

VA EDUCATION BENEFIT CHECKLIST

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If you are a veteran, or a spouse/dependent of a veteran, that would like to apply for VA Education Benefits at Gateway Technical College, please use this checklist as a guide to ensure all required documents are submitted. A digital copy of this checklist can be found at: <u>https://www.gtc.edu/documents/veteran-education-benefit-checklist</u>.

<u>ALL</u> STUDENTS APPLYING FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS AT GATEWAY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

- 1. If you are unsure of which VA education benefit you are eligible for, please contact the County Veteran Service Office: Locate your CVSO. They will be able to assist you with the application process and determine which benefit(s) you are eligible for.
- 2. After determining which benefit you are eligible for, schedule an appointment with a Student Finance Specialist. Use this checklist as a guide to determine what documents to bring to your appointment.

Student Finance Specialist: 1-800-247-7122 veterans@gtc.edu Schedule appt: <u>https://gtcsfs.10to8.com</u>

- 3. Complete your Gateway <u>VA-Education Benefit Request Form (VA-EBRF)</u> at least 2 business days prior to registering for classes <u>every semester</u> you would like to use benefits. You can access this form by going to: <u>Veteran Education Benefit Forms.</u> Login with your <u>MyGateway</u> student id# and password.
- 4. Veterans, please submit your official military transcripts prior to starting classes.
 - a. Army/Navy/Marines/Coast Guard <u>https://jst.doded.mil/official.html</u>
 - b. Air Force https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/
- 5. Please monitor your <u>Gateway student email</u> for document requests, certification status, and important VA information.



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Federal VA Education Benefits

Use this section if you are applying for Post-9/11 GI Bill[®] (Ch 33), Veteran Readiness and Employment (Ch 31), Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (Ch 30), Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (Ch 1606), or Survivors & Dependents Assistance (Ch 35). (<u>Note: All documents should be submitted to Gateway Technical College unless otherwise noted</u>)

New Student – Needs to Apply for Federal VA Education Benefits

In addition to the VA-EBRF and military transcripts:

- Apply <u>to the Department of Veteran Affairs</u> for VA education benefits by going to: <u>www.va.gov</u> (when applying for Post 9/11 GI Bill, log in with ID.me for a quicker determination.)
- **Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch 33) ONLY:** Certificate of Eligibility (COE) **OR** print off your Education Enrollment Status

Entitlement Form online at: <u>www.va.gov</u>

CH 31 (VR&E) ONLY: Authorization Form (28-1905)

Wisconsin GI Bill

(Note: All documents should be submitted to Gateway Technical College unless otherwise noted)

Veteran – Needs to Apply for the Wisconsin GI Bill

In addition to the VA-EBRF and military transcripts:

- Submit to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Application for the WI GI Bill (WDVA 2030 form) by going to: https://applications.dva.wisconsin.gov/myWisVets
- Application for the WI GI Bill (<u>WDVA 2029</u> form)
- Certification for WI GI Bill Benefits and Residency for Tuition Purposes" (WDVA 2031 form)
- □ Veteran's <u>Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty</u> (DD-214)

Spouse or Dependent of a Veteran – Needs to Apply for the Wisconsin GI Bill

- Submit to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Application for the WI GI Bill (WDVA 2030 form) by going to: https://applications.dva.wisconsin.gov/myWisVets
- Application for Wisconsin G.I. Bill (WDVA 2029 Form)
- Submit "Certification for Wisconsin GI Bill Benefits and Residency for Tuition Purposes" (WDVA 2031 form)
- Veteran's <u>Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty</u> (DD-214)
- Birth Certificate (dependent of a Veteran)
- ☐ Marriage Certificate (spouse of a Veteran)
- Copy of government issued photo ID (spouse of a veteran)
- Additional documentation may be requested

Veteran Resources

- Federal Tuition Assistance: <u>Navy Tuition Assistance</u>(link is external), <u>Army Tuition Assistance</u>(link is external), <u>Marine Corps Tuition Assistance</u>(link is external), <u>Air Force Tuition Assistance</u>(link is external) and <u>MyCAA</u>
- Wisconsin National Guard Tuition Grant: <u>Wisconsin National Guard Tuition Grant Application</u> (DMA Form 189-E)
- Veterans Education Grant: <u>Wisconsin National Guard Tuition Grant Application</u> (DMA Form 189-E)
- <u>Application for Reimbursement of Licensing or Certification Test Fees</u>