Application for Gold Star Family Plates

Registry of Motor Vehicles
P.O. Box 55895 • Boston, MA • 02205-5895
Attn: Special Plates

A. Requirements and Instructions

A Gold Star Family Plate can be issued, without charge, to spouses, parents, children, siblings, grandparents, and grandchildren of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who died while on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States or whose death occurred due to injury sustained, illness, or disease contracted, not due to gross negligence or misconduct of the member, during active service.

Each qualifying applicant can register one private passenger motor vehicle owned and principally used by that person or one motor vehicle that is owned by a partnership, trust, or corporation if the motor vehicle otherwise meets the criteria of a private passenger vehicle, there is no distinctive promotional or advertisement marking visible on the motor vehicle, and the motor vehicle is principally used by that person.

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 of gold star status eligibility that is satisfactory to the RMV.

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.

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

Instructions:

1. Complete this form and return it to a full-service RMV Service Center or mail it to the above address, along with the following documentation (either an original or a certified copy) as proof of eligibility. A photocopy will be retained by the RMV as part of the application.
   a. A DD Form 1300 Report of Casualty, or
   b. A telegram for World War II and Korean military members
2. You must also provide a completed Registration and Title Application (stamped by your insurance company). If you qualify, you will then be issued your plates.

B. Applicant Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Suffix

Address

Street City State Zip Code

Email Address	Phone #

Driver's License #	Current Plate #

Company Name (if applicable)	Company FID # (if applicable)

Last Name of Deceased Member of the U.S. Armed Forces	First Name	Middle Initial	Suffix

Date of Death	Branch of Service

The deceased was my: (check one) ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Son ☐ Daughter ☐ Husband ☐ Wife ☐ Grandparent ☐ Sibling ☐ Grandchild

C. Vehicle Type

Check one: ☐ Passenger Vehicle ☐ Motorcycle

☐ Check here for K.I.A. decal affixed to plate (see page 2 for eligibility requirements)

D. Optional Personalized Plate Request (maximum of 4 characters)

If you would like Gold Star Family Personalized Plates, please complete this section.

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.

(maximum of 4 characters) What is the significance of this combination of letters and/or numbers?

1st Choice: _____ _____

2nd Choice: _____ _____

3rd Choice: _____ _____

E. Certification and Signature

I certify that I occupy the family relationship to the deceased member of the U.S. Armed Forces 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 swear (affirm), under the penalties of perjury, that the information I have provided is true and correct. I am aware that false statements are punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

- For a family member to be eligible for a K.I.A. Decal, the member of the U.S. Armed Forces' 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).



sample Killed in Action decal