

TAKE THESE  
STEPS TO START  
EARNING YOUR  
DEGREE!

HOW TO  
APPLY FOR  
GI BILL®  
BENEFITS



## STEP 1: APPLY FOR YOUR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY (COE)

- Contact your State Education Office to ensure your eligibility data is correct and documents are on file.
- Have all of the required information before you start. You must complete the form in one session – there is no option to save and come back later
- Go to <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply>
- Click on "Find your education benefits form", under "How Do I Apply?"
- Answer the questions by clicking the appropriate bubble until you reach "Apply Now"
- Sign into or create an account with Login.gov or ID.me
- Complete and submit the application
- The VA will process your application in approximately 30 days and you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) in the mail
- For CoE issues go to: <https://ask.va.gov>

## STEP 2: REGISTER FOR CLASSES

- Register for classes as soon as your school's registration period opens
- Contact your School Certifying Official (SCO) and provide a copy of your CoE and course schedule Note: Ensure your SCO certifies your enrollment each term

## STEP 3: VERIFY ATTENDANCE

- While in school, you must verify your enrollment EVERY MONTH to receive your next monthly deposit
- Complete your monthly verification either way:
  - Opt-in to text message enrollment verification
  - Opt-in to email enrollment verification
  - On WAVE website: <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/vba>

## STEP 4: NEXT SEMESTER

- Do not repeat the application on [va.gov](http://va.gov) unless changing schools or degree plans
- As soon as registration for the next term opens, register for classes early
- Make another appointment with your SCO

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Contact your State Education Services Office: [www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state](http://www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state)
- Visit us online: [www.nationalguard.com/education](http://www.nationalguard.com/education)
- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338) or [arng.esc@army.mil](mailto:arng.esc@army.mil)

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