

Education and Career Resources

1. Questions about educational pathways or career goals?

Sign up for free Chapter 36 Education & Career Counseling through VA by visiting:
http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/edu_voc_counseling.asp.

2. Looking for information about a school?

Review school characteristics like cost, veterans' services and student success rates on the VA's GI Bill® Comparison Tool here: <http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>.

3. Experiencing persistent problems with your school?

File a formal complaint with VA on issues like financial fraud, discrimination, program quality or any other problem via the GI Bill Feedback System here:
<http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Feedback.asp>.

4. Need help paying for college?

Apply for the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program at www.vfw.org/scholarship or look into your Federal Student Aid options at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

5. Looking for job opportunities after graduation?

Register with the Veterans Employment Center here:
<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>; visit www.vetjobs.com; or find an American Jobs Center in your community at <http://www.servicelocator.org/>.

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Little-Known Facts for Students

1. Fry Scholarship

Qualifying children of service members who die in the line of duty after September 10, 2001 are eligible for the Post-911/GI Bill. For details on the Fry Scholarship, click here:

<https://www.va.gov/family-and-caregiver-benefits/education-and-careers/fry-scholarship/>.

2. Rural Benefit

Certain veterans who relocate from highly rural areas to attend college may be eligible for a one-time \$500 payment to help defer costs associated with relocation. To view current maximum tuition and rural benefit rates, click here:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp.

3. Yellow Ribbon

Allows approved institutions of higher learning in the US and the VA to partially or fully fund tuition and expenses that exceed the GI Bill® limits. To view a list of Yellow Ribbon participants, click here:

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/>.

4. Scholarships

Several national scholarships may be available to help defray some out-of-pocket costs for higher education. VFW offers scholarships for student veterans in partnership with Sport Clips and Student Veterans of America (SVA) offers scholarships in partnership with Google for veterans pursuing STEM degrees.

a. VFW scholarship info: <http://www.vfw.org/scholarship>

b. SVA scholarship info:
<https://studentveterans.org/programs-events/scholarships/>

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5. Career Counseling and Educational Services

VA offers free educational and career counseling to all GI Bill-eligible veterans under Chapter 36 beginning six months prior to leaving service. To learn about this benefit, click here: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/education-and-career-counseling/>.

6. In-State Tuition

If you attend a public school, the Post-9/11 GI Bill will only reimburse the in-state tuition and fees rate even if the school considers you an out-of-state student. Fortunately, some states have taken the steps to acknowledge all veterans as in-state students. To learn which states help you maximize your GI Bill benefits, click here: <http://www.studentveterans.org/index.php/what-we-do/in-state-tuition>.

7. Hazlewood Act

Certain qualified veterans and dependent children are exempted from specific tuition and fees in the state of Texas. To learn more about the Hazlewood Act and to see if you qualify call 1.800.252.8387 or click here: <https://tvc.texas.gov/education/hazlewood/>.

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