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Office of Military and Veterans Affairs

Applying for VA Certificate of eligibility (COE) for Post 9/11 GI Bill

Step 1:

Sign in to the VA website at: <https://www.va.gov/>

An official website of the United States government. [Here's how you know.](#)

Talk to the Veterans Crisis Line now

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Search Contact us Sign in

VA Benefits and Health Care About VA Find a VA Location

Welcome to VA.gov

The PACT Act and your VA benefits

This new law expands and extends eligibility for care and benefits for Veterans and survivors related to toxic exposures.

Learn what the PACT Act means for you

Create an account to manage your VA benefits and care in one place — any time, from anywhere.

Create account

Learn how an account helps you

Step 2:

Scroll down until you see and select Education and Training (see below example).

Explore VA benefits and health care

Health care

Apply for VA health care, find out how to access services, and manage your health and benefits online.

Disability

File a claim for disability compensation for conditions related to your military service, and manage your benefits over time.

Education and training

Apply for and manage your GI Bill and other education benefits to help pay for college and training programs.

Step 3:

My education and training benefits screen, scroll down and select “**Eligibility**” (see below).

Get GI Bill® and other education benefits

[About GI Bill benefits >](#)

Learn how the GI Bill works and explore your options to pay for school or training.

[Eligibility >](#)

Find out if you're eligible for GI Bill or other VA education benefits.

[How to apply >](#)

Learn how to prepare and apply for the GI Bill or other VA education and training benefits.

GI Bill Hotline:

888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551)

Students Outside the U.S.:

+1-918-781-5678

VA benefits hotline:

800-827-1000

MyVA411 main information line:

800-698-2411

Step 4:

Scroll down to the bottom half of the page until you see “**Find your education benefits form**” blue button (see below) and select.

How do I apply?

You can apply online right now. Just answer a few questions, and we'll help you get started with the education benefits form that's right for you.

[Find your education benefits form](#) ▾

Step 5:

Complete all information as it applies to the student. You may be asked for bank account and routing numbers. The VA pays by direct deposit for book, housing, or other stipends if eligible.

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Are you applying for a benefit or updating your program or place of training?

- Applying for a new benefit
- Updating my program of study or place of training
- Applying for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship after using Post-9/11 GI Bill or Fry