		
Employment (Continued)		year or years in v from self-employ				nings	> [☐ Las	t Year		
		nom sen-employ	ment w		ie tilali \$400.		[☐ Yea	ır befor	re last	
Railroad Employment	18	Enter an "X" in th					[☐ Yes	•	Go to Note	and Item 19
шпроуттель		The employee what at least 25 years	as alive	on Oct	tober 1, 1981,	AND	•	■ No		Go to Item 2	
		nad at least 25 y	ears or	raiiroad	service.						
		RB	-21 boo	klet to fi	ind out what sp		e Employee Must Ha may apply if the emp oad service.			e on	
	19	Enter an "X" in th				':					
				-		oad employer					
		on or afte	_			odd omployor	.	☐ Yes	•	Go to Item 2	20
		was on fu	rlouah.	leave c	of absence sta	tus. or absent		□ No	•	Go to Item 2	21
		because of	of injury	on Oct		and was never					
	20	Enter an "X" in the The employee de to return to a job last railroad job.	eclined	an offer	r from a railroa		> [☐ Yes		Go to Item 2	
			te: You	may be	e requested to s	submit proof to ve	erify the statements i	in Items	19 and	120.	
Employee's Marriages	21	Enter an "X" in th					> [Yes		Go to Item 2	
	22						arriages. Enter the r				
		Name of				City and State		Ar		Marriage End than Employ	ded for Reason ree's Death
	(Employee's /ife or Husband If wife, include maiden name)		Date M	<i>l</i> larried	Married (Country, if other than U.S.)	How Marriage Ended (Check one)			Marriage nded	City and State Marriage Ended (Country, if other than U.S.)
	а		Month	Day	Year		☐ Employee's Death	Month	Day	Year	
						-	☐ Spouse's Death☐ Divorce		,		
							☐ Annulment				
	b		Month	Day	Year	_	☐ Employee's Death☐ Spouse's Death	Month	Day	Year	
							☐ Divorce ☐ Annulment				
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	C		Month	Day	Year	-	☐ Employee's Death☐ Spouse's Death	Month	Day	Year	
							☐ Divorce				
							☐ Annulment				
	23	Enter an "X" in th At least one of th				ed	•	☐ Yes			and Item 24
		for ten years and					. [□ No	•	Go to Section	on 4
						e marriage fits t 28 for each mar	his description, use	Section	n		

Employee's Marriages (Continued)	24	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: The divorced spouse was alive in the month the employee died	d.		<u> </u>	Yes No	>		to Item				
							Mon	th	Day		Υe	ar	
	25	Divorced spouse's date of birth.	•				1		1			ı	1
					_			_					
	26	a Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:	•		_	Yes			to Item				
		The divorced spouse has remarried.				No	<u> </u>	Go	to Item	28			
		b Divorced spouse's date of birth.				<u> </u>	Mont	:h	Day		Ye	ar	
		b Divorced speake a date of birth.											
	27	a Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:				Yes	•	Go	to Item	27b			
	21	The marriage has ended.				No	•	Go	to Item	28			
					_		Mont		Day		Ye	ar	
		b Date the marriage ended.	•				1			١.,		1	
	28	a Divorced spouse's name.											
		b Divorced spouse's social security number.	•							1			
		c Mailing Address											
		d City and State 28	Be ZIP Code	e				281	f Count	V			
		a only and oracle	70 211 000	•					o o o o i i	y			
		g Daytime Telephone Number (include area code)	•	()							
Sect	ion	4 Information About The Widow(er)											
Widow(er)	29	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:				Yes	_	Go	to Item	30			
()	25	The employee was survived by a widow(er).	•		_	No			to Sec				
Widow(er)'s		, , , , , ,			_		Mon		Day			ear	
Birthdate	30	Widow(er)'s date of birth.	•				1	-	1	Ι.		1	1
													<u> </u>
Widow(er)'s Disability	31	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:	•			Yes	•	Go	to Item	32			
,		The widow(er) was age 50-59 in the month the employee died.				No	•	Go	to Item	33			
	32	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:				Yes							
		In the month the employee died, the widow(er) was unable to work due to an accident or illness.	•			No							
		work due to an accident of limess.			_								
	33	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:				Yes	•	Go	to Item	34			
		The widow(er) is still alive.				No	•	Go	to Sec	tion 5	,		
Support	34	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box:				Voc		Ga	to Item	20			
		The employee and the widow(er) were living together	•			Yes	•						
		when the employee died.				No	•	Go	to Item	1 35			
	35	Enter the date the widow(er) and the employee					Mon	th	Day		Ye	ear	
		stopped living together.	•						1				
	36	Enter the reason(s) the widow(er) and the employee stopped li	iving togeth	er.									-
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Support (Continued)	37	The wide follo	w(er)'s wing as	ee v sup con	vas n port v itribu	nakin when tions	g reg the to s	e box: gular contribution: employee died. (upport: money, fo e housing.)	Consider		•) Ye			Go t		
	38	The wide	w(er)'s	ee v sup	vas u port.	nder (No 1	a co : e: /	te box: ourt order to contr Answer "Yes" if the yee was not obey	ere was a		•							
Name at Birth	39		er an "X the em								•					Go t		m 40 ction 5
	40	Ente	er your r	name	e at b	irth.					•							
Widow(er)'s Marriages	41	I am	er an "X now, o r than t	r wa	s pre	vious		e box: narried to someor	ne		•				>	Go t		m 42 ction 5
	42	Ente birth	of the	spou spou	se's ise a	name	e at l e na	on for each of you birth and social se ame at birth of both the in 42a , the seco	curity nui	mber (SSN). of the spous	If the se in S	SSN ection	is unl 8.				de th	e date and place of
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		c Spouse's Name							Social	Secu	ırity	Nur	mber					
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Sect	tion	5 Info	ormation About The En	nplo	yee's Family									
Child's Annuity		Enter an "X" There is a "d	in the appropriate box: child," as defined in Section 11, ble for an annuity.	, who		•		Yes No	>		to Item			
			Note: An eligible "child" inc adopted, step, or (in certain month the employee died, w • Under age 18, or • Age 18-19 AND attend • ANY AGE as long as to child obtained age 22. For a complete explanation annuity, see Section 11.	instai ras: ding h the "c	nces) grandchild of th nigh school full time, c thild" was totally and p	ne decease or permanent	ed en	nploye sabled	e wh	no, in =ORE	the the the			
	44	Provide the	information requested below for	or the	child(ren) referred to	o in Item 4	3.							
		Cl	hild's Full Name	L	egal Relationship (Check One)		Ac	ddress	and	l Tele	phone l	Numb	er	
		a			Stepchild Legally Adopted Equitably Adopted	Address	ne Nu	umber	(incl	lude a	area co	de)		
				0	Grandchild	()							
		Cl	hild's Full Name	L	egal Relationship (Check One)		Ac	ddress	and	l Tele	phone l	Numb	er	
		b			Stepchild Legally Adopted Equitably Adopted Deemed Grandchild	Address Telephor	ne Nu	umber	(incl	lude a	area co	de)		
		Cl	hild's Full Name	L	egal Relationship (Check One)		Ac	ddress	and	l Tele	phone I	Numb	er	
		С			Natural Stepchild Legally Adopted Equitably Adopted Deemed Grandchild Stepgrandchild	Address Telephor	ne Nu	ımber	(incl	lude a	area co	de)		
	45		in the appropriate box: ed employee was female.	l		>		Yes No	>		to Item			
	46		in the appropriate box: inployee is expected to be born			•		Yes No	>		to Item			
	47	Enter month	n and year child is expected.								Month		Yea	r
Parent's Annuity		The employe	in the appropriate box: ee was survived by a parent.			>	<u> </u>	Yes No	>		to Item to Item			
	49		in the appropriate box: was dependent on the employe	e for	one-half support.	•		Yes No	>		to Item to Item			

Parent's Annuity (Continued)	50	Enter the requested information f	or each dep	ende	nt parent of the emp	oloyee.								
		a Name of Parent					D-	.tf			Month		Year	
							Bir	ite of th	•					
		Address and Telephone Number	(include are	a cod	de)		•						'	
		b Name of Parent					Da	ate of			Month		Yea	r
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		Address and Telephone Number	de)											
Information About Applicant	51	Enter an "X" in the appropriate be I am the employee's widow(er) at the employee when the employee	nd I was livir	ng wit	th	•		Yes No	>		to Secti			
	52	inter an "X" in the appropriate box: am completing this application as a representative f a funeral home. Inter an "X" in the appropriate box:							>		to Secti			
	53	Enter an "X" in the appropriate bo I am the employee's natural child, equitably adopted child, deemed						>		to Item to Secti				
Children	54	orother, sister, half-brother or half-sister. Enter the requested information for any surviving child(ren) of the employee (except								(rer	n)) not list	ted in	Item 4	44.
		Name of Child Legal Relationship						ınd Tel	epho	ne l	Number (i	nclud	e area	code)
		а			Natural Legally Adopted Equitably Adopted Deemed									
		b			Natural Legally Adopted Equitably Adopted Deemed									
		С			Natural Legally Adopted Equitably Adopted Deemed									
		No	ote: If any c	hild i	s listed above, go t o	o Section	ո 6.							
Grand- Children	stepgrandchild) no matter how old they are, what their marital status is, and regardless of whether the employee was supporting them.									a				
		Name of Grandchild (If none, enter "NONE")	Address	and T	elephone Number (ir	nclude are	ea co	de)			Name of F	e at B Parent		
		a							Fath	ner				
									Mot	her				
b Father														
Mother														

Grand- Children		Name of Grandchild (If none, enter "NONE")	Address and Telephone Nun	nber (include area code)	Name at E of Paren	
(Continued)	55	С			Father	
					Mother	
		d			Father	
					Mother	
		Not	te: If any child is in Item 55, go	o to Section 6.		
Brothers and Sisters	56	Enter the employee's surviving be stepsisters. If you need addition			include stepbrothers or	Γ
		Name (If none, ente	r "NONE")	Address and Teleph	one Number (include a	rea code)
		а				
		b				
		С				
		d				
		u				
Sect	ion	6 Information About	Burial Expenses			
See Se	ctior	11 for additional instructions bef	ore answering questions in Se	ction 6.		
Funeral Home	57	Enter the total amount of funeral	home expenses.	> \$		
Expenses	58	Enter the amount of funeral home your own money. (If none, check box.)	e expenses paid with	▶ \$		None
	59	Enter the amount of funeral home employee's money. (If none, check box.)	e expenses paid with the	> \$		None
	60	Enter the amount of funeral home other person's money. (If none, check box.)	e expenses paid with any	> \$		None
	61	Enter the amount of funeral home not paid.	e expenses which are still	▶ \$		None
Α		(If none, check box.)			If "None," go to Item 6	
Assumption of Responsibility	son	RRB considers that a person has ne portion of the total funeral home to the expenses will be paid.				
		Enter an "X" in the appropriate bo		☐ Yes	► Go to Item 65	
		I have assumed responsibility for expenses which are not paid.	the Tuneral home	□ No	► Go to Item 63	
	63	Enter an "X" in the appropriate be		☐ Yes	► Go to Item 64	
		Some other person or organization for the funeral home expenses w		□ No	► Go to Item 66	

Assumption of	64	Enter the full name of the person or organization who assumed	responsibility t	hen go to Item	66.	
Responsibility (Continued)		Name				
		Address		Telephone Nu	ımber (include ar	ea code)
Authorization to Funeral Home	65	If any of the funeral home expenses are unpaid, the lump-sum of payment equal to the amount of the unpaid funeral home expen However, before this payment can be made, you must authorize	ses) can only l	be paid to the fu	ineral home.	1
		I request the RRB to pay the lump-sum death payment to: Name of funeral home				
		Address of Funeral Home		Telephone Nu	ımber (include ar	ea code)
		Note: If there are unpaid funeral home expens funeral home, show the name, address, and tele funeral home(s) in Section 8.				
Opening and Closing of Grave	66	Enter the total amount of the cost of opening and closing the grave not included in Item 57. (If none, check box.)	>	\$		None
•		When answering Items 67-77, consider any money you received as your own if you were named as the beneficiary for the policy account as your own if you were one of the joint owners of the account.	or benefit. Als	urance policy or		efit
•	67	Enter the amount of the grave opening and closing costs paid with your own money. (If none, check box.)	>	\$		None
•	68	Enter the amount of the grave opening and closing costs paid with the employee's money. (If none, check box.)	•	\$		None
	69	Enter the amount of the grave opening and closing costs paid with any other person's money. (If none, check box.)	•	\$		None
Burial Plot	70	Enter the total amount of the cost of the burial plot not included in Item 57. (If none, check box.)	•	\$		None
				If "No	ne," go to Item 7	4
	71	Enter the amount of the burial plot paid with your own money. (If none, check box.)	•	\$	٥	None
	72	Enter the amount of the burial plot paid with the employee's money. (If none, check box.)	•	\$	٥	None
	73	Enter the amount of the burial plot paid with any other person's money. (If none, check box.)	•	\$	0	None

Other Burial Expenses	74	Enter the amount of other burial expenses included in Item 57. (If none, check box.)	not	•	• \$			0	None
		(,					If "N	one," go to Item 7	78
	75	Enter the amount of other burial expenses with your own money. (If none, check box.)	paid	•	\$				None
	76	Enter the amount of other burial expenses part with the employee's money. (If none, check box.)	paid	•	\$				None
	77	Enter the amount of other burial expenses paths any other person's money. (If none, check box.)	oaid	•	\$			٥	None
Other Federal Allowances	78	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: An application for a burial allowance has be be, filed with the Department of Veterans At Federal Agency.		•		Yes No	>	Go to Item 79 Go to Item 80	
	79	Enter the requested information about who	the application for a	a burial allo	wance h	as bee	en, or	will be, filed with.	
		Agency	Name of Perso	on Filing with	Agency			Amount	
		q Department of Veterans Affairs				\$;		
		q Other Federal Agency (Specify)				\$			
Reimburse- ment		If you did not pay any of the burial expense When answering Items 80 and 81, DO NOT death benefit if you received the money beconsider any money from any bank accoun any money, goods, or property that you inho state law.	Γ consider any mon cause you were nar t if you were one of	med benefice fithe joint over	ciary for t vners of	the pol	icy o	r benefit. DO NOT t. Also, DO NOT	consider
	80	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: I have received, or I will receive, money or I (real estate or other goods) to pay me back burial expenses I paid.	property for the	•		Yes No		Go to Item 81 Go to Item 82	
	81	Enter the requested information for each so	ource of payment to	you.					
		Source of Money or Property	,	Date Red	ceived or	Expect	ted	Amount o	of Value
								\$	
								\$	
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Estate	82	Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: A court appointed administrator or executor appointed. (Answer "No" if someone has b in the employee's will only.)		>		Yes No	>	Go to Item 83 Go to Item 84	

Estate (Continued)	83 Enter the requested information about the administrator or executor.									
	a Name (If applicant, enter "SELF" and go to Item 84) b Address ▶									
										c Telephone Number (include area code)
	Other Payers of	84 Answer only if any other person or organization paid any of the burial expenses.								
Burial Expenses	Enter the requested information for each source who paid expenses.									
	Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Person or Organization	Type of Burial Expenses (Check One) Amount								
	а	☐ Funeral Home ☐ Grave Opening/Closing ☐ Burial Plot ☐ Other								
	b	□ Funeral Home □ Grave Opening/Closing □ Burial Plot □ Other								
	С	□ Funeral Home □ Grave Opening/Closing □ Burial Plot □ Other								
	d	☐ Funeral Home ☐ Grave Opening/Closing ☐ Burial Plot ☐ Other								
Sect	ion 7 Direct Deposit									
Do no Direct Deposit	Det complete this section if your account is at a foreign bank. Benefits are normally paid by Direct Deposit to your bank, savings and loan, credit union, or other financial institution. To provide the information we need to correctly deposit your payments, attach a voided personal check and go to Section 8, or call your financial institution for the information you need to complete Items 85-89. If you do not have a bank account, or receiving your payments by Direct Deposit causes you a hardship, go to Item 90.									
	85 Print the name of your financial institution.									
	86 Print the telephone number (including area code) for your financial institution.	()								
	87 Print the routing transit number of your financial institution.									
	88 Print your account number.									
	89 Enter an "X" in the appropriate box: Type of account for the above account number.	☐ Checking ☐ Savings Go to Section 8								
	90 Check this box if you do not have a checking or savings account, or if Direct Deposit would cause you a hardship.	► □								

Section 8		8	Remarks				
Remarks	91	section is to be used for the continuation of answers to other items. Be sure to include the item number at the nning of the answer you wish to continue. You may also use this section to enter any additional information you feel may be important to include.					
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Section 9 Certification

Certification

92 I know that if I make a false or fraudulent statement in order to receive benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), I am committing a crime which is punishable under Federal law.

If I receive the lump-sum death payment because I paid the employee's burial expenses, I also agree not to request or accept reimbursement from another party for that part of the burial expenses for which I am reimbursed by the lump-sum death payment.

I have received the appropriate application booklet.

	I certify that the information I gave to the RRB on this application is true to the best of my knowledge.							
	Signature (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name)							
	Date	Month	Day	Year				
93	If this application is signed by mark ("X") in Item 92, two giving their full addresses and daytime telephone number $\frac{1}{2}$		es who k	know the person s	signing must si	gn below,		
	a Signature of Witness							
	Address (Number and Street)							
	City, State, and ZIP Code							
	Daytime Telephone Number (include area code)	()				
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	City, State, and ZIP Code							
	Daytime Telephone Number (include area code)	()				

Section 10 How to Return Your Application

Before you return your application, check to make sure that:

- Every question that applies to you has been answered.
- · You have entered "Unknown" in any question space for which you were unable to answer the question.
- · You have signed and dated the application.
- You have included all the needed proofs listed in the letter you received with this application.

When you receive your application, you should have also received a pre-addressed return envelope. If you do not receive an envelope, you can use any envelope as long as it is addressed to the RRB as follows: Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611-1275. No matter which envelope you use, you must put the correct postage on the envelope. Be careful to provide enough postage, because your application and the accompanying forms may weigh more than a standard letter. The U.S. Postal Service will not deliver your application unless it has the correct postage. Make one final check before you seal the envelope to ensure that the following are enclosed:

- · Needed proofs
- · The application itself
- · Additional forms you were asked to complete

Note: A receipt for your application will be sent to you after the RRB receives your completed and signed application. When you receive the receipt, you will know that the RRB has received your application and has started the work needed to determine if you are entitled to benefits. If you do not receive your receipt within a month after you filed this application, please contact us so we can find out what is causing the delay.

Section 11

Additional Instructions

This section contains more detailed instructions or explanations for a few of the items on the application form. Whenever the instructions on the Form AA-21 refer you to Section 11, you should read this section for the particular question or section *before* you complete that part of the application. This section can be detached from the Form AA-21 packet before the application is returned to the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB).

Item 43

The RRB may be able to pay an annuity to a child of a deceased employee if the child meets certain requirements. When we use the word "child," we are including all of the following categories of children:

- · Natural child
- Stepchild
- · Legally adopted child
- Equitably adopted child (that is, the employee intended to adopt the child but a legal adoption was not complete before the employee died)
- · Deemed child (that is, a child who is born during an invalid marriage)
- Grandchild
- · Stepgrandchild

In order to be considered for an annuity, the child must be unmarried. In addition, the child must be:

- under age 18; or
- age 18 or older and became disabled before age 22 and the disability is not expected to ever go away; or
- · age 18-19 and is attending high school full time.

If the child is the employee's stepchild, the employee must have been providing at least one-half support. If the child is the employee's grandchild or stepgrandchild, the employee must have been providing at least one-half of the child's support and either the child's own parents were dead or disabled or the child was legally adopted by the employee's widow or widower.

Even if there are no children who meet these requirements right now, a child's annuity may be able to be paid if any child met all the requirements in the month the employee died or later or, if the employee died more than six months ago, if any child met these requirements anytime in the last six months.

If there is any child who meets these requirements, put an "X" in the "YES" box. In addition, you, some other adult acting for the child, or the child should contact the RRB as soon as possible and request information about childrens' annuities.

Section 6 (Items 57-84)

Section 6: Information About Burial Expenses requires various information about the types of burial expenses which have resulted from the employee's death and about the people who paid these expenses and the money which was used to pay the expenses. Please refer to the following definitions when completing Items 57-84.

Burial Expenses

Burial expenses include any expenses which arose in connection with the burial or cremation of the employee's body. These include the burial plot, casket, clothing, cremation, death certificates, embalming, flowers, hearse and car for funeral procession, minister, monument, newspaper notice, niche, opening and closing of grave, permits, perpetual care of grave, preparation of body for burial, religious services, telegrams, telephone calls, transportation of the body, traveling expenses of the person escorting the corpse or completing burial arrangements, and so on.

Funeral Expenses

Funeral expenses include any of the above burial expenses if the expense is incurred by or through the funeral home. In other words, any burial expense which is included in the funeral home's charges is considered a funeral expense.

Burial Plot Cost

The cost of the burial plot is the value of the plot at the time the employee is buried, even if the plot was purchased before the employee's death. If the plot in which the employee is buried is part of a multiple plot, only the portion of the value of the plot which corresponds to the portion of the plot in which the employee is buried is considered the burial plot cost.

· Other Burial Expenses

Any burial expense which is not included in the funeral home's charges, is not the cost of opening and closing of the grave and is not the burial plot cost can be included in the total other burial expenses.

Your Own Money

You should consider that you paid expenses with your own money if the money used to pay the expenses was:

- · Your own personal funds.
- · Money from a joint bank account owned by you and the employee.
- Money from an insurance policy if you were the beneficiary of the policy.
- · A death benefit from a fraternal association, union, or employer if you were named beneficiary of the benefits.
- · Money paid by an institution, organization, or association of which you are applying as the representative.

· The Employee's Money

No matter who makes the actual payment, consider that burial expenses were paid with the employee's money if the money used to make the payment was:

- · cash which the employee had at death;
- · money which was in a bank account which was owned by the employee;
- · money obtained by selling any of the employee's property;
- · unpaid wages which an employer was holding;
- money from a trust fund or money from an insurance policy which the employee owned, if there was no beneficiary or if all the beneficiaries died before the employee; or
- any payment made to a funeral home by the employee prior to the employee's death as part of a pre-need burial plan.

· Other Person's Money

Any portion of the burial expenses which has been paid using funds other than those considered to be your own money or the employee's money should be shown as expenses paid with any other person's money. The term "person" can be applied to an individual, partnership, organization, fraternal association or government unit.

Reimbursement

The lump-sum death payment may be paid as a reimbursement to the person(s) who paid the employee's burial expenses. An individual who receives the lump-sum death payment on this basis agrees not to request or accept reimbursement from another party for that part of the burial expenses reimbursed by the lump-sum death payment.

You must submit proof of payment of the burial expenses. Part V of the booklet **RB-21**, **Lump-Sum Death Payment**, **Residual Lump-Sum**, **and Annuities Unpaid at Death**, explains what proof is acceptable. If there are certain expenses such as flowers, telegrams, phone calls or payments for a religious ceremony for which you did not receive a receipt, use Section 8 to list the expenses and the amount of each expense.

Note: If you are applying on behalf of a medical school, dental school, or anatomical board, use Section 8 to show the date of final disposition of the employee's body (that is, the date when the body was buried or when the ashes from the cremation were scattered or otherwise put to rest). If there has been no final disposition of the body, indicate that in Section 8.