Resources for Military Affiliated Students

Serve Well Those Who Have Served!
TOPICS

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

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 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:
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- 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
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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.
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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

Howdy

Academic Year 2018-2019

- How was my financial aid determined?
- Student Loan Debt Summary
- Printable Award Letters
- My TAMU Loan History and Loan Calculator
- Work Study Earnings
- Am I eligible for work study?

Additional Financial Aid

- Jobs for Aggies
- TAMU Scholarship Information
- Short Term Loans
- Emergency Tuition & Fee Loans
- Alternative Loans

Online Forms and Documents

- Student Data Form
- Summer Supplement
- Academic Advisor Form
- Financial Aid Forms and Documents
- Self-Certification Loan Form
- Request Veterans’ Education Benefits

Helpful Links

- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Calculator
- Work Study Calculator
- Path to Financial Success

Click here and answer questions that follow

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

Benefit Processing:

• The earlier you submit your paperwork, the earlier your benefits will be processed. *Priority deadline: 01/4/19

• 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 7-14 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: 1/25/19**
- 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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Admissions FAQ’s

Aggie Veteran Network

VRSC Scholarships

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Library Orientation for Veterans and Dependents

Who: Veterans and dependents currently using military/veteran educational benefits
What: An online, self-guided orientation to the Texas A&M University Libraries
Where: eCampus and Texas A&M University Libraries
When: Through March 15, 2019
Why: The University Libraries have a wide variety of resources to help you be successful
How: Look for the “Spring 2019 Student Veteran Orientation” site in eCampus
Questions? Contact Sarah LeMire, TAMU librarian and Army veteran, at slemire@tamu.edu
On-Campus Services & Support

Just like high school or a military base...at TAMU the resources are available...

But **YOU** have to connect!
1000+ Student/Professional Organizations
Veteran/Military Related Student Organizations

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Texas Veteran Benefits/Opportunities
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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!