



## Veteran Aid & Attendance Benefit

To apply for the Aid & Attendance Improved Pension, you will need the following documents. Prepare these before making your filing.

- Discharge/Separation Papers (DD-214). If you need to request military records, you can either fill out Standard Form 180, or you can visit <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html>. Full instructions on how to request military records is listed on that website.
- Copy of Marriage Certificate and all marital information.
- Copy of the Death Certificate (surviving spouses only).
- Copy of current Social Security Award Letter (the letter that Social Security sends at the beginning of the year stating what your monthly amount will be for the following year).
- Net Worth information, including bank accounts, CDs, Trusts, Stocks, Bonds, Annuities, etc.
- Proof of all income from pensions, retirement, interest income from investments, annuities, etc.
- If you are a court-appointed guardian of the veteran or surviving spouse, a certified copy of the court order of the appointment is required.
- Proof of insurance premiums, medications, medical bills or any other medical expenses that are not reimbursed by insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid.
- Physician statement (Form 21-2680) that includes current diagnosis, medical status, prognosis, name and address, ability to care for self, ability to travel unattended, etc.
- Banking information for Direct Deposit of A&A monthly payments (include a voided check).
- Employment history (does not apply if you are over 65).
- List of all doctors and hospitals visited in the last year.

Once you have this information compiled, you will need to complete VA Form 21-527EZ and/or VA Form 21-534EZ for Special Improved benefits with Aid & Attendance

In mailing your application, we highly recommend that you send your completed application via "Return Receipt" to help avoid the potential of the VA stating that the application was not received. Be certain to keep a copy of the entire application for your own records as well as any other correspondence to and from the VA.

The VA has established various processing center across the country that do nothing but applications for Improved Pension. When mailing your application, you need to make certain that you send it to:

St. Paul Pension Maintenance Center  
Veterans Administration  
1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling  
St. Paul, MN 55111-4050