

Survivor Benefit Plan

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY 101

Turning 18 brings big decisions, especially if you are a Survivor Benefit Plan child-annuity recipient. SBP payments typically stop at age 18, but if you are enrolled full time in an accredited school, you are eligible until you turn 22, leave school or marry.



The certification process is now simpler and more convenient!



How to receive student payments after age 18:

Here are three ways to submit (keep a copy for your records):

1. Upload your [school certification PDFs](#) through [AskDFAS](#) on the [DFAS.mil](#) website. It is accessible on mobile browsers. Fill in required information and upload a PDF of your signed DD Form 2788 and signed Previous Attendance Letter.

2. By mail:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
8899 E. 56th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46249-1300

3. By fax:

800-982-8459

Payments will be equally apportioned for those children who are eligible.

A helpful new Form Wizard helps you fill out the DD 2788 quickly and easily – and sign electronically! Visit www.dfas.mil/schoolcerts.

Eligible dependent children must be:

- ✓ The service member's legal child or in a regular parent-child relationship
- ✓ Under age 18 or, if attending an accredited school full time, under age 22
- ✓ Unmarried

Questions?

Find out more about SBP annuities on the [DFAS website](#) or speak with customer service at 216-522-5955 or 800-321-1080, or write to the address above.

The [Office of Financial Readiness](#) has more resources and tips.

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