

College Student Ages 21 to 23 - Child ID Card Issuance

Dependent children who are full-time college students between the ages of 21 to 23 must provide verification of enrollment at an accredited institution to meet eligibility requirements.

The following must be provided to update DEERS:

1. A letter from the school registrar certifying full-time enrollment ~OR~ enrollment verification certificate from the National Student Clearing House. Both documents **MUST** contain the following elements: full-time enrollment, anticipated graduation date, and dates of the current semester. The enrollment verification certificate from the National Student Clearing House can be purchased for a small fee at the following website: <http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/>
2. The students **MUST** be attending an accredited school at an Institution of higher learning leading to an Associate's Degree or higher. Check accreditation of college/university at the following website: <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>
3. The sponsor must also provide a statement on the DD Form 1172-2 in block 21 verifying that the sponsor provides over 50% support to the student.
4. College Student - Two (2) forms of valid unexpired identification, one form **MUST** be a photo ID.
5. Sponsor - Two (2) forms of valid unexpired identification, one form **MUST** be a photo ID.

Notes:

- Students who are part-time or $\frac{3}{4}$ time students are not considered full-time students and do not meet eligibility requirements for DEERS enrollment.
- If the student does not maintain full-time enrollment, the sponsor must update DEERS for termination of benefits.
- Students who were enrolled as a full time student for the semester or session immediately before the break may be eligible for an ID card during the break if they are accepted or enrolled immediately after the break.
- ID cards are issued until anticipated graduation date or 23rd birthday, which ever date comes first. ID cards can be issued within 90 days of 21st birthday and renewed within 90 days from date of expiration.
- Students enrolled less than full time in two (2) institutions of higher learning may not combine hours to qualify as a full time student.
- Dependent children between the ages of 21 to 26 may participate in the Tricare Young Adult program (at cost to sponsor) when not eligible for full-time college student benefits