

## BONA FIDE DEPENDENT DECLARATION - MILITARY

For use of this form, see AR 638-2; the proponent agency is DCS, G-1.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

I, the undersigned, have read the definitions of dependents below and have determined that

\_\_\_\_\_ is the bona fide dependent \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Deceased--First, Middle, Last) (Relationship to Sponsor)

of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Grade, Unit and Address of Sponsor)

### DEFINITIONS OF DEPENDENTS - ACTIVE DUTY AND RETIREES

(Check appropriate item)

- 1. the soldier's spouse.
- 2. the soldier's unremarried widow (or widower).
- 3. the soldier's unmarried legitimate child under 21 years of age.
- 4. the soldier's unmarried stepchild (includes illegitimate child of soldier's spouse) under 21 years of age who is in fact dependent on the soldier.
- 5. the soldier's unmarried adopted child under 21 years of age who is in fact dependent on the soldier.
- 6. the soldier's unmarried illegitimate child under 21 years of age whose parentage has been admitted in writing by the soldier father or mother, or whose alleged soldier-father has been judicially decreed by other than a foreign court to be the father of the child or judicially ordered by other than a foreign court to contribute to the child's support, and who is, in fact, dependent on the soldier for over one-half of his or her support.
- 7. the soldier's unmarried child defined in items 3 through 6 who is over 21 years of age, is incapable of self-support because of mental or physical incapacity and is, in fact, dependent on the soldier for over one-half of his or her support.
- 8. the soldier's unmarried child who was transported at Government expense to a station OCONUS incident to the soldier's assignment thereto and who attains 21 years of age while the soldier is serving at a duty station overseas. (See note a below).
- 9. the soldier's unmarried legitimate or illegitimate child, stepchild, and adopted child who is, in fact, dependent on the soldier and is a full-time student in an approved institute of higher learning up through age 22 (before 23rd birthday) and who is carrying a course load of a minimum of 12 semester credit hours or equivalent. See AR 640-3 for a complete definition of a full-time student.
- 10. the soldier's parent (including stepparent, parent by adoption, former stepparent, or other person who has stood in loco parentis to the soldier at any time for a continuous period of at least 5 years before the soldier became 21 years of age) who is, in fact, dependent on the soldier for over one-half of his or her support and has been designated a dependent of the soldier in the soldier's service record.
- 11. the soldier's parent-in-law provided he or she is dependent on the soldier for over one-half of his or her support and has been designated a dependent of the soldier in the soldier's service record, and is, in fact, residing with the soldier.

### ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS OF DEPENDENTS - RETIREES

- 12. the retiree's unremarried widow (or widower).
- 13. the unremarried former spouse of a retiree who on the date of the final decree of divorce, dissolution, or annulment, had been married to the retiree for a period of at least 20 years during which period the retiree performed at least 20 years of service which is creditable in determining that retiree's eligibility for retired or retainer pay, or equivalent pay, and does not have medical coverage under an employer-sponsored health plan.
- 14. the unremarried former spouse of a retiree who performed at least 20 years of service which is creditable in determining the retiree's eligibility for retired or retainer pay, or equivalent pay, and on the date of the final decree of divorce, dissolution, or annulment before 1 Apr 85, had been married to the retiree for a period of at least 20 years, at least 15 of which, but less than 20 of which, were during the period the retiree performed service creditable in determining the retiree's eligibility for retired or retainer pay and does not have medical coverage under an employer-sponsored health plan.
- 15. the unremarried former spouse of a retiree who otherwise qualifies under item 14, but whose date of final decree of divorce, dissolution, or annulment is on or after 1 Apr 85 and whose date of death is within one year of the date of final decree of divorce, dissolution, or annulment.

NOTES: a. This definition applies to active duty soldiers only, not retirees.

b. The relationship between a stepparent and a stepchild is terminated by the stepparent's divorce from the parent by blood.

TYPED NAME OF PERSON MAKING DETERMINATION

GRADE

POSITION OR TITLE

ORGANIZATION AND ADDRESS

SIGNATURE