

**Application for High School Diploma for Michigan WWII Veterans
Public Act 181 of 2001**

This application is used to establish the eligibility of an honorably discharged WWII 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 September 16, 1940 and December 31, 1946.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veterans Affairs Directorate, 611 W. Ottawa, Third Floor, Lansing, MI 48913 (517/335-6523) is the agency of the State of Michigan responsible for publicity and information concerning the program.

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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 ____/____/____ Day Month Year	14. <input type="checkbox"/> Living <input type="checkbox"/> Date of Death ____/____/____ Day Month Year	
15. Periods of WWII Active Duty Military Service: Dated Entered Date Separated ____/____/____ ____/____/____ 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. I also certify that the information provided on this application and the supporting documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Signature _____ Date _____		

Introduction

To provide special recognition for the service of military veterans of WW II, Public Act 181 of 2001 authorizes the board of a Michigan school district to award a high school diploma to a WW II veteran. The State of Michigan recognizes the important contribution and sacrifice this generation 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 WW II veterans or their families.

Procedure

The veteran must meet all the following requirements:

- the veteran must be at least 65 years of age or, if deceased, have reached the age of 65 by the date of death.
- 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.
- at the time of enlistment or draft, the veteran was enrolled in a high school of the district to which this application is made.
- the veteran did not subsequently graduate from high school.
- the veteran served under honorable conditions during WW II.

The application form on the reverse side 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. 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 the request using Standard Form 180 "Request Pertaining to Military Records."

You may print the form at <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mpr.html>.

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. The requirements of federal law do not permit telephonic, faxed or e-mail requests. The workload of the National Records Center may not permit a prompt response to a request.

A veteran who received Michigan's WW II bonus (Public Act 12 of 1947, MCL 35.921) may request by letter a copy of the discharge from military service from the Veterans Affairs Directorate, 611 W. Ottawa Street – Third Floor, Lansing, MI 48913. Please note, delayed applications for the WW II bonus 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 authorizes individual school board's to award this diploma. A school board will satisfy itself the intent of the law has been met.

You may review Public Act 181 on the internet at <http://michiganlegislature.org>.

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