

New Program Helps Veterans Pay for College Education

Pennsylvania's new program to help veterans to pay for college or other postsecondary education is now in operation.

Known as the Veterans Education Act, the program is designed to more readily provide scholarship grants to ex-servicemen who wish to attend colleges or universities, or business, trade or nursing schools, either in the state or at out-of-state institutions. The program is under the administration of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency.

The Veterans Education Act was approved by the Legislature last fall and signed into law by Governor Shapp on Oct. 11, 1972. The act carried an appropriation of \$14 million for the current scholastic year.

Kenneth R. Reeher, executive director of PHEAA which administers the state's programs of student aid for education, said, "about 9,000 veterans currently are receiving scholarship aid from the Commonwealth through the regular State Scholarship Program. Of these, about 1,000 may be eligible for added assistance under the Veterans Education Act."

Eligibility in the new program especially geared to veterans by the General Assembly, is based on the veteran's compliance with all requirements and need for financial assistance based on personal financial data. Maximum academic year awards are \$1,200 at a Pennsylvania institution or \$800 at an out-of-state school, but not to exceed tuition and fees in either instance.

PHEAA has been in close contact with veterans groups in

an effort to try to reach ex-service people so as to inform them about the new program. Applications and information may be obtained from college financial aid officers, veterans groups, members of the General Assembly, or by contacting PHEAA direct.

The Veterans Education Act

Consumers Want to Know

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Which type coffee maker makes the best coffee?

According to coffee experts, the most important factors for a cup of good coffee are proper grind, accurate measurements of coffee and water, correct timing and a clean coffee maker. Respect these factors and you can make good coffee in any type of coffee maker.

Why haven't manufacturers of coffee makers standardized brewing time for coffee?

There are three distinctly different ways to make coffee and each method has its own best brewing time. For percolated coffee 6-8 minutes is considered adequate. For drip coffee 4-6 minutes and for vacuum type coffee makers 1-4 minutes.

Some coffee makers indicate water level for making a specific number of cups (6, 8, 10). What size cups are used for this measurement?

The beverage industries—tea and coffee—have generally used 5½ ounces as the standard serving cup for measurements on coffee makers. A 10-cup percolator makes ten 5½ ounce servings of coffee. Most coffee cups have a capacity of 7-8 ounces which leaves room for sugar, cream and stirring.

If you were to buy an automatic washing machine, which would you choose, a top or front loading model?

Both types do a good job of getting clothes clean. The space you have available is an important consideration. If there are wall cabinets or shelves above the appliance, be sure the washer lid has enough clearance. If not, the front opening model should be considered.

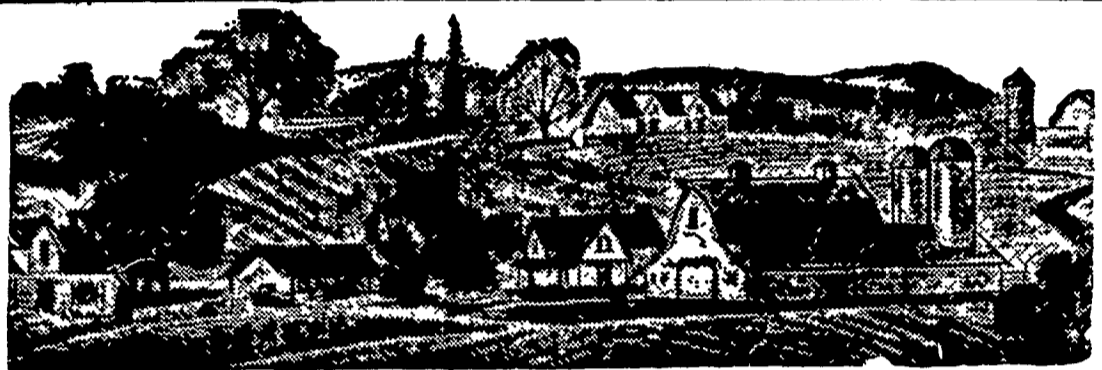
provides that veterans may be processed as financially independent if, in fact, they are not receiving support from their parents. Veterans are qualified if they have served 180 days or more on active duty and part of that service was after Jan. 31, 1955. The veteran must have been a domiciliary of Pennsylvania for 12 months immediately prior to service on active duty, and must have maintained a domicile in Pennsylvania since his release or discharge.

A veteran for the current year could have been considered for and received an award for the first half of the year under the basic state scholarship program and a second-half-year award under the Veterans Education Act program. In no case, however, could the veteran qualify for awards under both programs simultaneously or have a reduction in his existing award.

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