

## Application for High School Diploma for Michigan WWII, Korean and Vietnam Era Veterans Public Act 181 of 2001 as amended

This application is used to establish the eligibility of an honorably discharged WWII, Korean or Vietnam era veteran for receipt of a high school diploma from the State of Michigan. Veteran must have attended high school in Michigan and must have served in the military between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 (WWII); June 23, 1950 and January 31, 1955 (Korean conflict); or February 29, 1961 and May 7, 1975 (Vietnam era).

**Return the completed application to the veteran's school district for processing.**

### VETERAN'S OR APPLICANT'S NAME AND PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Please print legibly.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	1. First Name _____	2. Middle Initial _____	3. Last Name _____	
4. Mailing Address _____		5. City _____		6. State _____
7. Zip _____		8. Relationship to Veteran		
<input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Brother <input type="checkbox"/> Sister <input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Grandchild		9. Daytime Phone (Please include area code.) (_____) _____ - _____ Email Address: _____		

### VETERAN'S MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION: (Please attach copy of discharge/separation.)

10. Name as Shown on Discharge/Separation		
_____	_____	_____
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
11. Branch of Service _____	12. Service Number _____	
13. Date of Birth _____	14. <input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Death	
Day      Month      Year	_____ / _____ / _____ Day      Month      Year	
15. Periods of WWII, Korean or Vietnam Active Duty Military Service:	Dated Entered _____	Date Separated _____
_____ / _____ / _____ Month      Day      Year	_____ / _____ / _____ Month      Day      Year	_____ / _____ / _____ Month      Day      Year

### VETERAN'S DIPLOMA INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATION

16. Name of High School Attended in Michigan _____	17. City in Which High School Was Located _____	18. Years Attended 19____ - 19____
19. Name for Diploma		
_____	_____	_____
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
20. I certify that I (or my _____) left high school before graduating for service in the military during World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam era. I also certify that the information provided on this application and the supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. (NOTE: Return the completed application to veteran's school district.)		
Signature _____		Date _____

## **Introduction**

To provide special recognition for the service of military veterans of WWII , the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam era, Public Act 181 of 2001, as amended, authorizes the board of a Michigan school district to award high school diplomas to WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans. The State of Michigan recognizes the important contribution and sacrifice these generations of men and women made in our nation's defense. On behalf of the State of Michigan, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs encourages school districts to present these diplomas to WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans or their families.

## **Procedure**

*The veteran must meet all the following requirements:*

1. before graduation from high school, the veteran enlisted in or was drafted into the armed forces of the United States between December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 (WWII); between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 (Korean conflict); or between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1965 (Vietnam era).
2. at the time of enlistment or draft, the veteran was enrolled in a high school of the district to which this application is made.
3. the veteran did not subsequently graduate from high school.
4. the veteran served under honorable conditions during WWII, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam era.

The application form may be completed by the veteran or on his behalf by a spouse, brother or sister, child or grandchild.

The application requires a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service indicating honorable service between the dates of December 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946 (WWII); between June 27, 1950 and January 31, 1955 (Korean conflict); or between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975. The applicant's signature certifies the remaining information.

The school district may verify the dates of the veteran's school enrollment from their own records.

## **Replacement of a Discharge from Military Service**

A veteran or next of kin may request a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service from the National Records Center, Military Personnel Records, 9700 Page Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. The National Records Center recommends submitting an electronic request at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/index.html>. A written request may be submitted using Standard Form 180 "Request Pertaining to Military Records." You may print the form at <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf>.

Requests require the signature of the veteran or next of kin, if the veteran is deceased. Please include the veteran's full name, date of birth, branch of military service, service number and approximate dates of military service.

A veteran who received Michigan's WWII bonus (Public Act 12 of 1947, MCL 35.921), Korean bonus (Public Act 8 of 1955, MCL 35.972) or Vietnam bonus (Public Act 370 of 1974, MCL 35.1021-.1038) may request by letter a copy of the discharge from military service from the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, P.O. Box 30104, Lansing, MI 48909. Please note, delayed applications for the WWII, Korean and/or Vietnam bonuses cannot be accepted. Requests require the signature of the veteran or next of kin, if the veteran is deceased. The next of kin must include a copy of the veteran's death certificate. Please include the veteran's full name, date of birth, branch of military service, service number and approximate dates of military service.

## **Authority & Additional Information**

Public Act 181 of 2001, as amended, authorizes individual school boards to award these diplomas. You may review Public Act 181 of 2001 on the internet at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov> by clicking Public Acts in the left hand margin.