VSO

The Pavilion, Room 205

Veteran education benefits processing
Scholarships and financial aid advising

VRSC

Koldus, Room 112 until 1 August ‘19

We will relocate to MSC L110 (Located in the MSC basement across from the Apple Store/Food Court) after 1 August ‘19

Uniquely tailored resources for military affiliated students and their families

Your “one-stop referral shop”
Federal Benefits
• Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill (9/11 GIB)
• Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)
• Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VOC-REHAB)
• Chapter 1606 – Selected Reserves (SR)
• Chapter 35 - Dependents’ Educational Assistance (DEA)
• Tutoring Assistance

State Benefits
• Hazlewood Exemption (HW)
• Hazlewood Legacy
• Hazlewood for eligible Veteran
• Hazlewood for eligible children / spouse
VA Chapter Benefits for Veterans:
Chapter 33 – (9/11 GIB)
- Pays tuition and fees directly to University & provides books and housing stipends to veteran student

Chapter 31 – (VOC-REHAB)
- Pays tuition and fees directly to University & provides books and housing stipends to veteran student

Chapter 30 – (MGIB)
Chapter 1606 – (SR)
- Pays a monthly stipend only, directly to the student by calling 877-823-2378

VA Chapter Benefits for Dependents:
Chapter 33 – (9/11 GIB)
- Pays tuition and fees directly to University. Provides books and housing stipends to student:

Chapter 35 – (DEA)
Pays a monthly stipend only, directly to the student
VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS....

• Course Program of Study (CPOS) - 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 eligible by the VA

• Please attend the Scholarships & Financial Aid presentation for additional information on Course Program of Study
VETERAN EDUCATION 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 (SBS)

Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program
- Must have a 100% VA Chapter Benefit rating
- Fry Scholarship recipients are eligible
- Active duty and spouses of active duty are ineligible
- Processed by the Veteran Services Office (VSO)
VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS......

Tutoring Reimbursement

- Students receiving Chapter 30, 33, 35.
- 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 be enrolled half time or more
- Must submit Application for Individualized Tutorial Assistance along with copy of receipt to receive reimbursement
- If using chapter 30 (MGIB) benefits, you can use up to $600 before the VA charges your benefits

*Application can be found at veterans.tamu.edu
VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS

Hazlewood Exemption Types

• Hazlewood Exemption for Texas Veterans (HE-V)
  Covers up to 150 hours of Tuition for veterans

• Hazelwood Exemptions for Child of a Veteran (Legacy)
  Students using Legacy benefits will only be eligible for the hours needed to
  graduate from their program (maximum degree certified hours)

• Hazlewood Exemptions for spouse and all children of Veteran (HE-D)
  Covers up to 150 hours of Tuition for spouse and all children of Veteran who
  is 100% totally and permanently disabled
VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS........

Hazlewood Exemption
What HW also pays for:
• Can be applied to Undergraduate, Graduate, or Professional School

• Can be applied to required study abroad courses

Hazlewood does NOT pay for
Travel, housing, nor meal costs associated with study abroad
VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS

Hazlewood Eligibility Requirements

1. 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

2. Served at least 181 days on active military duty excluding training

3. Honorably Discharged or a General Discharge under Honorable Conditions

4. Reside in Texas

5. Not in default on state student loan (federal loans will not impact eligibility)

6. Not eligible for Post 9-11 Benefits to pay 100% of tuition and fees

7. Texas Guaranteed Tuition Fund cannot already be applied to student bill

8. Must meet financial aid Satisfactory Progress minimums

*Hazlewood is a financial resource and can impact financial aid eligibility
VETERAN EDUCATION 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 lists what documents must be submitted for which benefit
• Include 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.
How do I request my benefits initially?

Financial Aid Portal
VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS...........

Request benefits via Financial Aid Portal

Click here to setup benefits at Texas A&M University
How do I renew my benefits every semester?
VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS

Benefit Processing
The earlier you submit your paperwork, the sooner your benefits will be processed

Priority deadline Summer: 05/01/2019 Priority deadline Fall: 08/01/2019

- 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 EDUCATION BENEFITS

Receiving Benefits at Other Institutions

• You can receive VA and Hazlewood benefits at other institutions while attending Texas A&M University

• 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
Reminders

- Check your Financial Aid Portal for processing status of your veteran education 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
  * Bill Due Date: 08/23/2019
- Check your student email, veterans.tamu.edu, and the Scholarships & Financial Aid Facebook and Twitter accounts for notifications and reminders
- The General Student Deposit is not covered by Ch. 33, Ch. 31, nor the Hazlewood Exemption
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 at uwide.tamu.edu. Be sure to check the veteran/dependent indicator and answer all the questions that follow.

Outside – Military Affiliated

- Tillman Foundation Scholars Program
- Folds of Honor Foundation
- Marine's Memorial Association Scholarships
Applying for Financial Aid

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

• You can receive veterans education 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 (opens: October 1)

• Extenuating financial circumstances can sometimes be taken into account, causing a student’s financial need to increase and their eligibility to increase
ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

• Money Education
  • Provides free financial advising and workshops

• Short-term Loan Funds
  • Provides assistance to students who experience temporary financial difficulty in connection with educational or educationally related expenses other than tuition and required fees. Can be used for rent, books, and other educational costs

• Emergency Tuition and Fees Loans
  • Helps students pay Texas A&M University tuition and required fees (only). This 90-day loan will be applied directly to the tuition and fee account.
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!
**Typical Mindset**

- I can fix my own problems…I shouldn’t need help…Asking for help gets me Labeled…it’s not a “strength.”

- Education & Training: Repetitive, practical, memorization, a checklist mentality. Structured and Regimented.

- “Push” Mentality: Much is provided & directed to you.

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**TAMU Mindset**

- Asking for help doesn’t get you labeled…Asking for help is a sign of strength & maturity.


- “Pull” Mentality: You must find & seek what you need.

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**FOCUS ON YOUR “STRENGTHS & DIVERSE EXPERIENCES” AND RELY ON YOUR “CORE VALUES”**
ON-CAMPUS SERVICES & SUPPORT

Valor
Veteran Aggie Leaders for Outreach & Resources

Admissions FAQ’s

Aggie Veteran Network

VRSC Scholarships
ON-CAMPUS SERVICES & SUPPORT.

Academic Success Center – ASC.TAMU.edu

Tutoring or Supplemental Instruction
Average grade + ½ to 1 letter grade

Veteran Academic Academy
Average 1st semester GPA 3.3

Academic Coaching
Average GPA +1 point

Did Not Use ASC
Average GPA +/- 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!
Library Orientation for Veterans and Dependents

Who: Veterans and dependents currently using military/veteran education benefits
What: An online, self-guided orientation to the Texas A&M University Libraries
Where: eCampus and Texas A&M University Libraries
When: Through October 1, 2019
Why: The University Libraries have a wide variety of resources to help you be successful
How: Look for the “Fall 2019 Student Veteran Orientation” site in eCampus
Questions? Contact Sarah LeMire, TAMU librarian and Army veteran, at slemire@tamu.edu
1000+ STUDENT/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
VETERAN/MILITARY RELATED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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Veteran Aggie Leaders for Outreach & Resources

AGGIE SHIELDS
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
TEXAS VETERAN BENEFITS/OPPORTUNITIES
ATTEND VET CAMP!

- Wed, August 21st in Bethancourt Ballroom, MSC (5 – 9 pm)
- 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
- W/Vet Camp GPA = 3.04
- Persistence/Grad = 98%

RSVP before you depart...space is limited!
STAY IN TOUCH

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FINAL THOUGHTS

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

We need VA Work Study Students!!!