



Veterans: Education Navigation Services



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If you notice any changes or inconsistencies with our resources, please inform Navigation to help us stay current.

VA Resources

Post-9/11 GI Bill

Overview of Benefits:

- Covers all in-state tuition and fees (paid to school) for public schools.
 - For those attending private or foreign schools, tuition and fees are capped at the national maximum rate (2017 had \$22,085 cap)
- Monthly housing allowance if enrolled half-time or more and at least one class is in person (paid to the veteran)
- Up to \$1000 per year for books and supplies (paid to the veteran)
- Can be used for college and professional training programs
- Provides up to 36 months of benefits

Eligibility:

- 90 Days of Active-Duty service after 9/10/2001
- Honorable discharge – other discharges in limited cases
- Use with 15 years of discharge

Yellow-Ribbon Program:

- An agreement between school and VA to cover tuition costs greater than in-state tuition
- May help veterans attending private schools or are out-of-state
- List of participating institutions: <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/>

Enrollment

- Consult VA Certifying Official at your school; they can help you complete the application
- Apply online: <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>
- Call: 1-888-442-4551 and get application by mail

For more information: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_qibill.asp

Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty:

Overview of Benefits:

- Provides a monthly benefit to enrolled veterans (paid to veteran)
- Benefit based upon veteran's course load
- Can be used for college and professional training programs
- Provides up to 36 months of benefits

Eligibility:

- 3 years of continuous active-duty service, 2 years in some circumstances
- Honorable discharge
- Had \$100 per month deducted from military pay checks for first 12 months of service

The following is a list of resources that is grouped into the following categories:

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Enrollment

- Consult VA Certifying Official at your school; they can help you complete the application
- Apply online: <https://www.va.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/1990/introduction>
- Call: 1-888-442-4551 and get application by mail
 - *Note: Montgomery GI Bill can be converted to post-9/11 GI Bill in some circumstances

For more information: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/montgomery_bill.asp

VA Education and Career Counseling

Overview of Benefits:

- Assistance with understanding career options
- Guidance on the effective use of VA benefits
- Academic or adjustment counseling and personalized support to help remove any barriers to success

Eligibility:

- Active Duty within 6 months of discharge
- Veterans during 1st year following discharge
- Service Members/ Veterans currently eligible for a VA educational benefit
- Anyone currently using a VA education benefit

Enrollment:

- Complete VA Form 28-8832 and mail it to nearest VA regional office
 - Lakewood: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 155 Van Gordon St. Lakewood, CO 80228
 - <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-28-8832-ARE.pdf>

For more information: http://www.benefits.va.gov/VOCREHAB/edu_voc_counseling.asp

Local Post-Secondary Education Resources

Community College of Denver

Veteran Services Center

<https://www.ccd.edu/veterans-services-center>

- Assist veterans to determine their eligibility and apply for VA educational benefits.
- Veteran Services Coordinator- Kevin Bruan
 - Phone: 303-352-6008 or 303-352-3103
 - Email: VeteranServices@ccd.edu
 - Address: Auraria Campus, Cherry Creek, 210, 1111 W Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80204

Veteran Student Life

- Student Veteran Club
- Peer Mentors

Metropolitan State University of Denver:

Veteran and Military Student Services

<https://msudenver.edu/veterans/>

- Connect veterans to campus and off-campus resources to encourage academic success.
- Contact Information:
 - Phone: 303-615-0044
 - Email: veterans@msudenver.edu
 - Address: Tivoli Room 215, Campus Box 74, P.O. Box 173362, Denver, CO 80217-3362
- Veterans Upward Bound
 - Provides eligible military Veterans with academic skills refresher training
 - Pre-collegiate “experience” to support Veteran’s transition to entering post-secondary education

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- Student Veterans Organization:
 - Provides a supportive community for student Veterans and offers activities throughout the school year
 - studentveterans@msudenver.edu

Red Rocks Community College

Office of Veterans Affairs

<https://www.rrcc.edu/veteran-services>

- Assists veterans to determine their eligibility and apply for VA educational benefits.
- Contact Information:
 - Email: Veteran.Services@rrcc.edu or Phone: 303-914-6127
 - Director of Military and Veteran services: Oscar Prieto
 - Email: oscar.prieto@rrcc.edu
 - Phone: 303-914-6327
- Veterans Association
 - Email: rrccsva@gmail.com
 - “A voice for student veterans concerns and is active in helping veterans reintegrate into academic and civilian life.”
 - Connects students to RRCC and community resources.
- Veterans Study Lounge
 - Provides a space where RRCC student Veterans can study, relax, or make connections with fellow student Veterans.

University of Colorado Denver

Office of Veteran and Military Student Services

<https://www.ucdenver.edu/veterans>

- Assist veterans to determine their eligibility and apply for VA educational benefits.
 - Phone: 303-315-7300
 - Email: vmss@ucdenver.edu – a team of benefits processing specialists will respond to your request. Please use for general questions about your benefit
 - Address: Tivoli Student Union Suite 124, 900 Auraria Parkway, Denver, CO 80204

Veteran Student Life:

- Veteran Student Mentor Program:
 - Peer-to-peer transition support for student veterans
 - pavementors@ucdenver.edu.
- Tutoring for Vets Program:
 - Free tutoring online or in person in any subject/course
 - tutoringforvets@ucdenver.edu
- Boots to Suits:
 - Preparation for successful transition from college to workforce
 - Veterans paired with experienced professionals in area of interest
 - FREE Custom suit upon completion of program
 - bootstosuits@ucdenver.edu.
- Veteran Student Organization:
 - Provides a community and resource network for over 1000 Veterans and Veteran dependent students.
- Mental Health Supports
 - Mental health services specifically for Veterans and their families
 - Experienced clinicians dedicated to serving Veterans and families
 - <http://www.ucdenver.edu/life/services/Veteran/support/mentalhealthsupport/Pages/default.aspx>

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University of Denver

Veterans Services

<https://www.du.edu/veterans/>

- Contact Information:
 - Phone: 303-871-5350
 - Email: veterans@du.edu
 - 2050 E. Evans Ave, Suit 3201, Denver, CO 80208
- Programs
 - Peer to Peer Network
 - Pairs incoming student veterans with current student veterans to facilitate a smooth transition to higher education
 - Right Foot Forward
 - Matches veteran students with industry professionals
 - Upon completion of the program each veteran receives a free suit.