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**The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management**  
**Bureau of Veterans' Services**  
**117 State House Station**  
**Augusta, Maine 04333-0117**



## REQUEST FOR GOLD STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE

### VETERAN INFORMATION

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ SVC#: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTRY OF DEATH: \_\_\_\_\_

COMBAT RELATED       NON COMBAT RELATED

Branch of Svc:     ARMY     MARINE CORPS     NAVY     AIR FORCE     COAST GUARD

**Applying For:** (Eligible individual can only receive one set of motor vehicle plates or a single wall plate, not both)

**Gold Star Family License Plate to display on motor vehicle** *(Must include information for vehicle registration)*

Plate will be placed on: Year \_\_\_\_\_; Make \_\_\_\_\_; Current Plate # \_\_\_\_\_

To personalize plate – (Please print legibly) \_\_\_\_\_ (numbers or letters) up to 5 characters:

**Gold Star Family License Wall Plate (for wall display only)** *(single license plate) up to six characters:*

*(Please print legibly)* \_\_\_\_\_

### REQUESTOR INFORMATION

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO VETERAN: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE#: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
**YOUR SIGNATURE /DATE REQUIRED HERE)**

Signature gives BVS permission to contact DVA if necessary to confirm service and death of individual on active duty

\*\*\*\*\*DO NOT FILL OUT BELOW THIS LINE-OFFICE USE ONLY\*\*\*\*\*

Date Received by BVS \_\_\_\_\_ Certified by \_\_\_\_\_ Date to BMV \_\_\_\_\_



Plate Authorized \_\_\_\_\_

### BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate # \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Issued By \_\_\_\_\_

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA ON BACK OF FORM**

# State of Maine Gold Star Family License Plates

**Eligibility for Gold Star Family License plates is based upon very specific criteria. To be eligible for the plate, the family member must have received either a Gold Star Lapel Button (Purple background) or a Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel Lapel Button (Solid Gold) from the casualty branch of service jurisdiction, or be eligible to receive either button from the federal government.**



**The Gold Star Lapel Button signifies that the service member was killed-in-action or died in a combat theater of operations.**



**The Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel Lapel Button signifies a non-combat death.**

The Gold Star or Next of Kin of Deceased Personnel Lapel Buttons are/were presented exclusively to certain family members of those who served in the armed forces of the United States and -

1. who lost their lives during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War and are on the official casualty list for that war period; or
2. who lost their lives during any other period of armed hostilities prior to July 1, 1958; or
3. who lost their lives after June 30, 1958-
  - a. while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States (*e.g. killed in action or died of wounds in combat theater*); or
  - b. while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; (*e.g.. died of injury illness in combat theater*); or
  - c. while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict in which the United States is not a belligerent party against an opposing armed force (*e.g. military advisor to a foreign military*).
4. who lost their lives after March 28, 1973, as a result of the following:
  - a. an international terrorist attack against the United States or foreign nation friendly to the United States, recognized as such by the Secretary of Defense; or
  - b. military operations while serving outside the United States as part of a peacekeeping force.
5. who lost the lives while on active duty or while assigned to an Army Reserve or National Guard Unit on drill status who are not eligible for a Gold Star Lapel Button under 10 United States Code, Section 1126 (2010) but are eligible for a lapel button for Next of Kin of a Deceased Personnel under 32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 578.63 (2006).

## **Eligible Family Members (Must be a Maine Resident)**

- Widow or Widower
- Parents (includes stepparents, parents through adoption, and foster parents)
- Children (includes stepchildren and children through adoption)
- Brothers/sisters (includes half-brothers/sisters)
- Grandparents of those who died after March 28, 1973

Only one license plate or set of plates will be issued per qualifying family member. The Gold Star Family License plates may only be used on a car or pickup truck rated 6000 lbs. or less.

**Application Process** – Families of service members who meet above eligibility requirements must send completed application, DD Form 1300, Casualty Report or other official paperwork indicating death on active duty in support of a combat or non-combat operation, and proof of relationship which may be copies of birth, marriage, or baptismal certificates which clearly show relationship, or a notarized certificate.

Once eligibility has been verified, Maine Veterans' Services will forward certification to the Secretary of State, Department of Motor Vehicles for the issuance of license plate(s). The plates will be mailed to the address on the application and must be affixed to your vehicle within 3 days of receipt.