



Application Instructions

There is no charge to participate in Operation Diploma.

Who is eligible?

- Veterans in Tulare County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War
- Any person interned in relocation camps during World War II

Family members may submit an application to recognize a qualifying individual posthumously, provided the individual meets the qualifications listed below.

Qualifications for Veterans

- Must have been enrolled in a Tulare County high school immediately preceding military service.
- Failed to receive a diploma because of the interruption in education due to military service.
- Must have been honorably discharged from U.S. military service.
- Veterans who have received a GED may still apply for a diploma, if above qualifications are met.

Qualifications for Interned Citizens

- Must have been interned by order of the Federal Government during World War II.
- Must have been enrolled in a Tulare County high school immediately preceding internment.
- Failed to receive a diploma because of the interruption in education due to internment.
- Interned citizens who have received a GED may still apply for a diploma, if above qualifications are met.

Requirements

Applicants must show proof of military service or of being interned by order of the Federal Government. Attach to the application COPIES of any documents that will help in validating your request. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. Example documents might include:

- a GED or high school diploma from a relocation camp dated during your military service or internment
- records from the Wartime Relocation Authority (WRA)
- Letter of Apology and Redress signed by President Ronald Reagan
- certificate or letter showing proof of military service
- Honorable Discharge papers from the Veterans Service Office
- any other documents that would help us in validating your request.

Submitting the Application

Mail, fax, or deliver your completed application form along with copies of validating documentation to:

Tulare County Office of Education
Attn: Robert Herman
2637 W. Burrel Ave.
P.O. Box 5091
Visalia, CA 93278-5091

phone: (559) 733-6606
fax: (559) 627-5219

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer at robh@tcoe.org or call (559) 733-6606.



OPERATION DIPLOMA

Tulare County
Office of Education
Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools

Application Form

(please print clearly or type)

Applicant's Name (as it should appear on the diploma):

First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____
Street Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ E-Mail _____

Is this diploma being awarded posthumously? Yes No

If yes, please fill out this shaded area.

Your name: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Place and date of death: _____

Category: WWII Veteran Korean War Veteran Vietnam Veteran
 WWII Internee: Name of Relocation Camp: _____

Last Tulare County high school attended: _____
Name of high school and city

Dates of Attendance: _____

Did applicant receive a GED? Yes No

Approximate date applicant left high school: _____ Grade Level: _____

Dates of Military Service or Internment: _____

Please explain why the applicant's military service or internment prevented him/her from receiving a high school diploma: _____

Is there any additional information that would help us locate the applicant's records? _____

I declare that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____
please print

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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