Resources for Military Affiliated Students

Serve Well Those Who Have Served!
TOPICS

» The VSO and VRSC
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VSO

The Pavilion, Room 205
Provides Veterans Education Benefits and Scholarships/Financial Aid Advising and Processing.

VRSC

Koldus, Room 112
Provides uniquely tailored resources for military affiliated student and their families.
Your “one stop referral shop”!

A map is provided in your handout package!
Veteran Educational Benefits, Scholarships, and Financial Aid

VETERAN SERVICES

979-845-8075
veterans.tamu.edu
Veteran Educational Benefits

Federal Benefits:

- Chapter Benefits
  - Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill
  - Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill
  - Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
  - Chapter 1606 – Selected Reserves
  - Chapter 35 - Dependents’ Educational Assistance

- Tutoring Assistance

State Benefits:

- Hazlewood Exemption
Veteran Educational Benefits

VA Chapter Benefits for Veterans:
Pays tuition and fees directly to University. Provides books and housing stipends to student:
  • Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill
  • Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
Pays a monthly stipend only, directly to the student:
  • Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill
  • Chapter 1606 – Selected Reserve

VA Chapter Benefits for Dependents:
Pays tuition and fees directly to University. Provides books and housing stipends to student:
  • Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill
Pays a monthly stipend only, directly to the student:
  • Chapter 35 – Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program

*Course Program of Study - All courses must pass a degree audit in order to be certified with the VA. Any courses that are not on a student’s degree evaluation as filed with the university will not be considered by the VA. Please attend the Scholarships and Financial Aid presentation for additional information on Course Program of Study.

*If you are a Gold Star Family Member please meet with me afterwards or stop by the VSO to ensure you use your benefits appropriately.
Veteran Educational Benefits

Non-Resident Tuition & Fees

Military Personnel & Dependents Non-Resident Tuition Exemption
- Must reside in Texas
- Must be receiving VA Chapter benefits or be the spouse/child of an active duty service member
- Must intend on ultimately becoming a Texas resident
- Processed by Student Business Services

Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program
- Must have a 100% VA Chapter Benefit rating
- Fry Scholarship recipients are ineligible
- Active duty and spouses of active duty are ineligible
- Processed by the Veteran Services Office
Veteran Educational Benefits

Tutoring Reimbursement:

- Students receiving Chapter 30, 33, 35, or 1606.
- The courses the student is receiving tutoring for must be required for their degree plan.
- Students can be reimbursed up to $100 per month.
- Must submit Application for Individualized Tutorial Assistance along with copy of receipt to receive reimbursement.

*Application can be found at veterans.tamu.edu.
Veteran Educational Benefits

Hazlewood Exemption

What it Pays For:

• Pays resident tuition and required fees for a total of up to 150 credit hours*.

• Can be applied to Undergraduate, Graduate, or Professional School.

• Students using Legacy benefits will only be eligible for the hours needed to graduate from their program (maximum degree certified hours).

* Pays up to 150 hours for veterans. Legacy dependents are eligible only for number of hours required by their degree plan.
Veteran Educational Benefits

Hazlewood Exemption:

Eligibility Requirements:
- Meet at least one of the following requirements:
  - Entered service in Texas at time of entry into the military
  - Declared Texas as Home of Record at time of entry into the military
  - Was a Texas resident at the time of entry into the military
- Served at least 181 days on active military duty excluding training
- Honorably Discharged or a General Discharge under Honorable Conditions
- Reside in Texas
- Not in default on state student loan (federal loans will not impact eligibility)
- Not eligible for Post 9-11 Benefits to pay 100% of tuition and fees
  Texas Guaranteed Tuition Fund cannot already be applied to student bill

*Hazlewood is a financial resource and can impact financial aid eligibility.*
Veteran Educational Benefits

How to Apply for Benefits:

- MUST apply for/request benefits every semester.
- First-time recipients can apply after being admitted (prior to registration, but won’t be processed until after).
- Renewal recipients can apply after registering for courses.
- Veterans.tamu.edu explains what documents must be submitted for which benefit.
- Put your UIN on each page of every document.
- Documents will only be accepted via document upload on the “Status” page in the Financial Aid Portal, via fax, via mail, and in-person. Documents will NOT be accepted via email for security reasons.
Veteran Educational Benefits
Requesting Benefits via Financial Aid Portal

Click here and answer questions that follow
Veteran Educational Benefits

Benefit Processing:

• The earlier you submit your paperwork, the earlier your benefits will be processed. *Priority deadline: 01/16/18

• The “Status” tab of the Financial Aid Portal will reflect the processing status of your documents.

• Standard processing time by the Veteran Services Offices is 5-7 business days but does fluctuate during peak.

• The VA may take another 1-2 months to send BAH deposits/checks once classes begin.

• Tuition and fee payments for benefits will not apply to your bill until your bill has been generated by the University.
Veteran Educational Benefits

Receiving Benefits at Other Institutions:

- You **can** receive VA and Hazlewood benefits at other institutions while attending Texas A&M.

- **Hazlewood Benefits** – Contact other institution’s Veterans office and inquire what documentation will be required.

- **VA Chapter Benefits** – Contact other institution’s Veterans office, but **also** submit a completed Primary Institution Letter Request Form to the TAMU Veteran Services Office.
Veteran Educational Benefits

Reminders:

• Check your Financial Aid Portal for processing status of your veteran’s educational benefits.
• Check your student bill to ensure your benefits have posted.
• Students are responsible for the payment of their bill and any late fees that are incurred. **Billing Due Date: 1/30/18**
• Check your student email, veterans.tamu.edu, and the Scholarships & Financial Aid Facebook and Twitter accounts for notifications and reminders.
• The General Deposit is **not** covered under Ch. 33, Ch. 31, or the Hazlewood Exemption.
Military Scholarships

University –Military Affiliated:

• Honored Service Scholarship
• Aggie Ring Scholarship for Veterans
• Faye Leeth Memorial Endowed Scholarship
• Heroes of the War on Terrorism
• Jorge Bermudez
• Association of Former Students
• Aggie Ring Scholarships

*Please complete the University Scholarship Application on scholarships.tamu.edu. Be sure to check the veteran/dependent indicator and answer all the questions that follow.

Outside –Military Affiliated:

• Tillman Military Scholarship
• Folds of Honor Foundation
• Marine’s Memorial Association Scholarships
Financial Aid

Applying for Financial Aid:

• Don’t miss the Scholarships & Financial Aid Presentations today! Visit one of our resource tables!

• You can receive veterans educational benefits and financial aid.

• Some military scholarships require that a FAFSA be submitted.

• Submit your FAFSA early so that you are considered for as many grants as possible.

• Extenuating financial circumstances can sometimes be taken into account, causing a student’s financial need to increase and their grant eligibility to increase.
On-Campus Resources, Services & Support
How does Texas A&M… Serve Well Those Who Have Served??

It’s all about helping **YOU** connect with the right people & resources in a new environment!
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<td>Asking for help doesn’t get you labeled…Asking for help is a sign of strength &amp; maturity.</td>
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<td>“Push” Mentality: Much is provided &amp; directed to you.</td>
<td>“Pull” Mentality: You must find &amp; seek what you need.</td>
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*Focus on your “Strengths & Diverse Experiences” and rely on your “CORE Values”.*
On-Campus Services & Support

- Academic Success Center-VAA

Admissions FAQ’s

Aggie Veteran Network

Peer Advisors for Veteran Education

VRSC Scholarships

Contact Information:
979-845-3161
aggieveterans.tamu.edu
On-Campus Services & Support
Academic Success Center Impact on Veteran Student Success

- **Individual Coaching**
  GPA increased average of 1 point

- **Workshops**
  (6-hours/3-weeks)
  GPA increased average of 0.8 points

- **Tutoring or Supplemental Instruction**
  GPA increased up to 1 letter grade

- **Did Not Use Academic Success Center**
  GPA average +/- 0.1 points
On-Campus Services & Support

Just like high school or a military base...at TAMU the resources are available...
But YOU have to connect!

VetSuccess on Campus | Department of Veteran's Affairs

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1000+ Student/Professional Organizations
Veteran/Military Related Student Organizations

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Peer Advisors for Veteran Education

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Texas A&M University

DETA COMPANY
Student Government Association
Texas A&M University

TEAM RWB

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ATTEND Vet Camp!

- Wed, Jan 10th in Bethancourt Ballroom, MSC (5 – 8:30pm)
- Informal evening/dinner with academic, social, family, & personal resources.

Your chance to connect with “mission essential support!”

- Spouses encouraged to attend spouse breakout session
- $500 Scholarships

RSVP before you depart…space is limited!
Don’t miss this **KEY EVENT!**

Venture Camp: Veterans is the newest extended orientation program. This fun-filled, two-day event will feature kayaking or hiking, campus bike tour, BBQ, and much more!

Join us to hear how recently arrived students learned how to refine transition strategies for their first semester at Texas A&M University.

**LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!!!**

**Day 1:** January 12\(^{th}\) Texas A&M Bike Tour, BBQ, and Rec Center.

**Day 2:** January 13\(^{th}\) Hiking or Kayaking
Texas Veteran Benefits/Opportunities

- Texas Disabled Veteran U.S. Armed Forces License Plate
- Texas Parks & Wildlife Sign
- Various Sample Documents
- Texas Driver License
- Disabled Veteran & Surviving Spouse Property Tax Exemptions 2016

Contact Information:
- 979-845-3161
- aggieveterans.tamu.edu

American Veterans
VETERAN RESOURCE & SUPPORT CENTER
Physical location: Suite 112, Koldus, Adjacent to the UCG Parking Garage

Phone number: 979-845-3161

Email: aggievets@tamu.edu

Web Address: http://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/TamuVeteranResourceSupportCenter/

SVA: http://www.facebook.com/groups/TAMUveterans/

Twitter: @vrsctamu

Monthly Newsletter: Sent to all student veterans.
Physical location: Suite 205, Pavilion, Adjacent to the Central Campus Parking Garage

Phone number: 979-845-8075

Email: veterans@tamu.edu

Web Address: http://veterans.tamu.edu/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/tamusfaid/

Twitter: @TAMU_SFAID
Final Thoughts

Surveys…turn them in!
Sign up for Vet Camp!