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# Application for Honorary High School Diploma for Montana WWII/Korean/Vietnam Veterans

Senate Bill 81 of the 2003 Montana Legislature

This application is used to establish the eligibility of an honorably discharged veteran for receipt of an honorary high school diploma from the State of Montana. The veteran must have actively served in the United States armed services during World War II from 1939 through 1947, during the Korean War from 1950 through 1953, or during the Vietnam War from 1961 through 1975.

The completed application is to be returned to the Office of Public Instruction.  
 See reverse side for Instructions.

### 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 Code
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 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		9. Daytime Phone (Please include area code.) (____) _____ - _____ E-mail Address: _____	

### VETERAN'S MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION: (MUST 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 Active Duty Military Service	Date Entered	Date Separated
	____/____/____	____/____/____

### VETERAN'S DIPLOMA INFORMATION AND CERTIFICATION

16. Name of High School	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. 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: Completed application to be returned to the Montana Office of Public Instruction.)		
Signature		Date

### FOR OPI USE ONLY

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  Date sent to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  Date sent to District Supt \_\_\_\_\_

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## Introduction

The 2003 Montana Legislature enacted a bill to provide special recognition in the form of an Honorary High School Diploma to certain veterans. The State of Montana recognizes the important contributions and sacrifices veterans made in the defense of our nation in awarding this honor.

SB 81 can be viewed at: <http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/2003/billhtml/SB0081.htm>

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## Eligibility

To be eligible for an Honorary Diploma, the veteran must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be a current or former Montana resident
2. Did not receive a high school diploma
3. Actively served in the United States armed services during one of the following periods:
  - World War II from 1939 through 1947
  - Korean War from 1950 through 1953
  - Vietnam War from 1961 through 1975
4. Was honorably discharged; or was released from active duty because of a service-related disability

An immediate family member can apply on the veteran's behalf if he/she is deceased or incapacitated.

A copy of the veteran's discharge from military service indicating honorable service between the dates specified above must be provided.

The applicant's signature certifies the remaining information.

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## Replacement of Discharge Papers from Military Service

A veteran or next of kin may request a copy of the veteran's discharge from military service from the National Personnel Records Center. All requests must be made in writing using Standard Form 180 "Request Pertaining to Military Records."

**National Personnel Records Center  
Military Personnel Records  
9700 Page Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**

Web Address: [http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st\\_louis/military\\_personnel\\_records.html](http://www.archives.gov/facilities/mo/st_louis/military_personnel_records.html)

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## Completed Application

The completed application with copy of military discharge should be mailed to:

**Montana Office of Public Instruction  
Attn: TJ Eyer - Honorary Veterans Diploma  
PO Box 202501  
Helena, MT 59620-2501  
<http://www.opi.mt.gov/veterans/diploma.html>**

**Questions? Call (406) 444-7915**