

AWARDING OF HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS TO VETERANS OF WAR

In order to recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by veterans who left high school prior to graduation to serve in the armed forces during World War II, Korean Conflict, or the Vietnam Conflict, the Board may award a high school diploma to any veteran of this state, or posthumously to a living relative of a deceased veteran of this state, who meets the requirements established by State law.

The Board may grant a diploma to a World War II, Korean or Vietnam veteran if all of the following apply:

1. The veteran left public or nonpublic school located in any state prior to graduation in order to serve in the armed forces of the United States.
2. The veteran received an honorable discharge from the armed forces of the United States.
3. The veteran has not been granted a diploma, honors diploma or a diploma of adult education or a diploma from another school.

The veteran is not required to take the GED or any graduation test in order to qualify for a diploma.

The Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs has developed and adopted an application form for use by all county veterans service offices. Upon verification that all requirements have been met, the application is forwarded to the Board and the diploma may be awarded.

The Board may grant a high school diploma to any woman who left high school in any state during World War II, the Korean Conflict or the Vietnam Conflict if the woman either:

1. left school to join the workforce to support her family or to join the war effort; or,
2. left school due to family circumstances and subsequently joined the workforce or war effort.

The woman must either be a current resident of the state of Ohio or have been previously enrolled in an Ohio high school.

Veterans' diplomas will be presented in conjunction with appropriate events, programs or other occasions, as determined by the Superintendent.

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