Western Michigan University’s Office of Military and Veterans Affairs provides guidance and mentorship for veterans, those still serving and their family members. We offer assistance in academic and benefit support; we also bring answers to questions regarding WMU, the VA and southwest Michigan.

While adjusting to civilian and college life, let us help you with:

- Transition support
- Career and employment assistance
- Counseling and disability services
- GI benefits
- In-state tuition

We also provide:

- A military student lounge
- Social events for military members
- WMU’s Student Veterans of America (SVA)
- Military honor cords for graduation

Scholarship information

We provide information on several categories of military scholarships, including:

- WMU specific
- Active duty & veteran
- Branch specific
- Dependent
- Degree specific
- Gender specific

For more information, please visit:
www.wmich.edu/military/benefits/scholarships

Other WMU scholarships are located at:
www.wmich.edu/finaid/scholarships-grants

Information for military dependents

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.

Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (for MI children of MI veterans):

Dependents Education Assistance Program:
www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/DEA.asp

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www.wmich.edu/military
**Military & Dependent Checklist**

### Apply

**Western Michigan University**
- [www.wmich.edu/apply](http://www.wmich.edu/apply)
- Complete the online application - include application fee

**Benefits**
- GI Bill (Post 9/11, MGB, CH1606) Voc Rehab, DEA [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- MINGSTAP (for currently serving national guard) [https://mingstapapp.state.mi.us](https://mingstapapp.state.mi.us)
- Navy/Marines/Coast Guard: [https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil](https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil)
- If you have questions about applying for your benefits, please contact us.

**Apply for 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 located in the lower level of the Bernhard Center or visit Bronco Express’ webpage at [www.wmich.edu/broncoexpress](http://www.wmich.edu/broncoexpress/).

### Documentation

**Transcripts**
Submit a copy of official transcripts from all other institutions attended
- High school
- College
- Joint Service Transcripts (JST) - [https://jst.doded.mil](https://jst.doded.mil)
- Questions? Please visit [www.wmich.edu/admissions](http://www.wmich.edu/admissions)

**DD214**

**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/)

### Next steps

**Advisor**
- Freshman year? [www.wmich.edu/admissions/freshmen-advising](http://www.wmich.edu/admissions/freshmen-advising)
- Transferring credits? [www.wmich.edu/exploratoryadvising](http://www.wmich.edu/exploratoryadvising)
- Undecided about your desired career path? [www.wmich.edu/career](http://www.wmich.edu/career)

**Placement testing**
- Please speak with your academic advisor about placement into math, reading, and writing.
- Reading and writing placement: [www.wmich.edu/placement](http://www.wmich.edu/placement)
- Math placement: [www.wmich.edu/math/placement-test](http://www.wmich.edu/math/placement-test)

**Attend orientation**
- For the Military and Veteran Student Orientation, please contact the Military Advocate.
- For new students, please visit [www.wmich.edu/fye/orientation](http://www.wmich.edu/fye/orientation).
- For transfer students, please visit [www.wmich.edu/admissions/transfer/admitted](http://www.wmich.edu/admissions/transfer/admitted).
- Consider taking UNIV 1030 Military Transition Course to help you through the first semester at WMU.

**Change your residency to in-state**
- See if you qualify at [www.wmich.edu/military/benefits](http://www.wmich.edu/military/benefits).

### Contacts

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Office of Military and Veterans Affairs
1255 Ellsworth Hall
(269) 387-4444

**Military Outreach and Recruitment**
Office of Military and Veterans Affairs
1261 Ellsworth Hall
(269) 387-0742

**Veterans Affairs Certifying Official**
Office of the Registrar
3210 Seibert Admin. Building
(269) 387-4115

**VetSuccess on Campus Coordinator**
Office of Military and Veterans Affairs
1304 Ellsworth Hall
(313) 686-8691

### 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 14 days before the semester starts
- FAFSA: within the application window before you start school

### Where to turn in:

**Office of Military and Veterans Affairs accepts:**
- VA certificate of eligibility
- DD-214—fax only: (269) 387-4418
- Birth certificate
- Veteran certification form

**WMU Admissions accepts:**
- All transcripts
- Documents to claim in-state tuition

### Notes
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- Where to turn in:
- Office of Military and Veterans Affairs
- WMU Admissions