

## Hazlewood Exemption Checklist

### Eligible Children and Spouses of Texas Members of the U.S. Armed Forces Who have Never Used the Exemption

#### Eligibility requirements:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent child or spouse is a resident of Texas at the time he/she uses the exemption.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran parent or spouse died or is rated totally disabled for purposes of employability as a result of illness/injury related to service.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **If a child**, proof that he or she was a dependent on or after the date the veteran parent or spouse died or sustained the disabling injury or was declared by VA as unemployable because of the injury.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **If a spouse**, proof that he or she was the veteran's legal spouse on or after the date the veteran died or sustained the disabling injury or was declared by VA as unemployable because of the injury.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent child or spouse is not in default on a student loan made or guaranteed by the state .
- \_\_\_\_\_ Value of the dependent child's or spouse's federal veterans' education benefits (Ch 33 only) does not exceed the value of the Hazlewood exemption (tuition and fees less deposit and student service fees).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran parent or spouse (at the time of service entry): 1. entered the service in Texas, 2. declared Texas as his or her home of record, or 3. was a resident of Texas.

#### Documentation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ DD1300 issued by the Department of Defense (if parent died while still in the service); letter from VA if parent died after discharge.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ratings Disability letter from VA if parent is rated as unemployable.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of a tax return indicating dependency at the time the parent died or became disabled.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of the legal marriage certificate or tax return indicating the marriage status at the time the veteran died or sustained the disabling injury or was declared by VA as unemployable because of injury.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Benefit letter from VA Education Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, 1-888-GI-Bill-1 or 1-888-442-4551 or [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). If the veteran has not served since 9/11, he/she does NOT have to provide a copy of his/her federal veterans' education benefits letter. However, a letter IS required if the veteran served on or after 9/11.
- \_\_\_\_\_ DD214 shows point of entry and Home of Record. The Hazlewood administrator will review this document. If the DD214 shows HOR and Place of Entry were not Texas, applicant must complete the **Hazlewood Residency Questionnaire** and submit with the Application. A copy of the Questionnaire is included in this packet.

**Note:** Effective fall, 2009, a student may receive CH30, CH31, CH35, 1606, 1607 in conjunction with Hazlewood.