



# GOLD STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATE ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS & INFORMATION

## 1

### Application Requirements

- 1) The applicant must be a relative of a deceased service member, as described in WV State Code §17A-3-14, in order to qualify for a Gold Star Family license plate.
- 2) After completing **Sections A - G**, the applicant must submit this application to the Dept. of Veterans Assistance. Additional proof documents may be required by the Dept. of Veterans Assistance to deem your eligibility.
- 3) Once the Dept. of Veterans Assistance certifies the application, the applicant can then submit the completed application and applicable registration fees to the DMV at the address listed on the front of this application or to the nearest DMV regional office. A personal property tax receipt, or an affidavit from the assessor, is required if the current plate is expiring within 60 days of application.

| Present Plate Detail   | Total Fee |
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| Plate Begins with 5, 6, or 7 of the Current Year                 | \$61.50   |
| Plate Begins with 8  | \$64.62   |
| Plate Begins with 9  | \$62.24   |
| Plate Begins with O  | \$59.86   |
| Plate Begins with N  | \$57.48   |
| Plate Begins with D  | \$55.10   |
| Plate Begins with 1 or is a Personalized Plate                   | \$52.72   |
| Plate Begins with 2  | \$50.34   |
| Plate Begins with 3  | \$47.96   |
| Plate Begins with 4  | \$45.58   |
| Plate Begins with 5  | \$43.20   |
| Plate Begins with 6  | \$40.82   |
| All Expirations beyond the 6th month of next year                | \$37.00   |
| <b>NOTE: Add \$15.00 when purchasing a personalized version.</b> |           |

This license plate can be registered for 1 or 2 years. The fee for the new plate is based on the expiration of the current license plate. Use the first letter or number of the current license plate, which signifies the expiration month, to calculate the fee. The fees above include a one time \$10.00 fee. **The renewal fee is \$51.50 per year.** **The renewal fee for a personalized version is \$66.50 per year.**

## 2

### Vehicle Requirements & Information

- The vehicle must be a **CLASS A** car or truck, under 10,001 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- The vehicle must have a WV title and license plate registered in the owners name.
- There is no restriction on the number of special plates one person can obtain.

### ALLOW FOR 60 DAYS FOR YOUR NEW PLATE TO ARRIVE.

*This allows time for the DMV and USPS to process and deliver the registration and license plate.*

**\* There are no refunds, as once a plate number is registered, it cannot be used again by another registrant.**

**\* When the new license plate is received, the old plate and registration card must be returned to DMV within 10 business days.**

### CRITERIA FOR GOLD STAR BASED ON FEDERAL LAW

*Public Law 534 - 89th Congress, directs the design and distribution of a lapel button, known as the "Gold Star Lapel Pin," to identify widows, parents, and next of kin of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost their lives:*

- (1) During World War I, April 16, 1917 to March 3, 1921
- (2) During World War II, September 8, 1939 to July 25, 1947
- (3) During any subsequent period of armed hostilities in which the United States was engaged before July 1, 1958  
(United Nations action in Korea, June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954)
- (4) After June 30, 1958
  - (a) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States
  - (b) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force;
  - (c) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict in which the United States is not a belligerent party against an opposing force
- (5) Other operations recognized by the United States Department of Defense