

Gold Star Family License Plate Status

Gold Star Family License plates are obtainable in almost every state and the U S Territory, Guam. with the exception of Washington DC. Many states have made submission of a Form DD 1300 a requirement for obtaining their plates but the form is not generally available to all relatives entitled to the plate. The form is issued only to the next of kin specified by the deceased on his or her emergency notification form upon entering the military. You can obtain a copy of DD 1300 from eVetRecs (<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>) with submission of a SF-180Form obtainable at <http://www.archives.gov/research/order/standard-form-180.pdf> if you are the eligible next of kin. The next of kin can be any of the following: surviving spouse that has not remarried, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. If you know the next of kin or the casualty officer try to get a copy from them. If you can't get a copy of DD 1300 see if your state authorities will accept alternate proof that you are related to the deceased. To see what each states plate looks like and information on authorizing legislation, where to apply, and any special; criteria to obtain refer to the attachment to this Bulletin titled, **“Gold Star License Plates”**

	Gold Star Plate Available	More Information	
AL		Details Where to Apply	HB715 became law on 5/14/09. Members of the immediate family of a person who has died while on active duty in any branch of the U.S. military.
AK		Details1 Details2 Application	Spouse, parent, guardian, sibling, or dependent of a member of the United States armed forces killed in the line of duty.
AZ		Details Special Plate Application Form 96-0143 or Order Online	SB 1083 was signed by the Governor on 6/6/08. Spouse or (by adoption or blood) a child, parent, brother or sister of a person who lost his/her life while on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.
AR		Details Request for Plate	HB1842 was signed by the governor on 3/27/09. Spouse and parents only. Spouse or parent of a member of the armed forces of the United States, killed in a conflict recognized by the

			United States Department of Defense (in theater death not necessarily in combat -ed), and who has received a Gold Star Lapel Button issued by the United States Department of Defense.
CA		Details Application	SB1455 signed by the governor on 9/26/08. Plate issued by Dept of Veterans Affairs. Funds have been raised and the plates will be available on 11/30/10. Qualified family members whose relative lost their life in the line of duty while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States (U.S.) during one of the following: Wartime; An international terrorist attack that has been recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Defense as an attack against the U.S., or to a foreign nation friendly to the U.S.; Military operations while serving outside the U.S., including commonwealths, territories, and possessions of the U.S.; Personnel assigned to a force engaged in a peacekeeping operation authorized by the United Nations Security Council.
CA		Veterans Plates GS Mothers Decal GS Wives Decal	A Veterans Plate with a Gold Star Mother or Gold Star Wives decal is available.
CO		Details Application	Called "Fallen Service Member License Plate". There are 5 different versions of the plate, one for each branch of the military. Scroll down on the Details page to see the various plates. Current or past spouse, child, sibling, grandparent or parent of a service member who died in the line of duty while serving in the armed forces while deployed to a combat zone.
CT		Details Application	The \$10 plate fee was eliminated 7/2/08. This plate serves as a memorial for Connecticut service members who were killed in the line of duty. This plate is available to their immediate family members. Immediate family consists of spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, child, grandmother or grandfather.
DC	No	Iraq 5 Afghanistan 3	No current legislation as of 12/10/10.

DE		Application	<p>Details are on the second page of the application.</p> <p>Widow or widower, mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, adoptive mother, adoptive father, foster mother, foster father, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, adoptive son, adoptive daughter, brother, sister, half brother and half sister. of a servicemember that died while serving in the military.</p>
FL		Details Application	<p>The Gold Star Family plate is at the bottom of the Details page. As of 10/1/08 the requirement that the deceased service member be a resident of Florida at the time of death for the family to qualify for the GSF plate has been removed.</p>
GA		Details - Under Military Veterans, Gold Star Family.	<p>Apply at local county tag office. Spouse and parents only. HB 1012 was introduced on 1/28/10 to entitle siblings, children, step-parents and step-grandparents to qualify for the GS plate. Passed by House on 3/24/10. Passed Senate on 4/27/10.</p> <p>Spouse, mother, father, sibling, or step-parent of service members who have been killed in action while serving in the armed forces of the United States.</p>
HI		Details Application	<p>HB1 (companion Senate bill SB883) was introduced on 1/20/11. Currently in Finance Comm. as of 2/27/11. Plates are to be available no later than 10/1/11. SB883 passed on 4/12/11 and was sent to the House. Passed on 4/21/11 and signed by Governor on 5/31/11. Plates should be available on 10/1/11.</p> <p>Applicant would qualify for a gold star lapel button.</p>
ID		Instructions Application	<p>H0024 signed by Governor 4/23/09, effective 7/1/09. See Military Plates on the DMV web site. You will also need form GS001 to verify your relationship to the service member. See also the Division of Veterans Services web site for more information.</p> <p>H0537 introduced 2/14/12 to "to revise provisions relating to the Gold Star specialty liense plate program and to establish provisions relating to a Gold Star - Purple Heart Medal specialty license plate."</p> <p>Spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, half-sibling, stepsibling, grandparent or legal guardian who have a deceased relative who died as a result of hostile action in a combat zone while serving on active duty in</p>

			the US military.
IL		Details Affirmation	Widow, widower, or parent of a person who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and lost his/her life while serving in peacetime or war. The surviving widow/widower and each surviving parent, or in the absence of a surviving parent, one surviving sibling.
IN		Details Where to Apply	The Indiana Gold Star Family license plate was unveiled by the Gov on 5/22/09. The plate will be available on 1/1/2010 from the BMV. More information. Spouses, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, siblings, or children of anyone who died while serving on duty in the military – active, Reserve or National Guard.
IA		Details Application	Application will download rather than display. Go to where you download files and double click on the file 411247.pdf to open it. Sorry, that's the way the state web site works. Spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a deceased member of the U.S. Armed Forces who died while serving on “active” duty during a time of military conflict.
KS		Details	Current plate is for GS Mothers only. Plates are ordered at the County Treasurers office. HB2132 was introduced on 1/31/11 to change the existing law on GS plates to include a broader group of relatives instead of just mothers. As of 2/9/11 in Transportation Comm.
KY		Details	Mothers and spouses only. HB66 has been introduced in the 2009 Regular Session to allow Gold Star Fathers to qualify for the plate. HB261 , which would add fathers to those eligible for the Gold Star plate, has been sent to the Governor for signature on 3/17/10. Mother, father, or spouse of the deceased military member killed on active duty.
LA		Details for existing plate holders. Details for new plates.	General information about half way down the page. More comprehensive details for existing plate holders wishing to change to a Gold Star Family Plate. Immediate family members of armed forces members killed in action.

ME		Details Application	<p>HP0893 has been introduced. On 3/31/09 it was in both the House and Senate Transportation Committees. Appears to have died in the Senate on 5/18/09. HP1123, supported by the Governor, has been introduced because external funding may be available for the plates. Signed by Governor 6/7/11.</p> <p>Note that the Gold Star license plates are administered by the Bureau of Veterans' Services.</p> <p>Must have received a Gold Star Lapel Button (purple background) signifying that the service member was killed-in-action or died in a combat theater of operations.</p>
MD		Details Application	<p>Spouse, parent, child or a sibling of a person who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and lost his or her life.</p>
MA		Details Application	<p>The House and Senate approved S2352 allowing siblings and grandchildren of veterans who were killed in action to be issued the special "Gold Star Family" license plate. Currently only the parents, children or spouses may be issued the special plates. 11/15/08.</p> <p>Parents, children, or spouses of members of the military who were killed in action during wartime service.</p>
MI		Details Application	<p>There have been several unsuccessful attempts to pass a GSF license plate bill. The latest effort, SB102 was introduced on 2/8/11. Passed Senate and moved to Comm on Transportation in House 5/5/11. Governor signed bill 5/25/11, effective 7/1/11.</p> <p>Spouse, father, stepfather, mother, stepmother, foster parent, brother, half brother, sister, half sister, child, and stepchild of military personnel who lost their lives in combat.</p>
MN		Details (Open tabs to see details) Application	<p>HF1122 signed by Gov 5/16/09. Plate should be available Oct 1, 2009. Spouses and parents only. DPS web site. Legislation was introduced, 3/10/10, to extend eligibility to children and siblings but failed to pass. HF232 (companion SF179) was introduced 1/26/11 to include legal guardians and siblings, not children. Currently in Veterans Services Division, 3/1/11.</p> <p>Parent or spouse of a person who has died while honorably serving in active military service</p>

MS		More Info	<p>SB 2852 signed by Governor on 5/8/08. Effective 7/1/08. No information on State Tax Commission web site as of 7/26/09. The plate is available. Apply through the normal procedures at your county office. No on line application available.</p> <p>Mother and unmarried spouse of servicemember who was killed in action.</p>
MO		Details	<p>Near bottom of details page, select "Military" then "Some Gave All".</p> <p>Immediate family members of a servicemember who died in the line of duty while serving in the US armed forces.</p>
MT		Details Application	<p>HB0373 was signed by Gov on 4/16/09. Effective 1/1/2010.</p> <p>Family members who are eligible for a Gold Star Lapel Button.</p>
NE		Details Application	<p>Laws 2007, LB570, § 3. Plates available Jan 1, 2010.</p> <p>Spouse - whether remarried or not; an ancestor - including a stepparent; a descendent - including a stepchild; a foster parent or a person in loco parentis; a sibling.</p>
NV		Details Application	<p>SB139 signed the Gov 5/22/09. Effective 10/1/09. The plate is scheduled to be released on Nov 9, 2009. Check this page for more information after Nov 9: DMV web site.</p> <p>Immediate family members of those killed in the line of duty while on active duty.</p>
NH		Must apply as noted at right.	<p>Plate is available only through: New Hampshire Department of Safety Division of Motor Vehicles 33 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03305 603-271-2251, Other contact info.</p>
NJ		Details Application	<p>S2192 seems to be moving with a second reading on 12/6/10. Use Bill Search to keep abreast of Bill status. Enter s2192 in search field. Legislation signed by Gov Christie 1/31/11. More information as soon as it's available. Plates are tentatively scheduled to be available in August, 2011.</p>

			Spouse, parent, brother, sister, children, legal guardian or other legal custodian of any member of the armed services who died while on active duty.
NM		Details Application	HB164 Signed by Gov 4/6/09. Plate should be available around 9/1/09. No information on MVD web site as of 11/10/09. This item was posted as in internal communication within the MVD and has some details. Spouse, parent or stepparent of any Service Member killed in an armed conflict with an enemy of the United States.
NY		Application	Currently mothers only. S3955 (companion A1397) was introduced on 3/10/11 to add several other Gold Star Family members to those eligible for the plate and to eliminate the fee. Currently pending 3rd reading. You must enter the bill number and the current year manually in the boxes at the link. Mothers (only) of a servicemember who died while serving in the military.
NC		Details See (57) Application	Issuable to the recipient of the Gold Star lapel button.
ND		More Info Application	HB1414 was signed by the Governor on 3/24/09. Plate should be available about 7/1/09. It appears that the application process must be started by contacting Gene Kouba of the North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Office in Bismarck at 701-328-5465 or visit their website . Spouse, parent, including stepmother, stepfather, parent through adoption, and foster parent, grandparents, child, including stepchild and child through adoption, and sibling, including half-brother and half-sister of a member of the United States armed forces who died while serving on active duty during a time of military conflict.
OH		Details	Many variations available for different conflicts. You will also need BMV 4635 affidavit . List of Deputy Registrars . Spouse, parent (stepparent, or other person who acted in loco parentis), grandparent, sibling (whether of the whole or half-blood, or by adoption), child (including those by adoption, or a stepchild) of a person who died in a combat

			zone while a member of any branch of the armed forces.
OK		Details	Parents only (spouses see next item). There is no application form. You must apply directly to the Special Tag Section. More details here . Parents of the service persons killed in action.
OK		Details Application	This plate is for surviving spouses (parents see previous item); select SPN, Surviving Spouse, on the application. More details here . Spouses of an honorably discharged veteran who died due to or as a consequence of a service-connected disability.
OR		Details Certification	Call Robin Steckley, (503) 373-2386 for application details. Parent, spouse or dependent of a person who was killed in action during an armed conflict while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.
PA		Details Application	HB 1723 introduce 6/9/09 to amend existing law to make more relatives eligible for GS plate. Laid on the table (died) 2/9/10. Widow, widower, mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, foster mother in loco parentis, foster father in loco parentis, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, son by adoption, daughter by adoption, brother, sister, half brother and half sister of a person who was killed while serving on active duty in the military.
RI		Existing Veteran plate holders New plate apply at local DMV office	No GS plate but GS parents are entitled to a veterans plate with a GS parent sticker. Note also a property tax exemption for GS parents. S2382 was introduced on 2/14/12 to create a Gold Star license plate similar to those in other states.
SC		Details Application	See also these other comments .

SD		Details Application	<p>SB151 was signed by the Governor on 3/13/09. Parents only. Plates to be available on July 1, 2009 through county treasurers' offices and will require form MV-101, Rev 7/09 and DD 1300. House Bill 1130 has been introduced on 1/27/10 to entitle spouses, siblings and children to the Gold Star Plate. Passed Transportation Comm. as of 3/9/10.</p> <p>Parent, a spouse, a sibling, or a child of a member of the US Armed Forces who died while in service to this country or who died as a result of the service.</p>
TN		Details	<p>You must obtain the plate through your county clerk. You will need form DD 1300 Report of Casualty. Delivery takes 3-4 days. The Gold Star Mother plate is no longer available.</p> <p>Spouse, parent, sibling or child served and died in the line of duty in the United States Armed Forces or its allies, or died as a result of injuries sustained in such service.</p>
TX		Details - Mothers Details - Spouse Details - Family Application	<p>Plates are identical except for Gold Star line at bottom.</p> <p>Spouse, mother, parent, child or sibling of a soldier who died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.</p>
UT		Details Application	<p>A relative, entitled to the Gold Star Lapel button, of a member of the military who is killed while serving in the United States armed forces.</p>
VT		Details Application	<p>You will also need DD form 1300, Report of Casualty.</p> <p>Relatives entitled to the Gold Star Lapel Button.</p>
VA		Details Application Certification	<p>Relatives entitled to the Gold Star Lapel Button.</p>
WA		Details Request for Certification	<p>For parents (broadly defined) only, other family members see next entry. There is no application as such. Fill out the Request for Certification letter and bring it to any Dept of Licensing agent.</p>

WA		Details Application More details from Dept of Veterans Affairs	The spouse of a deceased veteran and certain other family members are eligible for the Armed Forces license plate. Separate plates are available for each service branch. A Gold Star decal is available for these plates. Check the box on the application.
WV		Application	Relatives eligible for the Gold Star Lapel Button (10 USC§1126).
WI		Details Application	Relatives eligible for the Gold Star Lapel Button (10 USC§1126).
WY		Details Application	HB0084 was introduced on 2/8/10. Enacted as Act 24 of 2010. Effective 1/1/2011. Parents, grandparents and spouses only. Plates are available now, 12/10/10. Spouse, parent or grandparent of a service member who died while in service. 1/5/12 - HB0022 has been introduced to add children and siblings to the eligibility list.
GU		Application? Other Vehicle Registration Branch Forms	Bill 99 introduced 4/17/09, passed on 11/13/09 and signed into law as Public Law 30-62 on Dec 2, 2009. Bill 338-30 (COR) has been introduced to include spouses, widows and widowers to the list of those eligible for the Gold Star plate. No information on Guam web site as of 8/1/10. Bill 338-30 (COR) passed to become Public Law 30-161 on 7/16/10. Parents, inclusive of mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, and mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis of members of the armed services, spouses, widows and widowers of members of the armed services.

[Source: <http://www.goldstarmoms.com/Resources/GSFLicensePlateStatus/GSFStatus.htm> Mar 2012 ++]