

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR CERTAIN VETERANS

The Texas Education Code provides for a school district to issue a high school diploma to certain veterans.

An eligible applicant is one who

- is or was an honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States
- was scheduled to graduate from high school after 1940 and before 1975 or after 1989
- left school after completing Grade 6 or higher, but before graduating from high school, to serve in World War II; the Korean War; the Vietnam War; the Persian Gulf War; the Iraq War; the war in Afghanistan; or any other war formally declared by the United States, military engagement authorized by the United States Congress, military engagement authorized by a United Nations Security Council resolution and funded by the United States Congress, or conflict authorized by the president of the United States under the War Powers Resolution of 1973 (50 United States Code (U.S.C.) §1541 et seq.).

A veteran or person acting on behalf of a deceased veteran should use the form found at http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter061/19_0061_1061-1.pdf to request a high school diploma from the last school the veteran attended. The mailing addresses for all school districts in Texas can be located at <http://askted.tea.state.tx.us> or by calling (512) 463-9374.

The completed form, signed and dated, and *required documentation must be submitted to the local school district where the veteran was last enrolled.

*One of the following pieces of documentation must accompany the completed form:

- DD Form 214
- Enlisted Record and Report of Separation form
- Discharge Certificate

For more information about military records and how to order them, please contact the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100; (301) 713-6800; or at <http://www.nara.gov>. You can also contact the Texas Education Agency's Division of Curriculum at (512) 463-9581 if you have questions about the application or the application process.

If you are Kermit veteran and have questions regarding this information, please contact Superintendent Bill Boyd at 432-586-1000.