

LTC Veterans Benefit Guide



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FEDERAL VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

Introduction

The following guide is intended to answer questions you may have regarding veterans benefits and provide information about services available to you while enrolled at LTC.

We request that you keep our office informed of any changes in your enrollment status, withdrawals, incompletes, etc. Also, please refer to the current LTC Student Handbook as it relates to Satisfactory Academic Progress for students receiving veterans benefits.

If you have specific questions regarding the application process, eligibility, required credit loads, etc., please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Best wishes for a pleasant and worthwhile learning experience at LTC!

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR FEDERAL VETERANS BENEFITS

Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill® - Active Duty

The Montgomery GI Bill® - Active Duty, called "MGIB" for short, provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans for:

- College, Business, Technical, or Vocational School
- On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Programs
- Correspondence Courses
- Flight Training
- Remedial, Deficiency, and Refresher Training (in some cases)
- Costs of tests for licenses/certifications needed to get, keep, or advance in a job.
- National Tests

Who is Eligible?

You may be an eligible veteran if you received an honorable discharge, you have a high school diploma or equivalent (or, in some cases 12 hours of college credit), and you meet the requirements of one of the categories below:

Category 1

- Entered active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985;
- Didn't decline MGIB in writing;
- Weren't commissioned as Service Academy Graduate or ROTC Scholarship Graduate;
- Continuously served for three years, two years if you first enlisted for less than three years (or two years if you entered Selected Reserve within a year of leaving active duty and served four years – called the "2 by 4" Program), or you're currently on active duty.

Category 2

- Had Vietnam Era Entitlement;
- Weren't commissioned as Service Academy Graduate or ROTC Scholarship Graduate;
- Served certain dates (see www.va.gov for more information).

Category 3

- Not eligible for MGIB under Category I or II;
- Involuntarily separated (may be eligible if you elected MGIB before you were involuntarily separated for certain reasons).
- You were voluntarily separated under the Voluntary Separation Incentive or Special Separation Benefit program;
- Elected MGIB before being separated;
- Military pay was reduced by \$1200 before discharge.

Category 4

- VEAP participant on active duty on 10/9/96, had money remaining in a VEAP account, and elected MGIB by 10/9/97 and paid \$1200;
- VEAP participant on or before 10/9/96 even with no money in VEAP account, served active duty from 10/9/96-4/1/00, elected MGIB by 10/31/01, and contributed \$2700 to MGIB.

How Much Does VA Pay?

The monthly benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take, length of your service, your category, and if DOD put extra money in your MGIB Fund (called "kickers") or you participated in the \$600 "buy-up" program.

Monthly Benefit

Active Duty - 3 or more years OR two years Active Duty and four years Selected Reserves:

- Full time - \$2122.00 per month (12+ credits)
- 3/4 time - \$1591.50 per month (9-11 credits)
- 1/2 time - \$1061.00 per month (6-8 credits)
- **Monthly Benefits may be higher if a kicker is involved.**

Active Duty – Less than 3 years:

- Full-time - \$1722.00 per month (12+ credits)
- ¾-time - \$1291.50 per month (9-11 credits)
- ½-time - \$861.00 per months (6-8 credits)
- **Monthly Benefits may be higher if a kicker is involved.**

Entitlement

Accrues at the rate of one month for each month of active duty up to a maximum of 36 months full-time credits or its equivalent in part-time education. For example, if you receive half-time benefits for 12 months, the charge is six months.

Time Limit

Ten years from date of last discharge from active duty.

Important Notes

- A cost-of-living allowance may be added each October.
- Above rates effective 10/1/20.

Chapter 31 – Veterans Readiness & Employment (Previously Vocational Rehabilitation)

Chapter 31 is for veterans with a 20% or more service-connected disability (possibly lower if determined by VR&E) for post-secondary training at a college, vocational, technical, or business school. Can also be used for on-the-job training (OJT), apprenticeships, and non-paid work experiences. Must have received, or will receive, a discharge that is other than dishonorable. Must apply for services through the Veterans Affairs/Veterans Readiness & Employment Office in Milwaukee.

Entitlement

Maximum 48 months.

Monthly Benefit (based on no dependents)

- Full-time - \$653.96 per month (12+ credits)
- ¾-time - \$491.38 per month (9-11 credits)
- ½-time - \$328.78 per month (6-8 credits)
- Adjustments are made for dependents; additional documents such as marriage and birth certificates may be required.
- Tuition, fees, books, and supplies are paid by the VA.

Important Notes

- A cost-of-living allowance may be added each October.
- Above rates effective 10/1/20.

Time Limit

Usually twelve years from date of disability.

Other Information

- Individuals may be eligible for more than one chapter of benefits for a cumulative total of 48 months. Only one chapter of benefits can be utilized at a time.
- A veteran participating in the VR&E Program who qualifies for Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits can elect to receive the GI Bill® rate of pay instead of the regular Chapter 31 subsistence allowance. In most cases, the GI Bill® rate is higher than the regular Chapter 31 rate of pay. To elect the GI Bill® rate, the Veteran must have remaining eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill®, and must

formally choose (or “elect”) the GI Bill® rate. Your Vocational Rehabilitation Caseworker can help you with election.

- Veterans participating in the VR&E Program who elect the Post-9/11 rate are paid at the 100% rate level for their school and training time, even if their Post-9/11 GI Bill® eligibility is less than 100%.

Chapter 33 – Post-9/11 GI Bill®

This benefit is for anyone who served active duty after September 11, 2001. If you have at least 90 days of aggregate active duty service after Sept. 10, 2001, and are still on active duty, or if you are an honorably discharged veteran or were discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days, you may be eligible for this VA-administered program. Must be in a VA-approved program (see Chapter 30 education qualifications above). This program went into effect August 1, 2009 (see www.va.gov for more information).

Entitlement

Maximum 36 months.

Benefits

- **Tuition & Fee Payment (Paid to School)** - Full in-state tuition costs covered for training pursued at public institutions.
- **Books and Supplies Stipend (Paid to Student)** - Up to \$1,000 a year for books and supplies. Paid to the student proportionately for each term.
- **Monthly Housing Allowance (Paid to Student)** - Stipend based on local BAH for E-5 with dependents and paid monthly. Current rate for Lakeshore Technical College is \$1233 for full-time status. Online students receive the national average rate of \$916.50 for full-time status. Rate is adjusted based on number of credits, and a student must take the equivalency of 7 credits in a “traditional” semester time period in order to receive BAH.

The following chart represents the maximum percentage payable based on the length of an individual’s aggregate active duty service. **Tuition, books, and BAH are all prorated based on this period of active duty.**

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Includes entry level and skill training?	Percentage of Maximum Benefit
At least 36 months	Yes	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and must be discharged due to service-connected disability or received a Purple Heart	Yes	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	Yes	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	Yes	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	No	70
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	No	60
At least 6 months, but less than 12 months	No	50
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	No	40

Important Notes

- A cost-of-living allowance may be added each August.
- Above rates effective 8/01/20.
- Eligible service members may transfer all 36 months or the portion of unused Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits (unless DoD or the Department of Homeland Security has limited the number of transferable months). If you're eligible, you may transfer benefits to the following individuals: your spouse, one or more of your children, any combination of spouse and child (see below for more information).

Time Limit

Generally payable for 15 years following your release from active duty. However, the “Forever GI Bill®” signed into law on August 16, 2017, removes the time limitation for the use of Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits for individuals whose last discharge or release from active duty is on or after January 1, 2013, children of deceased service members who first become entitled to Post-9/11 GI Bill® program benefits after January 1, 2013, and all Fry spouses.

All others remain subject to the current 15-year time limitation for using their Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits.

Chapter 33 – Post-9/11 GI Bill® Transfer of Entitlement

The Department of Defense (DoD) offers members of the Armed Forces the opportunity to transfer Chapter 33 benefits to their spouse or dependent children. If a member of the Armed Forces (active duty or Selected Reserve) serves six years and reenlists for 4 more years or has at least 10 years of service, then transfer of entitlement (ToE) is possible.

While in the Armed Forces, members use the Transfer of Entitlement (ToE) website to designate, modify, and revoke a ToE request. After leaving the Armed Forces, members can provide a future effective date for use of ToE, modify the number of months transferred, or revoke entitlement transferred by submitting a written request to VA.

NOTE: After separating from the Armed Forces individuals cannot designate new dependents to receive transferred entitlement or amend the effective date of the initial transfer of entitlement to an earlier date. As of the passing of the Forever GI Bill® in August 2017, the following changes occurred:

- Veterans who transferred entitlement to a dependent can now designate a new dependent if the original dependent dies before using the entitlement.
- Dependents who received transfer of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® can transfer their entitlement to another eligible dependent if the Servicemember or Veteran who made the transfer subsequently dies.

This law applies to deaths on or after August 1, 2009. A dependent to whom entitlement is transferred may use it beginning on or after August 1, 2018.

Information regarding this benefit can be found here: [Transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits](#). This explains what the member must do, what the child or spouse must do, and gives all the needed links. There are two basic steps:

- The service member (transferor) must transfer the entitlement. If approved, transfer data is put into a secure online database DoD shares with VA. That database, in addition to providing VA qualifying periods of Chapter 33 service, also provides ToE data.
- The spouse or child (transferee) must apply. The application VA Form 22-1990e; Application for Family Member to Use Transferred Benefits can be completed online.

Entitlement

Number of months transferred by veteran.

Benefits

- **Tuition & Fee Payment (Paid to School)** - Full in-state tuition costs covered for training pursued at public institutions.
- **Books and Supplies Stipend (Paid to Student)** - Up to \$1,000 a year for books and supplies. Paid to the student proportionately for each term.
- **Monthly Housing Allowance (Paid to Student)** - Stipend based on local BAH for E-5 with dependents and paid monthly. Current rate for Lakeshore Technical College is \$1233 for full-time status. Online students receive the national average rate of \$916.50 for full-time status. Rate is adjusted based on number of credits, and a student must take the equivalency of 7 credits in a "traditional" semester time period in order to receive BAH. Spouses are not eligible for this while the member is serving on active duty. Children are entitled to the housing allowance even though the eligible individual is on active duty.

Important Notes

- A cost-of-living allowance may be added each August.
- Above rates effective 8/1/20.

Time Limit

- Spouses can use the benefit for up to 15 years after the service member's last separation from active duty.
- Children may not use the benefit until they have attained a high school diploma (or equivalency certificate) or reached age 18. They are not subject to the 15-year delimiting date but may not use the benefit after reaching the age of 26.

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship)

Currently available for children and surviving spouses of those who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.

Entitlement

Maximum 36 months.

Benefits

- **Tuition & Fee Payment (Paid to School)** - Full in-state tuition costs covered for training pursued at public institutions.
- **Books and Supplies Stipend (Paid to Student)** - Up to \$1,000 a year for books and supplies. Paid to the student proportionately for each term.
- **Monthly Housing Allowance (Paid to Student)** - Stipend based on local BAH for E-5 with dependents and paid monthly. Current rate for Lakeshore Technical College is \$1233 for full-time status. Online students receive the national average rate of \$916.50 for full-time status. Rate is adjusted based on number of credits, and a student must take the equivalency of 7 credits in a “traditional” semester time period in order to receive BAH.

Important Notes

- A cost-of-living allowance may be added each August.
- Above rates effective 8/1/20.
- Spouses must make an irrevocable election of which benefit he/she wishes to receive, if eligible for both Chapter 35 Dependents’ Education Assistance and Fry Scholarship benefits.

Time Limit

- Spouses must use the benefit within 15 years from the service member’s date of death and lose eligibility if they marry.
- Children have 15 years to use the benefit beginning on their 18th birthday and may use until their 33rd birthday (may be married or over 23 and still be eligible).
- The “Forever GI Bill[®]” signed into law on August 16, 2017, removes the time limitation for the use of Post-9/11 GI Bill[®] benefits for children of deceased service members who first become entitled to Post-9/11 GI Bill[®] program benefits after January 1, 2013, and all Fry spouses.

Chapter 35 – Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance

The Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition. Benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training.

You may receive up to 45 months of education benefits. This will decrease to 36 months effective **August 1, 2018**. Effective Oct. 1, 2013, some DEA beneficiaries may be eligible for up to 81 months of GI Bill[®] benefits if they use the Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance program in conjunction with an entitlement from other VA education programs.

Eligibility

You must be the son, daughter, or spouse of:

- A veteran who died or is permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability. The disability must arise out of active service in the armed forces.
- A veteran who died from any cause while such permanent and total service-connected disability was in existence.
- A service member missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force.
- A service member forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.

- A service member who is hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment for a service-connected permanent and total disability and is likely to be discharged for that disability. This change is effective Dec. 23, 2006.

Period of Eligibility

If you are a son or daughter and wish to receive benefits for attending school or job training, the benefit is available between the ages of 18 and 26. These time limits can be extended under certain circumstances. Marriage is not a bar to this benefit. If you are a spouse, benefits end 10 years from the date VA finds you eligible or from the date of death of the veteran. Spouses of veterans who died while on active duty have 20 years from the date of veteran's death (see www.gibill.va.gov for more information).

If you are in the Armed Forces, you may not receive this benefit while on active duty. To pursue training after military service, your discharge must not be under dishonorable conditions. VA can extend your period of eligibility by the number of months and days equal to the time spent on active duty plus four months.

Monthly Benefit

- Full-time - \$1265.00 per month (12+ credits)
- ¾-time - \$1000.00 per month (9-11 credits)
- ½-time - \$734.00 per months (6-8 credits)
- ¼-time – Tuition and fees not to exceed \$316.25.

Important Notes

- A cost-of-living allowance may be added each October.
- Above rates effective 10/01/20.

Chapter 1606 MGIB Selected-Reserve

This program is for those individuals who are eligible members of the Selected Reserve, including the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guard, and Air National Guard. Eligibility for this program is determined by the Selected Reserve components.

To qualify, you must meet the following requirements:

- Have a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve signed after June 30, 1985. If you are an officer, you must have agreed to serve six years in addition to your original obligation. For some types of training, it is necessary to have a six-year commitment that begins after Sept. 30, 1990.
- Complete your initial active duty for training (IADT).
- Meet the requirement to receive a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before completing IADT. You may not use 12 hours toward a college degree to meet this requirement.
- Remain in good standing while serving in an active Selected Reserve unit. You will also retain MGIB-SR eligibility if you were discharged from Selected Reserve service due to a disability that was not caused by misconduct. Your eligibility period may be extended if you are ordered to active duty.

Monthly Benefit

- Full-time - \$397.00 per month (12+ credits)
- ¾-time - \$297.00 per month (9-11 credits)
- ½-time - \$198.00 per month (6-8 credits)
- ¼-time - \$ 99.25 per month (3-5 credits)
- **Monthly benefits may be higher if a kicker is involved.**

Entitlement

You will be entitled to receive 36 months full-time credits or its equivalent in part-time education. For example, if you receive half-time benefits for 12 months, the charge is six months.

Time Limit

Your eligibility for the program normally ends the day you leave the Selected Reserve. There are exceptions to this (see www.gibill.va.gov for more information).

Important Notes

- A cost-of-living allowance may be added each October.
- Above rates effective 10/1/20.

Chapter 1607 – Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

Chapter 1607 was created for those individuals who served in the Selected Reserve or National Guard and were called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency as declared by the President or Congress. However, The National Defense Authorization Act of 2016 ended REAP on November 25, 2015. Some individuals remained eligible for REAP benefits until November 25, 2019. There is no longer eligibility for this benefit.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill® in many ways has replaced REAP because it also provides educational assistance benefits for Reserve and National Guard members called to active duty on or after September 11, 2001, and in many cases provides a greater benefit than REAP.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL VA EDUCATION BENEFITS**Introduction**

You must be accepted or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program. (A list of LTC programs that are approved can be found by clicking on this link: [VA's WEAMS Institution Search Tool](#)) or by accessing the www.va.gov website. Courses must meet graduation requirements.

Should you be applying for Federal VA Educational Benefits for the first time, you are encouraged to contact the Veterans Certifying Official at LTC six to eight weeks prior to the beginning of a new semester. Education benefits can be applied for online at Vets.gov.

New Student - 1st Time Using Benefits

- Complete an Application for Educational Benefits (Form 22-1990) – for Chapter 30, 33, and 1606.

- Complete an Application for Family Member to Use Transferred Benefits (Form 22-1990e) – For Chapter 33 TOE. Veteran must have first designated dependent as being eligible to receive transferred entitlement while in the Armed Forces.
- Complete a Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits (22-5490 form) – For Chapter 35.
- Complete a Disabled Veterans Application for Vocational Rehabilitation (28-1900) – For Chapter 31.
- Submit a Member 2 or 4 copy of Form DD214, if active duty veteran, **OR** submit NOBE (Form DD2384), if a Reservist/National Guard Member (Chapter 1606).
- Complete LTC's Veterans Education Benefits Request form for the current school term (summer, fall, or spring). LTC's certifying official will provide you with the link for completing this online form.

Student Transferring from another school

- Complete a Change of Program/Place of Training form (Form 22-1995) - For Chapter 30, 33, and 1606.
- Complete a Dependents' Request for Change of Program or Place of Training form (22-5495) – For Chapter 33 TOE, Chapter 33 Fry Scholarship, and Chapter 35.
- Complete LTC's Veterans Education Benefits Request form for the current school term (summer, fall, or spring). LTC's certifying official will provide you with the link for completing this online form.

Continuing LTC Student

Continuing LTC students **MUST** complete the Veterans Education Benefits Request form at the beginning of each academic semester **or benefits will not be paid and late fees will be assessed**. The link for this will be provided.

Additional information - Federal VA Educational Benefits

Address Change

Any change in address should be reported to the LTC Records Department and the Veterans Administration. This can be done through the WAVE process (see below).

Credits

Credits will be certified for the number of weeks the course meets.

Enrollment Status

It is the responsibility of the student receiving federal VA educational benefits to notify the LTC Veterans Certifying Official of any changes in enrollment or withdrawal.

Monthly Student Verification of Enrollment

All Chapter 30, 1606, and 1607 students are required, on a monthly basis, to verify their attendance to the VA (WAVE verification). This student verification of enrollment triggers the VA to issue the prior month's check to the student. This can be done online at <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave> or by calling the VA at 1-888-442-4551.

On-line WAVE accessibility can also be used to change your mailing address and direct deposit, view current benefit information, sign up for monthly reminder messages, and determine if there is anything pending (coming soon) at the VA.

Prior Credits/Military Experience

It is important to obtain a military transcript and have that sent to LTC, so it can be reviewed for any training that could give you advanced standing credit for classes at LTC. Your program advisor will be the person who reviews the transfer credits. You will need to access the Joint Services Transcript site of <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do> and click on “How to request an official transcript” for instructions.

If you were in the Air Force, access the following link: <https://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/>. Then click on the “Order a Transcript” box and the “Mail in Transcript Request Form” blue link to print out/complete the form and mail to the address shown.

In addition, LTC awards credit for prior learning based on years of service, if the applicable classes are in your program. In order to determine eligibility, you must submit a DD-214 or NGB-22 showing years of service and honorable discharge.

Satisfactory Progress

Veteran students whose grade point average falls between a 1.0 and 1.99 upon completion of their initial semester of enrollment are placed on academic probation. Failure to achieve a 1.0 semester GPA will result in immediate suspension of federal benefits. Eligibility can be reestablished **one time only** by completing a specific request for resumption of benefits and meeting with your LTC program advisor. Depending on individual circumstances, it is possible that the VA could request repayment of benefits.

Enrollment

Training time for any semester is based upon the number of credits and the number of weeks the course meets. Not all courses are the same length of time, which may affect rate of paying during the semester. You might have a total of 12 credits and think you are full-time but may not be.

Tuition and Fees

All students are required to pay for their tuition, fees, and books with the exception of those receiving Chapter 31 or 33 benefits (including the Fry Scholarship and Transfer of Entitlement). Students receiving Chapter 31 benefits may also charge books. For Chapter 33 the book allowance is paid directly to the student, not the school. Once all required forms are submitted, your student account will be updated to reflect charges covered by veterans benefits. Any remaining balance must be addressed with a payment arrangement or late fees will be assessed. Payment arrangements for tuition and fees for other chapters must be addressed by the due date, which is indicated on the LTC website of <https://gotoltc.edu/financial-aid/pay-tuition/>.

Called to Active Duty While a Student

If you are called to active duty while attending LTC, you must provide the Veterans Certifying Official on campus with a copy of your orders. You will also need to contact the Records Department to withdraw from your courses. You will receive a 100% tuition refund unless you are able to complete all of the course requirements prior to deployment. Upon return from active duty, you will need to provide the Veterans Certifying Official with a copy of your DD214. You will be able to be reinstated at the status you were at when deployed.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BENEFITS

Introduction

There are a variety of different State veterans programs available. **Applications/eligibility determination forms can be obtained from the County Veterans Service Office.** The address for the Manitowoc County Veterans Service Office is: County Administration Building, 4319 Expo Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220. The office phone number is (920) 683-4055.

The address for the Sheboygan County Veterans Service Office is: Sheboygan County CVSO, Aging and Disability Resource Center, 650 Forest Avenue, Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085. The office phone number is (920) 467-4195. Please contact your individual County Veterans Service Office, if you reside in a different county. Generally, this office is located in the County Courthouse.

Listed below is a summary of the current State veterans programs available for students attending college.

Retraining Grant

Recently unemployed or underemployed veterans may receive up to \$3000 per year for a maximum of two years, if they have a financial need while being retrained for employment. Amount is determined by financial need as calculated by the WDVA. Other grants will be included when determining need for this program and will be included on the application. The Retraining Grant Application can be accessed via this website: [WDVA Retraining Grant](#) can be applied for through the County Veterans Service office.

To qualify, applicant must have been involuntarily laid off or discharged (not due to willful misconduct) within a period beginning one year before the date the WDVA receives the application. Must have been employed for at least six consecutive months with the same employer or in the same or similar occupations. At least one day of that employment must have been within the period beginning one year before the date that the WDVA receives the application.

Must have current annual income from employment that does not exceed federal poverty guidelines. Must be currently enrolled in a technical education program or structured on-the-job training program that will be completed within two years of the date application is received by WDVA and it must reasonably be expected to lead to employment. Written verification of satisfactory progress may be required by WDVA.

Applicant may receive a second retraining grant no sooner than one year after first grant was issued. Cannot receive more than two retraining grants or a retraining grant and another WDVA education grant for the same period.

Veterans Education (VetEd) Grant

The Veterans Education Grant Program (VetEd), S45.20 Wisconsin Statutes, reimburses veterans for tuition and fees paid for courses when enrolled as an undergraduate student. **Wisconsin veterans who do not have a bachelor's degree** may use the VetEd to pursue educational or vocational objectives up to a bachelor's degree at an eligible school. Reimbursement may be up to 100% of unreimbursed tuition and fees, not to exceed the

amount charged by UW-Madison for the same number of credits. **The reimbursement percentage may be adjusted periodically to reflect demand and available funding.**

Courses must contribute to a degree, certificate of graduation, or course completion. Courses offered under clock-hour standards are not eligible for reimbursement. The maximum amount of credits for which a veteran may receive reimbursement is based on the amount of time the veteran served on active duty. Active Duty for Training does not count toward department or program eligibility.

Active Duty Time	Maximum Amount of Credits
90 to 180 days	30 credits or two semesters
181 to 730 days	60 credits or four semesters
731 days or more	120 credits or eight semesters

Veterans must achieve a semester GPA of 2.0 or better to be eligible for reimbursement. Must submit the application to WDVA no later than 60 days after the start of the academic period. The WDVA 2200 application and information can be accessed via this website: [WDVA VetEd Grant](#) or can be applied for through the County Veterans Service office.

Veterans may use the VetEd for full-time or part-time study up to their 10-year anniversary of leaving active duty (delimiting date). To be eligible for the VetEd, the veteran's household income must be below \$50,000 plus \$1,000 for each dependent in excess of two dependents. Information can also be found in the Wisconsin Tuition Programs Brochure, which can be linked to from the Veteran Section of the LTC website.

Wisconsin GI Bill

Effective with the fall 2005 semester, the Wisconsin GI Bill provides a waiver (“remission”) of tuition for eligible veterans and their dependents for up to eight full-time semesters or 128 credits at any [University of Wisconsin System](#) or [Wisconsin Technical College System](#) institution. The veteran must have entered service as a Wisconsin resident or made residency for five consecutive years. Qualifying veterans receive a 100% remission of tuition and material fees only. There will be a minimal portion of fees the student will owe.

A 100% remission is provided to the qualifying unremarried surviving spouse and children of a veteran who died in the line of duty, and to the spouse and children of a veteran with substantial service-connected disabilities (combined VA service-connected disability rating of 30% or greater). For qualifying children, the benefit is available between the ages of 18 and 26. Residency status must be one of the following:

- Spouse/dependent must be currently residing in Wisconsin at time of application and veteran must have been a Wisconsin resident at time of entry into active duty, **OR**
- The veteran and spouse/dependent must have been residing in the State of Wisconsin for at least 5 consecutive years immediately preceding the semester or sessions for which they register.

For additional information, eligibility criteria, instructions on how to apply for the Wisconsin GI Bill, and statutory citations for the program, see the Wisconsin Tuition Programs Brochure by accessing this link: [WDVA Wisconsin GI Bill](#).

Wisconsin National Guard Tuition Grant

This grant is available for guard members and reimburses 100% of the member's **TUITION COSTS** after satisfactory completion of the semester. Student must have completed the semester with a GPA of 2.0 or better.

Guard members must contact their guard unit for eligibility verification and application paperwork or access the application via this website: <https://dma.wi.gov/DMA/support/education>.

PLEASE NOTE, THERE IS A 90-DAY DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION TO THE COLLEGE FROM THE END OF THE SEMESTER.

Other Assistance

Financial Aid

A comprehensive financial aid program provides assistance to students who would otherwise be unable to afford their education.

The financial aid program is administered on the principle that financial assistance should be viewed only as supplementary to the efforts of the family. Therefore, to determine need and make awards fairly, the parents of aid applicants are required to complete a financial aid application. In the case of a student who is clearly self-supporting in accordance with federal guidelines, eligibility is based on the financial resources of the student and/or spouse. All financial aid awards are based on the applicant's financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office.

Applications for financial aid or questions/concerns regarding financial aid should be directed to the Financial Aid Office. The phone number is (920) 693-1718. The Veterans Certifying Official can also assist with financial aid questions/concerns. The website for completing the online FAFSA is www.fafsa.gov.

LTC Foundation Scholarships

The LTC Foundation operates for the purpose of aiding students and the college. Information regarding scholarships can be found on the LTC website here: [Scholarships](#). You can choose "LTC Foundation Scholarships" to link to the Foundation scholarship application. The application deadline for fall scholarships is generally around the middle of March; for spring, around the end of October. You can choose "Additional Scholarship Opportunities Listing" to link to other outside (external) scholarships for which you would apply individually.

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