

WIDOWS PENSION AS OF JAN.1, 2018

INCOME-BASED BENEFIT FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF DECEASED VETERANS

Requirements:

- Type of Discharge must be:
 - Honorable or
 - General, under honorable conditions

- The veteran must have served a minimum of 90 days active duty with at least ONE DAY during a period of war:

WWII	12/7/1941 to 12/31/1946
Korean	6/27/1950 to 1/31/1955
Vietnam	2/28/1961 to 8/4/1964 (in country of Vietnam)
Vietnam	8/5/1964 to 5/7/1975
Gulf War	8/2/1990 to Present

- Benefit is income-based; no disability is required

WHAT IS THE WIDOW'S CONDITION?

REGULAR STATUS:

- Still able to drive

HOUSEBOUND STATUS:

- Does not drive
- confined to home and is unable to leave without assistance due to medical or mental condition

AID & ATTENDANCE STATUS:

- Needs assistance with activities of daily living because of specific physical or mental impairments
- in nursing home

INCOME:

Surviving spouse:	REGULAR	\$8,830/year or \$735.00 per month
	HOUSEBOUND	\$10,792/year or \$899.00 per month
	AID & ATTENDANCE	\$14,113/year or \$1176.00 per month

Deduct:

- Medicare
- Supplemental Health Insurance
- In Home Care Service, Assisted Living Expenses, Nursing Home Expenses (Aid & Attendance Status)

WHAT IS THE HOUSEHOLD NET WORTH?

Net worth includes: Household/personal property other than home

Net worth cannot be over: \$80,000

* Expected income over next 12 months (gas leases, etc.)

Things to Bring (Regular Status Only):

1. Original or Certified Copy of veteran's DD 214
2. Marriage License
3. Death Certificate
4. Statement from social security
5. Source and amount of all income for the past 12 months.
6. Documentation of all deductible expenses (Medicare premiums, private medical insurance premiums, unreimbursed medical expenses)
7. Funeral expenses
8. Banking information (Routing and Checking Number)

Forms to complete for Death Pension (Done at appointment):

- 21-22 Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Rep
- 21-4138 Statement in Support of claim
- DD214
- Marriage certificate and birth certificates of dependents, if applicable
- Death certificate
- 21-534EZ Application for death pension
- 21-2680 Exam for housebound status (completed by doctor)
- Letter from nursing home, if applicable