



**WESTERN
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UNIVERSITY**

Office of Military and Veteran Affairs (OMVA)

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: Service member's DD-214 and 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.

More information about military scholarships by checking online at 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 **Vet Success** 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 can grant you the credit you deserve. In that, understand that we will only give you credits that can be applied to your degree. Your advisor will be the resource in helping you determine if those credits will fit.

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MILITARY & DEPENDENT INFO

APPLYING FOR BENEFITS

GI Bill

(Post 9/11, MGIB, CH1606) VOC Rehab, DEA www.va.gov

MINGSTAP (National Guard Only)

Army and Air National Guard: (must be currently serving)
<https://www.dmva.state.mi.us/mingstap>

Federal Tuition Assistance

Army: <https://www.armyignited.army.mil>

Air Force: www.my.af.mil

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

Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Complete the free application a www.studentaid.gov

*WMU's School Code is 002330

Questions? visit Bronco Express

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/
- Questions? Please visit www.wmich.edu/admissions

DD214

• How to receive your DD214:

<https://www.michigan.gov/mvaa/mvaa-faq/mvaa-faqs/dd214-assistance?accordion=0>

WMU Veterans' Certification form

- Must be on file to receive GI Bill® benefits
- Please visit 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 **8 days** before the class starts. *Must be complete and approved before the start of class no (ETP's).*

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 and/or JST's
- 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/qibill/DEA.asp