HOW TO APPLY FOR VA BENEFITS ONLINE

Go to:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/

AND CLICK ON “APPLY FOR BENEFITS”
A second Apply for Benefits will appear. Click on it.

Then Apply Online will appear. Click on it.
Select NEW or RETURNING USER:

**Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP)**

Welcome to the new and improved Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP) website. Please select one of the following choices to begin using VONAPP.

**I Am a New VONAPP User**

(Please select this option if this is your first time using the VONAPP website.)

**I Have Used VONAPP Before**

(Please select this option to Resume or Print a previous application.)

READ THE NEXT TWO SCREENS AND CLICK CONTINUE, THEN CREATE A VONAPP ACCOUNT

**Yes, I'll Log-in Now**

(Please select this option to log in with your existing DS Logon / eBenefits Account)

**No, Create a VONAPP Account**

(Please select this option to signup for a VONAPP account. Note: this account is only valid for VONAPP, and will not work for other VA websites.)

Create a User Name and Password:

Username: 
Password: 
Password Hint: 
E-mail Address: 


In the CREATE A NEW FORM box, click the down arrow and select the form you want to complete.

Select **Education Benefits, Form 22-1990** for:
- Chapters 30 (Montgomery GI Bill),
- Chapter 33 (Post 911),
- 1606 (Selected Reserve),
- Or 1607 (Reserves Served Active Duty since 9-11-01)

Select **Education Benefits, Form 22-1990E** for:
- Transferred Benefits, Chapter 33, (Post 911)

Select **Dependents Benefits, Form 22-5490** for:
- Chapter 35 (Dependents & Spouse of Disabled Vets)
Read the next two screens and Continue

Click Yes for the Privacy Statement:

Yes, I have read the explanation of the Privacy Act and respondent burden.  

No, I have not read the explanation of the Privacy Act and respondent burden. 

OR

Education Benefits (Form 22-1990)
Choose from one of the options below and then click the red 'Continue' button.

The options that appear below will vary depending on what tasks you have accomplished in VONAPP in the past, if any. New users entering their first claims will see only the option to create an empty new claim or exit VONAPP. Returning users will have additional options. See the Help items in the left margin for explanations of each option.

- Create an empty new claim application
- Exit VONAPP

Read the next three screens and Continue

Check the Chapter you are applying for:

1. Education benefit being applied for:
   
   - [ ] Chapter 33 – Post-9/11 GI Bill
   - [ ] Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill Educational Assistance Program (MGB)
   - [ ] Chapter 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (MGIB-SR)
   - [ ] Chapter 1607 – Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)
   - [ ] Chapter 32 or Section 903 – Post-VietNam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)
Applying for Chapter 33 (Post 911) requires you to complete this screen:

1. Education benefit being applied for:

   - Chapter 33 - Post-9/11 GI Bill

**Chapter 33 Election.** Complete this section only if this is your first request for Chapter 33 benefits.

By electing Chapter 33, I acknowledge that I understand the following:
- I may not receive more than a total of 48 months of benefits under two or more programs.
- If electing chapter 33 in lieu of chapter 30, my months of entitlement under chapter 33 will be limited to the number of months of entitlement remaining under chapter 30 on the effective date of my election. However, if I completely exhaust my entitlement under chapter 30 before the effective date of my chapter 33 election, I may receive up to 12 additional months of benefits under chapter 33.
- My election is *irrevocable* and may not be changed.

I elect to receive Chapter 33 Education Benefits in lieu of the Education Benefit checked below,

- [ ] Chapter 30: MGIB
- [ ] Chapter 1606: MGIB-SR
- [ ] Chapter 1607: REAP
- [ ] Not eligible for any of the other listed benefits

Applying for all chapters requires you to complete the following screens:

**Complete and Continue these pages:**

2. What is your name?
   - Salutation
   - First
   - Middle
   - Last
   - Suffix

3. What is your sex?  [ ] Male  [ ] Female

4. What is your date of birth?
   - [ ] month
   - [ ] day
   - [ ] year

5. What is your Social Security Number?
5. What is your address?
Address  Location  Domestic

City  State
Zip  Zip Suffix

7. What are your telephone numbers?
Primary Phone  Extension  Secondary Phone  Extension

10a. Have you ever filed a claim with the VA?  ○ Yes  ○ No

10b. Have you previously applied for education benefits using someone else's service?  ○ Yes  ○ No

8. Are you interested in having your VA education benefits directly deposited into a checking or savings account?  ○ Yes  ○ No  
(Direct Deposit is not available for VEAP)

9. Please provide the name of someone who will always know where you can be reached?
First  Middle  Last  Suffix

9a. Is your contact's address and phone number the same as yours?  ○ Yes  ○ No

11. Have you already received an information pamphlet explaining education benefits?  (The most current information on VA education benefits is available online at www.gibill.va.gov. If you would like to receive a printed pamphlet, answer No to this question.)  ○ Yes  ○ No

12. Do you know the name or address of the school or training establishment you want to attend?  (Skip this item if you are only applying for National Test Reimbursement, Licensing and Certification Test Reimbursement, or Tuition Assistance Top-Up.)  ○ Yes  ○ No
12b. Enter the date your training started or will start.

month day year

12c. Please specify your Educational or Career Objective, if known. (e.g., Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Welding Certificate, Police Officer, etc.)

12d. Type of Education or Training

☐ College or Other School Attendance (includes online courses)
☐ Correspondence
☐ Apprenticeship or On-the-Job Training
☐ Vocational Flight Training
☐ National Test Reimbursement (SAT, CLEP, etc.)
☐ Licensing or Certification Test Reimbursement (MCSE, CCNA, EMT, NCLEX, etc.)
☐ Tuition Assistance Top-Up (Chapters 30 and 33 only)

13a. Are you now on Active Duty? (Check NO if you are currently on drilling status, in the Selected Reserve or if you are on active duty for training.)

☐ Yes  ☐ No

To add or delete tours of duty, click the add or delete buttons. If you have more than one period of service, you must list the earliest period(s) first.

13d. Date Entered Active Duty

month day year

13e. Date Separated from Active Duty

month day year

13f. Service Component (Branch of Service)

Military Service Branch  Other Service Branch (not on list)

13g. Service Status (active duty, drilling reservist, IRR, etc.)

13h. Were you involuntarily called to active duty for this period?

☐ Yes  ☐ No
Complete 14a or 14b. Leave both blank if you did not graduate from high school and did not complete the requirements for a certificate.

14a. Date you graduated from High School.
   month/day/year
   Or

14b. Date you completed the requirement for a High School Equivalency certificate.
   month/day/year

14c. Have you received any training after High School? 
( Including apprenticeships, on-the-job training and flight training)
   ○ Yes  ○ No

14d. If you hold any FAA Flight Certificates, enter information about each certificate.

15a. Were you employed before entering military service? 
   Includes jobs where you held a license or journeyman rating to practice a profession)
   ○ Yes  ○ No

15b. Were you employed after leaving military service? 
   Includes jobs where you held a license or journeyman rating to practice a profession)
   ○ Yes  ○ No

16a. For Active Duty Claimants Only. Are you receiving or do you anticipate receiving any money (including but not limited to Federal Tuition Assistance) from the Armed Forces or Public Health Service for the course for which you have applied to the VA for Education Benefits? If you receive such benefits during any part of your training, check Yes.

   Note: If you are only applying for Tuition Assistance Top-Up, check No on this item.
   ○ Yes  ○ No
16a. **Military Service Academy.** If you graduated from a Military Service Academy, specify the year you graduated and received your commission.

Graduation Year: 

16b. **Senior ROTC Scholarship Program.** Are you currently participating in a Senior ROTC Scholarship Program which pays for your tuition, fees, books and supplies under Section 2107, Title 10 U.S. Code?

- [ ] Yes  - [ ] No

16c. **Senior ROTC (Reserve Officer’s Training Corps) Scholarship Program and Officer’s Commission.** If you were commissioned or will be commissioned as a result of a Senior ROTC Scholarship Program, provide the date of your commission and the amount of your scholarship for each year you were in the Senior ROTC program. Do not report your monthly subsistence allowance (stipend).

*(if you received your commission through a non-scholarship program, skip this section.)*

Date of Commission

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16d. **For Civilian Employees of the U.S. Federal Government Only.** Are you receiving or do you anticipate receiving any money from your agency (including but not limited to the Government Employees Training Act) for the same period for which you have applied to the VA for Education Benefits? If you will receive such benefits during any part of your training, check Yes.

- [ ] Yes  - [ ] No
16e. Contributions. Did you make additional contributions (up to $600) to increase the amount of your monthly benefits? If Yes, it will help VA process your claim if you submit evidence you have to support your claim. (e.g., cash collection voucher, leave and earnings statement(s), receipt voucher, etc.)

☐ Yes  ☐ No

16f. Kicker. Do you qualify for a Kicker (sometimes called a "College Fund") based on your Military Service? (Kickers are additional amounts contributed by DoD to an education fund.)

If you qualify for a kicker, it will help VA process your claim if you submit a copy of the kicker contract. Reserve kicker contracts must include the amount and effective date.

Active Duty Kicker:  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
Reserve Kicker:  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

16g. If you had a period of active duty that the Department of Defense counts for purposes of repaying an education loan, check Yes and show the period of active duty that the military considers as being used for the purposes of repaying the education loan.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

17. Are you a veteran with military service before January 1, 1977? (Or delayed entry before January 2, 1978)

☐ Yes  ☐ No

18. Remarks

READ the next three screens about printing and submitting your application and continue.
SUBMIT FORM and PRINT PAPER FORM

Fax to Holmes’ Certifying Official, Sue Ellen Stubbs, at 662-472-9046 or scan and email to sstubbs@holmescc.edu

You can call her at 662-472-9034.

For VA to begin work on your application, you must give us answers to all questions we found with no entries or with errors. If you are uncertain about some of them, give us the best answers you can. You can use the "Remarks" section to tell us about any of your answers which you are not certain. Without answers to these, you cannot send your application to us on the Internet. You can suspend work on this application while you check the required information by clicking the Suspend button below.

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