

# HOW TO APPLY FOR VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

## 1. File the Application for the GI-BILL®

- Go to the GI-Bill® website: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>
- Select “Education & Training” on the left side
- Select “For Students”, then “Get Started”
- Select “Get Started Home”
- To apply online, select “How to Apply”
  - If you qualify for more than one program, then select “Use the GI Bill® Comparison Tool”
- Click on the “Find your education benefits form” button.
- Select the radial button for “Applying for a new benefit”
- This will initiate more questions. Answer them to continue.
- When “Apply Now” appears, click on that button.
- Follow the directions to complete the application.
- Print a copy for your records.

Choose a School    Apply for Benefits

**Apply for Benefits**

You served with honor and you're ready to skills. If you qualify, apply for VA education person, or request an application over the

[Apply for Benefits](#)

## 2. Bring to the Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs Office forms needed for your benefits type:

**Ch 30, GI-Bill®:** A copy of your *DD-214* showing an honorable discharge

**CH 31 VA Voc. Rehab:** A *28-1905* signed by your Case Worker

**Ch 33, Post 9-11:** A copy of your *DD-214* showing an honorable discharge

**Ch 33, Post 9-11 Dependent:** A copy of your *Certificate of Eligibility*

**Ch 1606 & 1607 for Reservists:** A copy of your *NOBE*

**CH 35 Dependent/Survivor Benefits:** A copy of your *Certificate of Eligibility*

*For Ch 35 if you are changing schools or your major, you must Select “Updating my program of study or place of training.”*

Find your education benefits form ^

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 to extend my Post-9/11 or Fry Scholarship benefits using the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship

Are you a Veteran or service member claiming a benefit based on your own service?

Yes

No

Are you claiming a National Call to Service education benefit? (This is uncommon)

Yes

No

Are you applying for Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC)?

Yes

No

Apply now

## 3. Request Enrollment Certification with the Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs Office:

- Go to the Veterans and Military Benefits page at USCL: [https://www.sc.edu/about/system\\_and\\_campuses/lancaster/internal/current\\_students/financial\\_aid/veteran\\_affairs/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/about/system_and_campuses/lancaster/internal/current_students/financial_aid/veteran_affairs/index.php)
- Under the title “Forms” on this page, find the term in which you wish to enroll in
- Complete the **“VETERAN ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION INITIAL OR CHANGE REQUEST FORM”**.
- Meet with your Advisor
- Complete the **“VETERAN ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION ADVISEMENT CONFIRMATION FORM”**
- Submit these completed forms to our office **at least 30 days before** classes start.
  - Submitting these forms late will delay receipt of your VA benefits
- Submit these to the VA Certifying Official in the Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs Office.
- Register for your classes on Self Service Carolina.

## 4. If required, every month log on to WAVE and certify you are still in classes

- <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>
- If you have questions, you may call: 1-888-442-4551
- This is **not required for Chapter 33 or Chapter 35**

## 5. If you have questions:

Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs Office

Starr Hall 127

476 Hubbard Drive; PO Box 889

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