

Application For Gold Star Family Plates

A Gold Star Family plate can be issued, without charge, to spouses, parents, children, siblings, grandparents, and grandchildren of soldiers who died while on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States. Each qualifying applicant can register one private passenger motor vehicle or motorcycle owned and principally used by him/her.

Step-parents, step-children, step-siblings, step-grandparents, and step-grandchildren are not eligible unless a legal adoption occurred prior to the time of death.

An applicant for a Gold Star Family plate must provide evidence that is satisfactory to the Registrar demonstrating that the deceased died while on active duty with the Armed Forces. The applicant must also certify below that he/she occupies the family relationship selected on this application.

If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact the Special Plates Department at 857-368-8031.

Please complete this form and return it to a full-service RMV branch. Alternatively, you can mail it to the above address. Depending on the transaction type, you must also provide either a completed RMV-1 or RMV-3 form (stamped by your insurance company). If you qualify, you will then be issued your plates.

Customer Information (please print):
Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Name of deceased soldier: _____
Date of death: _____ Branch of Service: _____
The deceased was my: Mother Son Husband Grandparent Grand-child
(check one only) Father Daughter Wife Sibling
My current plate # (if applicable): _____ My driver's license #: _____

Please indicate if you are applying for a passenger plate or a motorcycle plate.
(Check one) Passenger Vehicle Motorcycle
 Check here if you want a K.I.A. plate decal to affix to the plate (see page 2 for eligibility requirements)

Optional: If you would like Gold Star Family Personalized Plates, please complete this section (see page 2 for plate requirements)
Plate request: 1st choice: _____ 2nd choice: _____ 3rd choice: _____
What is the significance of this combination of letters and numbers? _____
Ship plate to (full-service RMV branch location): _____

The following documentation (either an original or a certified copy) is required as proof of eligibility. A photocopy will be retained by the RMV as part of the application.

- ◆ A DD Form 1300 Report of Casualty, or a telegram for World War II and Korean military members

Note: Eligibility for Gold Star Family plates may be verified by the MA Department of Veterans' Services. **If your surname is different than that of the deceased, the Registrar may require additional proof of your relationship.**

Affidavit: I certify that I occupy the family relationship to the deceased soldier that I have indicated above and that if a Gold Star Family Plate is issued to me it will be registered to a vehicle owned and principally used by me. I agree to abide by all rules, regulations, and policies of the RMV and all rules, regulations, and policies of the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services in regard to the registration and display of such plate. I understand that I am signing this application under the penalties of perjury and that I may be punished for false swearing.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

RMV Use Only:
Plate #: _____ Date Issued: _____ Batch #: _____
Type of document presented: _____
Note to branch personnel: Send this application to the Special Plates Department only for Gold Star Family Personalized Plates.

Gold Star Family Personalized Plate Requirements:

1. Plates must have 3 or 4 characters. These characters can be a combination of numbers or letters.
2. The first character can be a letter or a number from 1-9. The first character cannot be the number 0.
3. No periods, spaces, or punctuation marks are allowed.
4. Plates cannot be issued if they would appear to duplicate a registration already issued.
5. The Registrar may reject a requested combination for other reasons if she reasonably determines that issuance of the requested combination would be inappropriate as a state-issued registration plate.

K.I.A. Decal Eligibility Requirements and Placement Information:

For a family member to be eligible for a K.I.A. Decal, the soldier's DD Form 1300 must indicate "Killed in Action" in category box 4C.

K.I.A. Decals can be issued for both standard Gold Star Family plates and for Gold Star Family Personalized plates.

K.I.A. Decals must be affixed to the shaded area of the plate below the Gold Star (on the left of the plate).

540 CMR Sec. 2.05(4)(q)states:

Each registration plate issued by the Registrar remains the **property of the Registrar**. Unless otherwise specifically directed or authorized by the Registrar, a registration plate of a currently issued series of plates or a plate re-issued pursuant to 540 CMR § 2.07, which is not displayed on a properly registered motor vehicle or trailer, shall be returned immediately to the Registrar.

Note: 540 CMR Sec. 2.05(5)(Remedies) states in paragraph(b), the following:

Any violation of 540 CMR 2.05 is punishable by a fine pursuant to M.G.L. c. 90, § 20, and may result in the suspension of the operator's license or right to operate and/or certificate of registration for up to 30 days pursuant to M.G.L. c. 90, §