

Welcome to TWU's Student Veteran Orientation

The goals of orientation & this presentation are to familiarize you with the GI Bill and Hazlewood Act, understand your benefits and responsibilities at TWU, and provide a chance to meet other student veterans.



Online GI Bill Application

How do I apply for the Montgomery GI Bill Benefits?

Fill out the online application at:

<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

- GI Bill website: <http://www.gibill.va.gov>
- Follow the on-screen instructions
- Take your time, there is no need to rush
- Fill out each question accurately and to the best of your ability
- After completing the application save and print the confirmation page(s)

Assistance with GI Bill Application

<http://www.twu.edu/veterans>

- **TWU's Veterans Program (940) 898-3069**
Assist students with GI Bill questions and procedures
- **Local Veteran Service Offices**
Denton County Horn Government Center
Horn Government Center
1505 E. McKinney St, Suite 183
Denton, Texas 76209-4525
Phone (940) 349-2950 Fax (940) 349-2951
- **Regional Veteran Affairs office**
1-888-442-4551 select option 1 then Zero



Documents needed for veteran benefits:

- Online application confirmation page:

Fill out and submit the GI Bill online application

- VA Certification of Eligibility letter:

The VA will mail you a COE once they have processed your GI Bill application

- TWU's "Veterans Intent to Register Form":

Print out form online: <http://www.twu.edu/veterans/veterans-benefits.asp>

- DD214, Military discharge papers:

Submit request to the National Archive: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans>

- Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE):

Reservists will submit the NOBE form instead of a DD214

Contact your Commanding Officer or Education Service Officer

TWU's Veterans Affairs Center Resources

- New Student Checklist: <http://www.twu.edu/veterans/new-student-checklist.asp>
- Veterans Information Packet: <http://www.twu.edu/veterans/vet-info-packet.asp>
- GI Bill FAQ: <http://www.twu.edu/veterans/8027.asp>
- Scholarship finder: <http://www.military.com/education-home/>
- Veterans Affairs Center website: <http://www.twu.edu/veterans>



Military Transfer Credit

If you have earned transfer credit for military experience, you will need to submit the following documents to Student Records (940) 898- 3076:

DD214, Military Discharge form

ACE Military Transcript

How to obtain a DD214:

Submit request to the National Archive: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans>

ACE Military Transcript:

Submit request to American Council on Education (ACE):

www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ProgramsServices/MilitaryPrograms/index.htm

Transfer Students and the GI Bill

In order to continue GI Bill benefits at TWU submit the following:

Change of Program/Training form

This is the VA form 22-1995 which is available:

<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

After completing the online VA form 22-1995 save and print the confirmation page(s).

Veteran Intent to Register Form

This form is available online and will need to be submitted each semester before your benefits will be certified to the VA:

<http://www.twu.edu/veterans/veterans-benefits.asp>

DD214, Military Discharge form

Submit request to the National Archive: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans>

Every semester you need to:

- **Meet with Academic Advisor:**
 - Discuss degree progress
 - obtain an advisory degree plan (this is not your DARS report)
- **Submit the Veteran Intent to Register Form:**
 - <http://www.twu.edu/veterans/veterans-benefits.asp>
- **Update your student profile:**
 - name & address changes, change of major, financial aid application, declaring a minor, etc...
- **Register for classes:**
 - Use your pioneer portal account to register online

Montgomery GI Bill

Frequently Asked Questions

http://www.twu.edu/downloads/veterans-affairs/GI_Bill_FAQ.pdf

- **Where do I Start?**

- Contact a VA counselor at 1-888-442-4551 to discuss your education benefits and eligibility
- Fill out the online GI Bill application: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

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

- The VA will take approximately six to eight weeks, from the first day of class, to process your application and certify your enrollment
- Be prepared to pay out of pocket expenses at the beginning of each term
- 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

- **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.

Frequently Asked Questions Continued

- **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 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.

Hazlewood Act

Who is eligible and how to apply:

The Hazlewood Act is a tuition exemption program designed to provide an education benefit to honorably discharged or separated Texas veterans or to qualified dependent children.

Eligibility requirements for veterans:

- 1) Was Texas residents at the time they entered the U.S. Armed Forces
- 2) Is a current Texas residents
- 3) Has served at least 181 days of active military duty
- 4) Received an honorable discharge
- 5) Received General discharge /separation under honorable conditions
- 6) Have federal veterans education benefits for term,
that does not exceed the value of Hazlewood benefits
- 7) Is not in default on a student loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas
or on a federal education loan that affects their eligibility for GI education
benefits
- 8) Enroll in classes for which the college receives tax support

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Eligibility requirements for dependents:

- 1) Have a parent who was a resident of Texas at the time of entry into armed forces and who died as a result of service related injuries. Or whose parent became totally disabled for purposes of employability as a result of service-related injury or illness.
- 2) Is not in default on a student loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas or on a federal education loan that affects their eligibility for GI education benefits
- 3) Is a current Texas residents

Hazlewood Act

Who is eligible and how to apply

In order to receive the Hazlewood Act at TWU you will need to submit your Hazlewood packet to TWU's Veterans Program.

Hazlewood FAQ: www.twu.edu/veterans/8084.asp

You will need to submit the following items in the Hazlewood Packet:

Hazlewood application

Available at: www.collegeforalltexans.com

DD214, Military Discharge form

Submit request to the National Archive: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans>

VA benefit letter

Submit request to Regional VA Office: 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GI-BILL-1)

Submit Hazlewood packet to TWU's Veterans Program (940) 898- 3069

Fax (940) 898- 3097 attn: VA Representative

Hazlewood Act

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the Hazlewood act pay for?

The tuition waiver will cover the cost of all dues, fees, and charges, including fees for correspondence courses, but excluding property deposit fees, student service fees and any fees or charges for books, lodging, board, or clothing. The Hazlewood Act is a tuition exemption program; there is no money awarded to the student.

Depending on your type of courses and course load you should plan to pay \$200 to \$450 dollar per semester.

What classes does the Hazlewood act cover?

Currently the Hazlewood Act covers all courses offered at TWU except for the Continuing Education courses that receive no state tax support.

How long can I use my Hazlewood Act benefits?

Starting fall 1995, the Hazlewood Act can be used up to a maximum of 150 attempted credit hours. Credit hours attempted prior to Fall 1995 do not apply to the 150 credit hour limit.

Hazlewood Act

Frequently Asked Questions

I used the Hazlewood Act at another university. Do I need to fill another application?

Yes! You need to fill out the “Previous Hazlewood Recipient” application and submit a copy of your DD214 and VA benefit letter. State law requires all universities to maintain their own Hazlewood tuition exemption files. Each university is also required to obtain a written record of attempted Hazlewood hours from all previously attended institutions.

What is the deadline to apply for the Hazlewood Act?

You will need to submit your completed Hazlewood packet to TWU’s Veterans Program by the census date for the given term. If you do NOT submit the completed Hazlewood packet by the census date deadline you will not be awarded the tuition exemption. The census date can be found on the academic calendar at TWU’s website:

<http://www.twu.edu/academics/catalogs.html>

How long does it take TWU to process my Hazlewood application?

Once TWU’s Veterans Program receives your completed Hazlewood packet, with all three documents, it generally takes 5 business days to process.

General Info for Veterans

TWU's Veterans Program is responsible for assisting students with their VA Educational Benefits, to ensure all necessary documents are submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and to certify enrollment in degree credit hours.

The TWU Veterans Program acts as a liaison between the student and the VA; it is the students responsibility to understand their GI Bill benefits and duties as a veteran student while attending Texas Woman's University.

Certification

The main responsibility of the TWU Veterans Program is to certify enrollment for veteran students. Certification is the formal process of notifying the VA of a student's enrollment for educational benefits.

General Info for Veterans

Advance Pay

Texas Woman's University participates in the advance payment program. You must contact the Veterans Program before you register to utilize advance pay. Failure to notify the TWU Veterans Program before registering will result in the denial of this service.

Change of Major/Program

If you decide to change your major or program you must complete a Change of Major form and submit a new degree plan to the TWU Veterans Program in order to receive future VA educational benefits.

Repeat or Duplication

If a student fails a course or receives a grade below departmental requirements, the GI Bill can be used to retake the course. All other duplications can NOT be certified.

General Info for Veterans

Adds, Drops, Withdrawal

The Veterans Program is required to report any changes in enrollment to the VA; therefore, you must notify the Veterans Program Office immediately if you add, drop, or withdraw from any classes.

Concurrent Enrollment

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. TWU's Veterans Program will prepare a Parent Institution Letter once you have submitted your other class schedule.

Break Pay

If you are continuously enrolled at TWU and have pre-registered, you should receive payment for the break period between semesters. If you do not want to receive Break Pay, you must notify the TWU Veterans Program BEFORE you pre-register.

The VA will determine if you're eligible to receive break pay. Please note that being paid in between semesters will reduce your overall entitlement.

General Info for Veterans

Degree Plan

A degree plan lists all required courses and departmental requirements for a particular degree. VA regulations require that students to select a degree and make satisfactory progress toward the completion of that degree.

You 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.

According to VA regulations, TWU can only certify enrollment for courses listed on the degree plan. Therefore, students are advised to keep a copy of this document and refer to it prior to registration.

If you have any doubts or concerns about a course, contact the TWU Veterans Program.

Online Resources for Student Veterans

- Veterans Affairs Center website: <http://www.twu.edu/veterans/default.asp>
- New Student Checklist: <http://www.twu.edu/veterans/new-student-checklist.asp>
- Continuing Student Checklist: <http://www.twu.edu/veterans/semester-checklist.asp>
- Veterans Information Packet: <http://www.twu.edu/veterans/vet-info-packet.asp>
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