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Tennessee State Veteran's Benefits

The state of Tennessee provides several veteran benefits. This section offers a brief description of each of the following benefits.

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Tennessee Veteran Housing Programs

State Veterans Homes

Tennessee offers three state veteran homes whose goal is to provide veterans with the best health care in an environment which is pleasant and enjoyable; to provide a safe, warm and happy home for our veterans. The homes are: The Tennessee State Veterans home in Murfreesboro, the W.D. "Bill" Manning Tennessee State Veterans' Home in Humbolt, and the Ben Atchley Tennessee Veterans' Home in Knoxville.

To be eligible for admission, the veteran must:

1. Be a resident of Tennessee at time of admission.
2. Have been born in Tennessee.
3. Have entered the U.S. Armed Forces in Tennessee.
4. Have a Tennessee address as official Home of Record on Veteran's Military Record.
5. Have an immediate family member (Parent, Spouse, Sibling, or Child) or Legal Guardian who would serve as primary caregiver and who is a resident of Tennessee.

The Spouse, Widow/Widower or Gold Star Parent may also be eligible for admission on a space available basis. Costs are based on income.

Property Tax Relief

Property tax relief for combat related 100% totally disabled veterans and/or their surviving spouses.

Tennessee Veteran Employment Programs

Employment Programs

The following employment benefits are available in Tennessee:

- Veterans preference in State employment
- Credit for military service in State employment
- Reemployment rights of public employees

Education Benefits

A dependent child (under 23 years of age) or spouse in the state is entitled to receive free tuition, maintenance fees, student activity fees, registration fees, and to be admitted without cost to any of the colleges or universities owned, operated and maintained by the State, whose parent (mother or father) was killed or died as a direct result of injuries received or officially reported as being either a prisoner-of-war or missing-in-action while serving as a member of the Armed Forces during a qualifying period of armed conflict.

Other Tennessee State Veteran Benefits

State Veterans Cemeteries

Tennessee offers eligible veterans their choice of four state veteran cemeteries in Knoxville, Memphis, and Nashville.

Free License Plates

Free license plates for 100% service connected disabled veterans, Ex-POW's, and recipients of MOH, DSC, NC or AFC.

Free Hunting and Fishing Licenses

Free hunting and fishing licenses for Veterans with 30% or more war service connected disabilities, after an initial one time fee of \$10.

Parking Privileges

Parking privileges for free license plate holders.

Motor Vehicle Privilege Tax Exemption

Motor vehicle privilege tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans.

Special/Memorial License Plates

Special/Memorial license plates for certain veterans.

No-Fee Registration of Discharges

Registration of discharges by county registrar at no fee.

Commercial Driver License Issuance

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security will waive the required skills test upon initial application for a commercial driver license by any applicant who, at the time of initial application, has been issued, or is in immediate possession of, a valid military commercial driver license.

Visit the [Tennessee Dept. of Veterans Affairs](#) website for more information on any of these programs.