

# OFFICE OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What makes someone eligible for services from the military office at WMU?

If an individual is currently serving or has ever served in the military, they are eligible for services. If a student's parent or spouse has EVER been in the military, they are considered a military dependent and are also eligible for services.

### Do I qualify for in-state tuition?

Has your parent or spouse EVER served in the military? If so, you qualify for in-state tuition. The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs would need the following paperwork: the service member's DD-214 and the student's birth certificate.

### Are there military scholarships available?

WMU has several military-specific scholarships open to all categories of military students, including military dependents. There are scholarships that award in both the fall and the spring semesters.

You can find more information about military scholarships by checking online at [www.wmich.edu/military/benefits/scholarships](http://www.wmich.edu/military/benefits/scholarships).

### What makes WMU military friendly?

WMU offers many benefits for military students, including:

- Priority registration for current and previously served members
- Free parking passes for those who have earned a Purple Heart
- Waiving your application fee
- An active Student Veterans of America chapter
- A VetSuccess Coordinator on campus two days a week
- The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs

### How accepting are you of military credit?

WMU is constantly refining its process of evaluating military credit to ensure we are able to grant you the credit you deserve. In that, understand that we will only give you credits that can be applied to your degree. You will automatically get credit for your Gen Ed area VIII class, as well as be eligible for the 15 credit hour block credit offering if it can fit within your degree plan. Your advisor will be the resource in helping you determine if those credits will fit.

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# MILITARY & DEPENDENT INFO

## Benefits

### GI Bill

(Post 9/11, MGIB, CH1606) Voc Rehab, DEA [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

### MINGSTAP

Currently serving national guard:

<https://mingstapapp.state.mi.us>

### Federal Tuition Assistance

Army: [www.armyignited.com](http://www.armyignited.com)

Air Force: [www.my.af.mil](http://www.my.af.mil)

Navy/Marines/Coast Guard: <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/>

### Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Complete the free application at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). WMU's School Code is 002330

### Questions? visit Bronco Express

[www.wmich.edu/broncoexpress/](http://www.wmich.edu/broncoexpress/)

### Transcripts

Submit a copy of official transcripts from all other institutions attended

- High school
- College
- Joint Service Transcripts (JST): <https://jst.doded.mil>
- CCAF: [www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/](http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/)
- Questions? Please visit [www.wmich.edu/admissions](http://www.wmich.edu/admissions)

### DD214

- How to receive your DD214:

[www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/)

### WMU Veterans' Certification form

- Must be on file to receive GI Bill benefits
- Please visit [www.wmich.edu/registrar/students/veterans/forms/](http://www.wmich.edu/registrar/students/veterans/forms/)

## WHEN TO APPLY

WMU: a year before you'd like to attend

GI Bill: ASAP (it takes 30 days to process)

MINGSTAP: up to 14 days after the semester starts

FTA: up to 5 days before the semester starts

FAFSA: within the application window before you start school

### Documents to turn in

- VA certificate of eligibility
- DD-214 --cover SSN and email
- Veteran certification form
- Birth certificate (dependents)

### WMU Admissions accepts:

- All transcripts
- Documents to claim in-state tuition

## INFORMATION FOR MILITARY DEPENDENTS

### Children of Veterans Tuition Grant

(for MI children of MI veterans):

<http://bit.ly/ChildrenofVeterans>

### Dependents Education Assistance Program:

[www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/DEA.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/DEA.asp)