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# TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

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## GI Bill benefits FAQ

### **Where do I start?**

First, contact a VA counselor at 1-888-442-4551 to discuss your education benefits. Next fill out the online GI Bill application at: <http://www.gibill.va.gov>

Once the Department of Veteran Affairs processes your GI Bill application they will mail you a "Certification of Eligibility" letter. You will need to turn in a copy of this letter to TWU's Veterans Program. Fax to (940) 898 3097 attn: Curtis Blair, VA Representative

You will also need to submit TWU's "Veteran Intent to Register Form" at the beginning of **each semester** before your benefits will be certified to the VA. You can download the form at our website: <http://www.twu.edu/registrar/veterans-benefits.asp>

For more information contact TWU's Veterans Program at (940) 898- 3069.

### **Am I eligible for educational benefits?**

The VA has the ultimate authority in determining your eligibility for VA Educational benefits. If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact a VA counselor at 1-888-442-4551.

### **What benefits are available?**

#### Montgomery GI Bill – Chapter 30

Generally for individuals who entered active duty after June 30, 1985 and served continuously for three years; or by serving two years on active duty followed by four years of Selected Reserve.

General Eligibility:

Veterans must have contributed \$1200 during their first year of military service.

### The Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve Chapter 1606

Generally for current members of the reserve elements of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and the Air National Guard who signed up after June 30, 1985.

General Eligibility:

A reservist must have a six-year obligation to serve in the selected reserve and must be participating in active drilling exercises to receive benefits.

### The Montgomery GI Bill – Reserve Educational Assistance Program Chapter 1607

Generally for members of the selected reserves, Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), and National Guard called to active service in response to war or national emergency, as declared by the President of the United States or Congress.

General Eligibility:

Must serve on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 and serve at least 90 consecutive days.

### Montgomery GI Bill - Survivors and Dependents Assistance Chapter 35

Chapter 35 benefits and educational assistance are available to spouses and children of veterans who died or are permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-related disability.

### Montgomery GI Bill - Disabled Veterans Assistance Chapter 31

Chapter 31 benefits are available to veterans who qualify for vocational rehabilitation assistance services. Eligibility is determined by a VA case manager on an individual basis. For more information visit their website at: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/vrs.htm>

Once approved, the Chapter 31 benefits provide a monthly stipend and cover the cost of tuition, most fees, books and supplies.

### Hazlewood Act

For information about the Hazlewood Act, visit TWU's Veterans Benefits website at: <http://www.twu.edu/registrar/veterans-benefits.asp>

### **I am a transfer student. What do I need to do?**

#### Veteran Transfer Students

If you are a veteran transfer student you will need to fill out the online change of program/training form VA 22-1995. The online 22-1995 form is available at the GI Bill website: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

Be sure to print out the confirmation page once you have completed the online application. TWU's Veterans program will need a copy for your file.

## Dependant Transfer Students

If you are a dependant transfer student you will need to fill out the online change of program/training form VA 22-5495. The online 22-5495 form is available at the GI Bill website: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

Be sure to print out the confirmation page once you have completed the online application. TWU's Veterans program will need a copy for your file.

All GI Bill recipients will need to submit TWU's "Veteran Intent to Register Form" at the beginning of **each semester** before your benefits will be certified to the VA.

### **Will I need additional documents other than the application?**

Generally the only documents needed are the "Certification of Eligibility" letter and TWU's "Veterans Intent to Register Form".

Reservists will need the NOBE form (Notice of Basic Eligibility) and TWU's "Veterans Intent to Register Form".

### **When will I receive my assistance deposit or check?**

It will take the VA approximately six to eight weeks, from the first day of class, to process your application and certify your enrollment. If your application is incomplete or additional documents are required your first assistance check will be delayed.

### **Do Veterans have the same payment deadlines as the student body?**

Yes! GI Bill recipients have the same payment deadlines and responsibilities as the remaining student body! All VA students are responsible for tuition, fees, and books. You should be prepared to pay out of pocket expenses at the beginning of each term, since it will take the VA approximately eight weeks to pay out your educational claim.

### **Should I apply for Financial Aid?**

Yes! The GI Bill does not always cover the cost of a college semester. We recommend all VA students to apply for financial aid to cover tuition cost while the VA is processing your educational claim.

For more information contact TWU's Financial Aid Department at (940) 898- 3064

**Why does TWU's Veterans Program need a copy of my degree plan?**

VA regulations require that students receiving VA educational benefits select a degree and make satisfactory progress toward the completion of that degree.

All VA education benefits recipients must submit a degree plan to the TWU Veterans Program within TWO academic terms, (summer terms are collectively considered one term). VA educational benefits will not be awarded after two terms unless your current degree plan is on file.

**Can I receive credit for military experience?**

It may be possible to receive college credit for your military training. All transfer credit evaluations are done by TWU's Student Records Department. In order to have your military experience evaluated you will need to present a copy of your DD214 and an ACE military transcript.

For more information contact Student Records at (940) 898- 3076.

**How do I obtain a military transcript?**

AARTS and SMART transcripts are fully automated documents that are endorsed by the American Council on Education (ACE). The AARTS and SMART transcripts are generated by each military service branch and provide an official list of military courses, occupations, and college-level exam scores completed during active duty that have been evaluated by ACE for possible college credit.

For ARMY personnel:

Web Site: <http://aarts.army.mil>

AARTS Operations Center, 415 McPherson Avenue, Ft. Leavenworth, KS 66027-1373

Phone: (866) 297-4427 Commercial: (913) 684-3269 DSN: (913) 552-3269

Commercial FAX: (913) 684-2011 or DSN FAX: (913) 552-2011

For NAVY and MARINE personnel:

Navy College Center, CPPD, VOLED Det, N211,

6490 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, FL 32509

Phone: (877) 253-7122 E-mail: [ncc@navy.mil](mailto:ncc@navy.mil)

For AIR FORCE and COAST GUARD:

The Air Force and Coast Guard do not currently participate in the transcript program.

Please contact your Air Force or Coast Guard Education Services Officer for more information about transfer credits and civilian career equivalents.

**I am enrolled at two universities at the same time. What do I need to do?**

If you are enrolled at two or more schools in the same semester, you may apply as a concurrent student and receive benefits for the total combined hours enrolled.

If TWU is your parent institution we must have a copy of your paid tuition and fee receipt with the listing of the courses you are enrolled in at the supplemental school. Once received by the TWU Veterans Program, we will prepare a Parent Institution Letter stating which courses will transfer and apply toward your degree plan at TWU.

**Does TWU offer VA work-study?**

No, TWU does not offer VA work-study at this time. If you are interested in works-study programs in the DFW area, contact the VA work-study Coordinator at (817) 757- 6804 or write to: 1400 N Valley Mills Dr, Waco, TX 76799.

**What is Active Duty Tuition Assistance?**

Students who are currently on active duty can receive additional tuition assistance directly from their military branch of service. You will need to contact your base's ESO (Education Services Officer) for more information.

**Can I receive tutoring?**

Yes. Tutorial assistance is available if you're receiving VA educational assistance at the half-time or higher rate and have a deficiency in a subject that makes tutoring necessary. You can be reimbursed up to \$100 per month, up to a lifetime maximum of \$1200.

In order for the TWU Veterans program to process your request for tutorial assistance, you will need to turn in a written letter of recommendation from your academic department stating your need for tutoring for that specific course.

**How much money will I receive from the GI Bill benefits?**

The GI Bill pay-rates are determined by the Department of Veteran Affairs. For a list of current pay-rates visit their website at: [http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/rates.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/rates.htm)

**How long do I have to claim past semesters?**

The TWU Veterans Program can process certifications for past semesters up to one year.