

# State and Federal Military Programs



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Illinois Student Assistance Commission

# ISAC's Military Programs

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- ❑ Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program and Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant Program
  - Entitlement programs
    - ❑ Awarded to all eligible applicants regardless of funding level
  - Specified by Illinois statute
    - ❑ Chapter 110, Higher Education Student Assistance Act
    - ❑ Assistance to be granted as long as federal government provides educational benefits to veterans
  - Available at all four-year public universities and public community colleges

# IVG and ING Eligibility Units

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- ❑ Students receive 120 units of eligibility
  - Equivalent to four academic years of full-time enrollment
  - Units are based on the enrolled hours for a term:

<b># of Hours</b>	<b>Semester School</b>	<b>Quarter School</b>
12 or more	12 units	8 units
9 – 11.99	9 units	6 units
6 – 8.99	6 units	4 units
3 – 5.99	3 units	2 units
0 – 2.99	1 unit	1 unit

# IVG Benefits

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- ❑ Pays tuition and mandatory fees
  - Grandfather clause for tuition and certain allowable fees for students continuously enrolled since Spring 2005
  - Students attending out-of-district community colleges receive in-district rates and are not responsible for the difference
- ❑ No minimum enrollment requirement
- ❑ Available to undergraduate and graduate students
- ❑ Academic year begins with summer term

# IVG Eligibility Requirements

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- ❑ Served at least one year federal active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States
  - Includes the Illinois National Guard and Reserve component of the Armed Forces
  - If less than one year, veteran may qualify if:
    - ❑ Service was in a foreign country in a time of hostilities in that country
    - ❑ Separation was for medical reasons directly connected to such service
    - ❑ Service was prior to August 11, 1967
- ❑ Separation characterized as honorable
  - If still in the Armed Forces, veteran must verify continued eligibility upon discharge

# IVG Eligibility Requirements

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- ❑ Student must meet one of these:
  - was a resident of Illinois at the time of entering federal active duty or within six months prior
  - was a student at an Illinois public university or community college at the time of entering federal active duty service
- ❑ AND one of these:
  - established or plans to establish Illinois residency within six months after separation from the Armed Forces
  - established Illinois residency within six months after spouse was separated from military service

# Applying for IVG

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- ❑ ISAC application available at [isac.org](http://isac.org) to download/print
  - Can be submitted anytime during academic year
  - Only need to submit one time
  - Applicants must also submit a copy of their Department of Defense Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214 Member 4 copy) or its equivalent for all periods of active service

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## Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program

*Because this is an entitlement program, eligible recipients will receive their awards regardless of annual appropriations by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor - Illinois public 2- and 4-year colleges are required to waive any eligible tuition and allowable fees that are not covered by state appropriations.*

You may either scroll through this page, or click on any of the following links to go directly to specific topic:

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### How to Apply

The current version of the application used to apply for the IVG Program has 2/12 in the footer that appears at the bottom of each page. You can [obtain an IVG Program application from this website](#), your college's financial aid office, or the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs field offices. Fax or mail your complete application and required documentation as specified on the application to [ISAC's Deerfield office](#). In order to ensure that your application is processed in a timely manner, be sure to carefully read the instructions (including the second page of the application), submit all required documentation, and [contact an ISAC Call Center Representative](#) if you are uncertain about what documentation is needed.

For an equivalent copy of a DD214 Member 4, contact the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, P.O. Box 19432, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9432 or phone 217.782.4652, or the [National Personnel Records Center](#).

Applications for the IVG Program can be submitted any time during the academic year for which assistance is being requested, and need to be submitted only once to establish eligibility. Fully completed applications (including all required documentation) must be received at ISAC allowing sufficient time to complete processing prior to the last scheduled day of classes in the term for which a grant is requested. If you must obtain required documentation, please check the turnaround time with that source - for example, the Web site for the National Personnel Records Center indicates 10 working days as their turnaround time. ISAC's processing time is approximately four weeks.

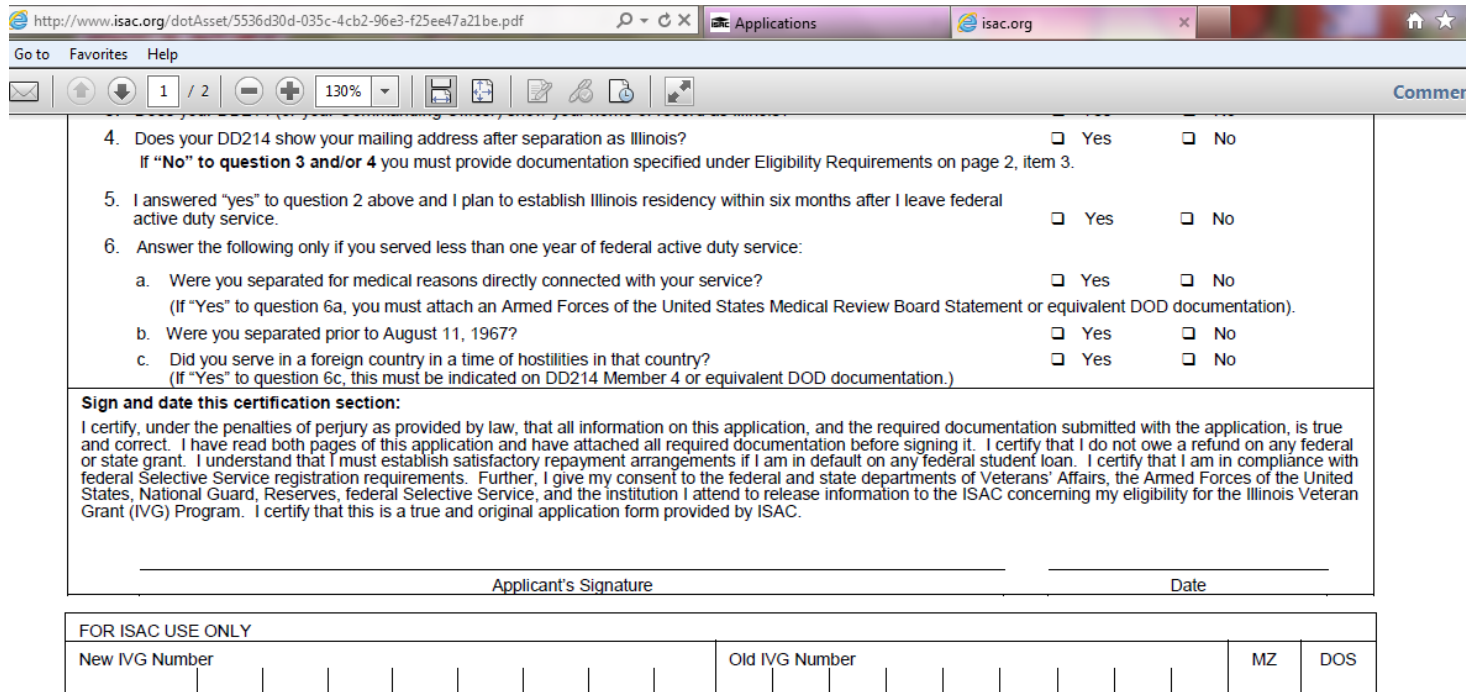
ISAC will send qualified applicants a Notice of Eligibility. It is important to keep a copy of the notice in order to present a copy to the college as needed. You must notify your college's financial aid office of your eligibility status as soon as possible, but not later than the last scheduled day of classes in the term for which a grant is requested.

For more information, [contact an ISAC Call Center Representative](#), a field office of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, or your college's financial aid office.



# Current IVG Application

- ❑ Check links/documents on your school sites to ensure students are accessing the most current application



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.isac.org/dotAsset/5536d30d-035c-4cb2-96e3-f25ee47a21be.pdf>. The browser tabs show 'Applications' and 'isac.org'. The page content includes several questions with radio button options for 'Yes' and 'No'. Below the questions is a certification section with a signature line and a date line. At the bottom, there is a table for 'FOR ISAC USE ONLY' with columns for 'New IVG Number', 'Old IVG Number', 'MZ', and 'DOS'.

4. Does your DD214 show your mailing address after separation as Illinois?  Yes  No  
If "No" to question 3 and/or 4 you must provide documentation specified under Eligibility Requirements on page 2, item 3.

5. I answered "yes" to question 2 above and I plan to establish Illinois residency within six months after I leave federal active duty service.  Yes  No

6. Answer the following only if you served less than one year of federal active duty service:

a. Were you separated for medical reasons directly connected with your service?  Yes  No  
(If "Yes" to question 6a, you must attach an Armed Forces of the United States Medical Review Board Statement or equivalent DOD documentation.)

b. Were you separated prior to August 11, 1967?  Yes  No

c. Did you serve in a foreign country in a time of hostilities in that country?  Yes  No  
(If "Yes" to question 6c, this must be indicated on DD214 Member 4 of equivalent DOD documentation.)

**Sign and date this certification section:**  
I certify, under the penalties of perjury as provided by law, that all information on this application, and the required documentation submitted with the application, is true and correct. I have read both pages of this application and have attached all required documentation before signing it. I certify that I do not owe a refund on any federal or state grant. I understand that I must establish satisfactory repayment arrangements if I am in default on any federal student loan. I certify that I am in compliance with federal Selective Service registration requirements. Further, I give my consent to the federal and state departments of Veterans' Affairs, the Armed Forces of the United States, National Guard, Reserves, federal Selective Service, and the institution I attend to release information to the ISAC concerning my eligibility for the Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program. I certify that this is a true and original application form provided by ISAC.

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Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

FOR ISAC USE ONLY			
New IVG Number	Old IVG Number	MZ	DOS

# Applying for IVG

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- ❑ An applicant who is a member of the Armed Forces at the time of application must submit a letter from the commanding officer indicating:
  - that the applicant is a member of the Armed Forces
  - character of service
  - applicant's home of record at the time of enlistment
  - length of time in each period of federal active duty
  - expiration date of current enlistment
- ❑ The student will be subject to verification of continued eligibility after each period of federal active duty service.

# IVG Notification

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- ❑ Student receives Notice of Eligibility from ISAC
  - Applicant must notify school of his/her eligibility no later than the last day of classes for the term for which the grant is requested
- ❑ Schools can access eligibility data and IVG benefit history in My Zone at [www.isac.org/faas/](http://www.isac.org/faas/)
- ❑ Eligibility information is refreshed every night
  - Can view eligibility status, number of units available and payment history for each eligible applicant

MY ZONE

MY ZONE LOG ON

## MY ZONE

My Zone is the portal through which online interactions for the purposes of data inquiries, eligibility announcements and payment requests for ISAC-administered programs are conducted. Due to the confidential nature of the student-specific data involved, a secure authentication process is required before access can be granted.

### [Assigning an Administrator](#)

This page provides the steps to follow for easy access to My Zone. ISAC will rely on a contact person, or Administrator, at each institution to authorize users. The My Zone Administrator will ultimately be responsible for monitoring passwords, staff access, and security for institutional access to the My Zone Director.

The same User Name and Password are used for each institution to which a user has been assigned. The My Zone Administrator designated programs are added to the My Zone User Management System. The My Zone Administrator sets the My Zone access and level for each institution.

## MY ZONE

My Zone Administration and Maintenance

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## MY ZONE PROGRAM SELECTION

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## MY ZONE PROGRAM SELECTION

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## ACADEMIC YEAR

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### IVG ELIGIBILITY: VIEW

	View	Filter						
	SSN▲	Last Name	First Name	MI	Status	IVG Eligibility#	First Benefit Date	Cumulative Elig
<a href="#">details</a>	000	SC	FRED		Ineligible	ZZV999999	09/1975	
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<a href="#">details</a>	000-	LOS	EDWA		Ineligible	ZZV999999	09/1975	

First Name	MI	Status	IVG Eligibility#	First Benefit Date	Cumulative Eligibility Units	Total Benefit	Prior SSN/ID	Initial Process Date
FRED		Ineligible	ZZV999999	09/1975	021	\$135.75		08/25/1977
JAME		Ineligible	ZZV999999	09/1975	006	\$0.00		08/25/1977
SVEN		Ineligible	ZZV999999	09/1975	003	\$0.00		08/25/1977
DENN		Ineligible	ZZV999999	09/1975	036	\$0.00		08/25/1977
PAUL		Ineligible	ZZV999999	09/1976	036	\$546.00		08/30/1977
WALT		Ineligible	ZZV999999	01/1976	004	\$28.00		08/30/1977
EDWA		Ineligible	ZZV999999	09/1975	012	\$0.00		08/25/1977
PHIL		Ineligible	ZZV999999	08/1977	009	\$99.00		03/29/1978
KENN		Ineligible	ZZV999999	09/1976	003	\$43.00		08/30/1977
GREG		Ineligible	ZZV999999	01/1979	012	\$244.00		04/07/1979

# IVG Payment Process

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- ❑ Schools complete the payment claim process via My Zone
  - Available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ❑ Deadline dates for submission of claims are:
  - September 15 – summer term
  - January 15 – first term
  - May 25 – second semester/second and third quarter
  - July 31 – all claims, including supplemental claims
- ❑ Payment requests can also be submitted using the File Transfer Protocol (FTP) process
  - Contact School Services for set up information

# ING Grant Benefits

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- ❑ No minimum enrollment requirement
- ❑ Academic year begins with fall term
- ❑ Pays “tuition and certain fees”
  - Fees specifically included in statute:
    - ❑ Registration
    - ❑ Graduation
    - ❑ General Activity
    - ❑ Matriculation
      - Typically charged only to new students when they have been both admitted and enrolled
    - ❑ Term
- ❑ Students are not responsible for out-of-district or out-of-state tuition charges

# ING Grant Eligibility

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- ❑ Must have served at least one year with the Illinois National Guard
- ❑ Must be in active status
- ❑ Available to any enlisted member or officer
- ❑ Must maintain an acceptable grade point average
  - As determined by the institution



# Applying for ING Grant

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- ❑ Interactive online application is accessible at [isac.org](http://isac.org)
- ❑ Students must reapply each year
- ❑ Deadlines dates:
  - October 1 — full year consideration
  - March 1 — only second semester, second and/or third quarter consideration
  - June 15 — only summer term consideration
- ❑ Students will receive a confirmation page upon completing the application

## Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant

Welcome to the online application process for the Illinois National Guard (ING) Grant.

Important information regarding this program may be accessed by selecting from among the options that appear in the menu at the right margin of this page. Be sure you read and understand this information prior to submitting an application.

Before completing this application, be sure to review the Eligibility Requirements of the program. You are encouraged to carefully review all the information provided in the menu options appearing along the right margin of the screen.

### Browser Compatibility

In order to ensure successful submission, this application must be accessed using one of the following browsers:

- Internet Explorer (versions 5.5 – 8.0)



For your convenience, clicking on the logo to the left will take you directly to the Microsoft website, where you can download Internet Explorer 8.

If you have any questions regarding the completion of this application, select the "Contact Us" link located at the bottom of the page.

[Launch the Illinois National Guard Grant application](#)

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# ING Grant Award Notification

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- ❑ Qualified student applicants receive a Notice of Eligibility from ISAC
  - Ineligible applicants also receive written notification
- ❑ Schools receive eligibility information via My Zone
  - Announcement rosters include eligibility dates, number of units used, restrictions, etc.
  - Only the school listed on the student application receives the information
  - Can be used to verify eligibility rather than requiring the student's Notice of Eligibility

## ING ACADEMIC YEAR SELECTION

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## 2012-13 ING GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT ROSTER

<u>ING Code and Rosters By Date</u>	<u>File Size</u>	<u>Date/Time Created</u>
<a href="#">103 09-17-2012.rtf</a>	4.00 k	09/17/2012 08:32
<a href="#">103 08-30-2012.rtf</a>	5.00 k	08/30/2012 08:33
<a href="#">103 08-20-2012.rtf</a>	10.00 k	08/20/2012 08:33
<a href="#">103 08-14-2012.rtf</a>	4.00 k	08/14/2012 08:30
<a href="#">103 08-08-2012.rtf</a>	9.00 k	08/08/2012 08:33
<a href="#">103 08-07-2012.rtf</a>	12.00 k	08/07/2012 08:33
<a href="#">103 08-06-2012.rtf</a>	6.00 k	08/06/2012 08:33
<a href="#">103 08-03-2012.rtf</a>	6.00 k	08/03/2012 08:32
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**ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD GRANT PROGRAM**  
**AS OF 07/29/2012**  
**ELIGIBLE NATIONAL GUARD APPLICANTS**  
**2012-13 ACADEMIC YEAR**

SCHOOL: Anywhere University

CODE: 111

Denotes the last date that the applicant is qualified to be paid.

<i>SSN</i>	<i>LAST NAME</i>	<i>FIRST NAME</i>	<i>MI</i>	<i>RESTRICTION</i>	<i>TOTAL ELIGIBILITY UNITS USED</i>	<i>AS OF</i>	<i>ELIGIBLE TERM(S)</i>
-3333	DAVIS	CLARK	J	NONE	69	FALL 11	FULL YEAR
-5555	GARCIA	SERGIO	A	NONE	24	SPRING 11	2ND SEMESTER SUMMER
-9999	BROWN	EVELYN	D	NONE	37	SPRING 11	2ND SEMESTER SUMMER
-6666	WHITE	STEPHANIE	K	UNTIL 06/22/11	84	FALL 11	FULL YEAR
-0000	CLARK	CHRIS	P	NONE	54	FALL 11	2ND SEMESTER SUMMER
-1111	LEVIN	KRIS	L	NONE	0		2ND SEMESTER SUMMER
-4444	GONZALEZ	DENNIS	N	AFTER 10-16-12	0		2ND SEMESTER SUMMER

Denotes the date from which payment can start.

# ING Grant Benefits

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- ❑ A student who withdraws after a school's refund date can receive the grant for costs incurred up to the term award.
- ❑ If a recipient ceases to be an active member of the Guard during a term, benefits cease and the student is responsible for costs attributed to the remainder of the term.
- ❑ If a recipient becomes eligible during a term, benefits will be prorated for the remainder of the term
  - Proration calculation: total tuition cost divided by total instructional days = cost per day x days of eligibility = total proration

# ING Grant Payment Process

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- ❑ Payment process is completed online via My Zone.
  - Available 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon. – Sat.
  - Two profiles for school users
    - ❑ View Only
    - ❑ View and Update
- ❑ 2013 Spring payment rosters will be available after March 1 application deadline date

ING PAYMENT ROSTER VIEW - SUBMITTED ON 10/03/20

COLLEGE - 103

Academic Year: 20  Term: Fall

## Sample Screen

Date Due: 10/01/20

Supplemental :

Last Name	First Name	MI	SSN	Restrictions	In-Dist Tuition	OOD Tuition	Activity Fee	Eligible Fees	Total Dollars	Total Hours	Comments
Cadet	Space		698-08-	None	917.00				917.00	6	
Strange	Very		698-08-	None	1,244.00				1,244.00	14	
Winchester	Sam		698-08-	None							
Winchester	Dean	I	698-08-	None							
O'Reilly	Walt		698-08-	None							
Klinger	Max	S	698-08-	Until 10/11/08							
Mulcahy	John		698-08-	None							
Petrie	Rob		698-08-	None	927.00				927.00	7	
Mustard	Col		698-08-	None	318.00				318.00	5	
Blake	Henry		698-08-	None							
Burns	Frank		698-08-	None							

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# Supplemental Rosters

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- ❑ An ING Grant Supplemental Payment Roster can be created and submitted electronically to:
  - request expenses not submitted with initial payment claim
  - change amounts previously claimed
  - add an eligible student who wasn't included on the initial roster
  - request out-of-district tuition

# Supplemental Rosters

- ❑ Access from the Payment Roster screen

COLLEGEZONE Which ZONE are you in?

STUDENT : PARENT : COUNSELOR : **FAA** : LENDER : ESPAÑOL

ING PAYMENT ROSTER VIEW - SUBMITTED ON 10/03/201

COLLEGE - 103 Academic Year: [-----] Term: Fall GO

Date Due: 10/01/20 Supplemental: [ ] GO

Last Name	First Name	MI	SSN	Restrictions	In-Dist Tuition	OOD Tuition	Activity Fee	Eligible Fees	Total Dollars	Total Hours	Comments
Cadet	Space		698	None	917.00				917.00	6	

- ❑ Once created, the Supplemental Roster will be date stamped and assigned a sequence number
- ❑ The Due Date will be prepopulated based on the date the roster was generated
- ❑ A new supplemental request may not be created if one already exists that has not been submitted.

STUDENT PARENT COUNSELOR **FAA** LENDER ESPAÑOL

ING PAYMENT ROSTER **SUPPLEMENTAL VIEW**

University -

Academic Year:

Term: Fall

Date Due: 10/01/20

Supplemental : 001-10/02, (Open)

	Last Name	First Name	MI	SSN	Restrictions	In-Dist Tuition	OOD Tuition	Activity Fee	Eligible Fees	Total Dollars	Total Hours	Comments
<input type="checkbox"/>	Casey			123-45-6789	Until 10/1	99999.99	99999.99	999.99	999.99	10000.00	25	Test comments
<input type="checkbox"/>										10000.00		

Reset

Save

Submit

Print Roster

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STUDENT PARENT COUNSELOR **FAA** LENDER ESPAÑOL

ING PAYMENT ROSTER **SUPPLEMENTAL VIEW - SUBMITTED ON 10/02/20**

University - 103

Academic Year: 20

Term: Fall

Date Due: 10/01/20

Supplemental : 001-10/02/1 (Submit)

Last Name	First Name	MI	SSN	Restrictions	In-Dist Tuition	OOD Tuition	Activity Fee	Eligible Fees	Total Dollars	Total Hours	Comments
Casey			123-45-6789	Until 10/1	99999.99	99999.99	999.99	999.99	10000.00	25	Test Comments

Reset

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# When Veterans Are Eligible for Multiple ISAC Programs

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- ❑ Students eligible for MAP and IVG or ING must use IVG or ING benefits instead of MAP
  - A student cannot decline IVG or ING to use MAP
- ❑ Students eligible for IVG and ING can choose which program they would like to use
- ❑ Students can use IVG and ING together
  - The same amount of eligibility units will be charged to each program regardless of the amount of benefits paid
- ❑ Students can decline IVG, ING and/or MAP to use federal benefits that also provide tuition and fee benefits
  - The Post-9/11 GI Bill Program specifies that if the veteran will receive state or other financial aid benefits specifically designated for tuition and fees, those benefits must be applied first before billing the VA.
  - If a student uses a state and federal program together, the benefits of tuition and fees is not duplicated; the VA is only billed for remaining charges after other benefits have been applied.

# ISAC Rules

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23 ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CH. XIX, SEC. 2733.40  
ILLINOIS VETERAN GRANT (IVG) PROGRAM

**Section 2733.40 Institutional Procedures**

- a) If a student is eligible for both an IVG and a Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant, the IVG benefits must be used first. A student cannot decline IVG benefits in favor of using MAP.
- b) A notice of eligibility from ISAC must be used by the institution to establish a qualified applicant's initial eligibility.

23 ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CH. XIX, SEC. 2730.30  
ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD (ING) GRANT PROGRAM


responsible for paying the difference between in-district and out-of-district tuition. Institutions are permitted to require documentation of residency in order to determine in-district or out-of-district payment.

- k) If a student is eligible for both an Illinois National Guard Grant and a MAP grant, the Illinois National Guard benefits must be used first. A student cannot decline an Illinois National Guard Grant in favor of using MAP.

# Federal Programs

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## The Post 9/11 GI Bill

The Yellow Ribbon Program  
Transfer of Post-9/11 GI-Bill Benefits to Dependents (TEB)  
*Marine GYSGT John David Fry Scholarship*   
Debt Information

## Montgomery GI Bill

Active Duty (MGIB-AD)  
Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

## Other programs

Reserve Educational Assistance (REAP)  
Survivors & Dependents Assistance (DEA)  
Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)  
Educational Assistance Test Program  
National Call to Service Program  
Veterans Retraining Assistance Program

## Post-9/11 GI Bill And Other Programs

The Department of Veterans Affairs administers a variety of education benefit programs. Many Veterans and active duty personnel can qualify for more than one education benefits program, including the:

- [The Post-9/11 GI Bill](#)
- [Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty \(MGIB-AD\)](#)
- [Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve \(MGIB-SR\)](#)
- [Reserve Educational Assistance Program \(REAP\)](#)
- [Veterans Educational Assistance Program \(VEAP\)](#)
- [Educational Assistance Test Program \(Section 901\)](#)
- [Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program \(DEA\)](#)
- [National Call to Service Program](#)
- [Veterans Retraining Assistance Program](#)


Free education and vocational counseling services are available to service members and veterans, [for more information click here.](#)

For help determining which program best fits your particular needs, see "[Benefit Comparison Tools](#)" in the [Resources](#) section.



[Current rates for all Education benefit programs are available.](#) This information can be useful in helping you select a benefit program.

[The Post-9/11 GI Bill and Debt:](#) Understanding Why and How it Works


### Choosing a School



### Apply For Benefits



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**Compare the Programs**

*My Story*  
duty • degree • dream



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Student handouts, brochures, and regulations

## Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) Payment Rates For 2012 Academic Year (August 1, 2012 - July 31, 2013)

The Post-9/11 GI Bill program is comprised of multiple payments. All payments and maximum amounts listed on this page are applicable to individuals eligible for the full benefit (100% eligibility tier). If you are not eligible for the full benefit, the payment and maximum amounts listed will be prorated based on your eligibility percentage. Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill you may receive a:

- Tuition & fee payment sent directly to the school
- Monthly housing allowance sent to you
- Books and supplies stipend sent to you
- One-time rural benefit for certain veterans

### Tuition & Fee Payments

#### Institutions Of Higher Learning

##### Maximum Tuition & Fee Reimbursement per Academic Year

Type of School	Maximum Reimbursement
Public School	All Tuition & Fee Payments for an in-State Student
Private or Foreign School	Up to \$18,077.50 per academic year National Maximum (see next table for exceptions)

#### Choosing a School



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# Monthly Housing Allowance

Your Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) is generally the same as the military Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents. Your MHA is based on the ZIP code for your school. **There are some exceptions to MHA (see table below), to determine your MHA for most circumstances click here.** [↗](#)

## MHA Rate Exceptions

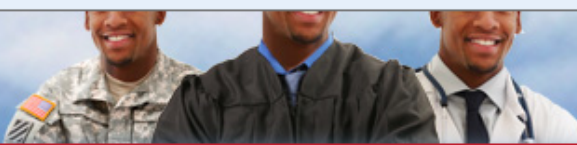
Type of School	MHA Rate
Foreign School	\$1,368.00
Schools in US Territories	E-5 with dependents OHA Rate for school location
Exclusively Online Training (No Classroom Instruction)	\$684.00
Attending classes at ½ time or less	NOT PAYABLE
Active Duty Trainee (or spouse of servicemember)	NOT PAYABLE

# Books/Supplies Stipend

A yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1000 paid proportionately based on enrollment.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>. The browser tabs include "Certificate error", "Welcome to the GI Bill Web Sit...", and "BAH Calculator". The website header features the Defense Travel Management Office logo and the tagline "THE DOD CENTER FOR TRAVEL EXCELLENCE". A navigation menu includes "Home", "About", "Programs & Services", "News", "References", and a search bar. Below the navigation is a banner image of a house. The main content area is titled "ALLOWANCES" and contains a sidebar with a tree view of allowance categories: "Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)", "CONUS COLA", "Currency", "Other Rates and Allowances", "Overseas Cost of Living Allowances (COLA)", "Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA)", "Per Diem Rates", and "Station Allowance Changes". The "BAH Calculator" tool is the central focus, with a sub-header "Updated: 6/18/2012". It contains three input fields: "YEAR:" with a dropdown menu set to "2012", "DUTY ZIP CODE:" with an empty text box, and "PAY GRADE:" with a dropdown menu set to "E-5". A "CALCULATE" button is positioned below these fields. To the right of the calculator is a "QUICK LINKS AND RESOURCES" section with a list of links: "BAH Overview", "BAH FAQs", "BAH Fact Sheet", "BAH Primer", "BAH Service Representatives", "Non-Locality Rates" (with a large number "32" next to it), "BAH Rates for All Locations", and "BAH Component Breakdown for All Locations". At the bottom left of the page, the URL [www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm](https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bah.cfm) is visible.





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- Rate Tables
- Benefit Comparison Tools

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Student handouts, brochures, and regulations

# MONTGOMERY GI BILL ACTIVE DUTY (CHAPTER 30) INCREASED EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012

Educational Assistance Allowance for trainees under the Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Ch. 30 of title 38 U.S.C.). The following basic monthly rates are effective October 1, 2012.

For trainees on active duty, payment is limited to reimbursement of tuition and fees for the training taken.

If you participated in the "\$600.00 buy-up" rates can be found [HERE](#).

The following rates apply to those completing an enlistment of three years or more.

### Institutional Training

Training Time	Monthly rate
Full time	\$1,564.00
¾ time	\$1,173.00
½ time	\$782.00
less than ½ time more than ¼ time	\$782.00 **
¼ time or less	\$391.00 **

**Choosing a School**

**Apply For Benefits**



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Compare the Programs

# Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)

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- ❑ To qualify, a veteran must:
  - Be at least 35 but no more than 60 years old, at the time of application;
  - Be unemployed on the date of application;
  - Have an other than dishonorable discharge from the last period of service in the Armed Forces;
  - Not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g.: the Post-9/11 GI Bill or Montgomery GI Bill) at the time of application;
  - Not be in receipt of VA compensation due to Individual Unemployability; and
  - Not be enrolled in a federal or state job training program at any time during the previous 180-day period as of the application date.

# Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)

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- ❑ Program is limited to
  - 45,000 participants during fiscal year 2012
  - 54,000 participants from October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014.
- ❑ Participants may receive up to 12 months of assistance
- ❑ Benefits can be paid for full-time training in an approved program of education leading to employment in a high demand occupation, beginning on or after July 1, 2012
  - Program of education must be offered by a community college or technical school, and lead to an Associate Degree, Non-College Degree, or a Certificate
- ❑ Applications are submitted through Department of Labor and benefits are paid by the VA



## VOW TO HIRE HEROES ACT 2011 - VETERANS RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

### VOW Links

- [VOW Homepage](#)
- [Voc Rehabilitation](#)
- [VRAP](#)
- [Seamless Transition  
For Employers](#)

### Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)

VRAP Counter as of February 20, 2013	
Applications Received	Applications Approved
100,646	82,881

### Resources

- ▶ [VRAP Q&A](#)
- ▶ [VOW Fact Sheet](#)
- ▶ [VRAP FAQs](#)
- ▶ [High Demand Jobs](#)
- ▶ [More resources...](#)

### What is the VRAP Program?

Congress passed, and the President has signed into law, the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. Included in this new law is the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP). VRAP offers up to 12 months of training assistance to unemployed Veterans.

The VRAP offers 12 months of training assistance to Veterans who:

- Are at least 35 but no more than 60 years old
- [Are unemployed](#) on the date of application
- Received an other than dishonorable discharge
- Are not be eligible for any other VA education benefit program (e.g.: the Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Assistance)
- Are not in receipt of VA compensation due to unemployability
- Are not enrolled in a federal or state job training program

The program is limited to 45,000 participants from July 1, 2012, through September 30, 2012, and 54,000 participants from October 1, 2012, through March 31, 2014. Participants must attend full-time in order to receive up to 12 months of assistance equal to the monthly full-time payment rate under the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty program (\$1,564 effective October 1, 2012). DOL will offer employment assistance to every Veteran who participates upon completion of the program.

"Road Map for Success"

Step 1: Determine your best Benefit

Step 2: Collect Your Paperwork and Information

Step 3: Choosing a School

Step 4: Compare the Programs

Step 5: Apply

Apply Online (VONAPP)

# Apply For Benefits

You are just a few steps away from finding out if you are eligible to receive Education benefits. All information can be completed online in quick and user-friendly format.

1. Try our Application "[Road Map for Success](#)" if you aren't sure how to get started!
2. [Apply online](#).

If you don't have the capability to apply online, you can call 1-888-GI BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to have a form mailed to you.

You may also receive an application form at the school or training establishment you wish to attend. The VA Certifying official at the school (usually located in the Registrar's or Financial Aid office) should have the forms available, can assist you in filling them out, and will submit them to VA.

You are in a major life transition and we can help!

You successfully served our country with honor. Now you want to succeed in a career but

## Choosing a School



## Apply For Benefits



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It's Your Future

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# Step 1: Determine Your Best Benefit

*(Please answer the following questions to determine your best benefit.)*

## What Type Of Training Do You Plan To Take?

### GED

This training is not covered under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

### Associate, Bachelor, Or Graduate Degree

These programs are covered under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

- [Click here for more information](#)

### On-The-Job Training, Apprenticeship, Flight Training, Or Other Professional Training

These programs are covered under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

## Choosing a School



## Apply For Benefits



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# Packaging of Federal VA Benefits

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- ❑ Chapter 33 is considered last payer in regard to other programs that are specifically designated for tuition and fees
  - Chapter 33 pays tuition and fees directly to the institution
    - ❑ Most other programs go directly to the veteran
- ❑ Federal veteran education benefits are not treated as estimated financial assistance (EFA) when calculating a student's financial need
  - Veterans benefits are also not to be counted as income and are not reported as income on the FAFSA



# Welcome To The GI Bill® Web Site

The Home For All Educational Benefits Provided By The Department Of Veterans Affairs

**Choosing a School**

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**Verify Attendance**

**School Resources**

**FAQs**

**Submit a Question**

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My Gateway To Benefit Information

## Announcements:

**2014 Academic Year Yellow Ribbon Program Open Season Information**  
January 22, 2013  
[Read More](#)

**Information About Housing Allowance Changes**  
January 9, 2013  
[Read More](#)


**VA Under Secretary For Benefits Sends Letter To School Certifying Officials**  
December 14, 2012  
[Read More](#)

## Resources

Use these tools and resources to better equip you in understanding your benefit needs.

## Certification & Training

[▶ More](#)

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- VA-ONCE Guidance
- [School Official's Handbook](#)
- Online School Official Training
- Education Benefit Presentations
- Submit a Question or Search FAQs
- *Updated procedures for reporting students placed on academic probation* [↗](#)
- Program Approval for Foreign Schools
- *Approval of On-the-Job Training Programs* [↗](#)
- *Automation of Post-9/11 GI Bill & VA-Once Remarks* [↗](#)
- *From the Department of the Treasury: The Treasury Offset Program - How to Receive Your State & Federal Funding* [↗](#)

## Events & Information

[▶ More](#)

- Conferences & Events
- Yellow Ribbon Program Information
- *Establishing Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Webinar (June 15, 2012)*
- *Letter from the Under Secretary of Benefits to Higher Education Executives for Spring 2013* [↗](#)
- Letter from Department of Education on Commitment to use the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet
- Principles of Excellence Information and Q & A as published by the Department of Education. *(This Executive Order does not affect the current VA policy or procedures for establishing or collecting overpayments created by changes in enrollment status. Schools should continue to follow existing procedures for returning monies to VA and/or students in receipt of GI Bill benefits.)*

## Helpful Contacts

[▶ More](#)

- Education Call Center
- State Approving Agencies
- Regional Processing Office Locations
- Recommended Links for School Officials
- Find Your Education Liaison Representative

## Veteran Assistance

[▶ More](#)

- Counseling Resources
- Employment Assistance
- Scholarships/Financial Aid
- *Toolkit for Veteran Friendly Institutions* [↗](#)
- 2012-2013 School Year Yellow Ribbon Schools



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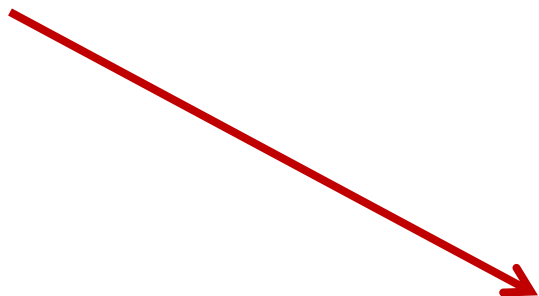


### School Official Handbook

The School Official's Handbook provides GI Bill information pertinent to all school offi

- [School Official Handbook Cover Letter](#)
- [School Official Handbook](#) (Updated June 4, 2012)

- School Officials
- VA Once FAQ
- Yellow Ribbon Agreement
- Conferences and Events
- SCO - Training Resources
  - Payment and Debt
  - Information Resources
  - School Responsibility Fact Sheet
  - Online SCO Training



Choosing a School

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

# School Certifying Official



# Handbook

## Chapter 33 Benefit Payments

Depending on the student's situation, Chapter 33 benefits can include payment of tuition and fees, a monthly housing allowance, a stipend for books and supplies, college fund ("kicker") payments, a rural benefit payment, and a Yellow Ribbon Program benefit. Chapter 33 differs from other education Chapters in that each type of payment is issued separately, with some payments made directly to the school and others directly to the student.

### Tuition and Fees

The tuition and fees payment is paid directly to the school on behalf of the student when the school's enrollment certification is processed. The tuition and fees payment is prorated by the student's benefit level.

Effective August 1, 2009. It is also limited to the highest per credit hour tuition and the maximum fees charged by a public institution for undergraduate training in the state where the student is enrolled. State caps for tuition and fees are at [http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_info/ch33/tuition\\_and\\_fees\\_2010.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_info/ch33/tuition_and_fees_2010.htm).

Students on active duty may receive the total amount of tuition and fees, not limited to the state maximum, or the amount of charges that exceed the amount paid by the military's federal tuition assistance.

Effective August 1, 2011. The amount of tuition and fees payable for programs offered by Institutions of Higher Learning will change. The in-state, undergraduate state maximum amounts for tuition and fees will no longer apply.

- **U.S. Public Schools:** The actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees after the application of any waiver, scholarship, aid, or assistance [other than loans and funds provided under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965], provided directly to the institution and specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and fees.
- **Private and Foreign Schools:** The lesser of the actual net cost for tuition and fees after the application of any waiver, scholarship, aid, or assistance [other than loans and funds provided under section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965], provided directly to the institution and specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and fees, or \$17,500 for the academic year beginning on August 1, 2011.

The amount of the yearly cap will be adjusted each year based upon a Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA) and is subject to proration based upon benefit level.

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**Page 44**  
(Chapter 33  
Enrollment  
Certifications)

**Effective August 1, 2011 – Tuition & Fees**

Public Law 111-377 changes the amount of tuition and fee charges that should be reported to VA. For periods of enrollment beginning on or after August 1, 2011, you should report the following charges:

The actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the institution for the program of education after the application of any waiver of, or reduction in, tuition and fees; and any scholarship, or other Federal, State, institutional or employer-based aid or assistance (excluding loans and title IV funds) that is provided directly to the institution and specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and fees.

Example: Student gross in-state charges	\$4,000
Veteran Discount	- 400
Tuition Scholarship	-2,000
Title IV (ex. Pell Grant) *	2,500
General Scholarship*	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Net In-State Charges</b>	<b>\$1,600</b>

\* Denotes to exclude calculating net cost

Aid or assistance that is not designated for the sole purpose of reducing a student's tuition and fee cost should be deducted from the net in-state charges reported to VA.

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In the above example the student also has a \$1,000 scholarship from a local Veterans Service Organization. The scholarship is general in nature and may be used to defray school costs such as food, housing, books, etc. Since it's not "specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying tuition and fees," it is not deducted from the charges submitted to VA.

Only in-state charges should be reported in the Tuition Amount and Fee Amount fields. Any additional out-of-state net charges should be reported in the Out of State Charges field if a contribution is being made under the Yellow Ribbon Program.

An academic year is defined as August 1,YY through July 31,YY for Chapter 33 purposes. Any enrollment period that begins before August 1, 2012, is a 2011-2012 academic year term. Any enrollment period that begins on or after August 1, 2012, is a 2012-2013 academic year term. Consequently, these changes apply to terms that begin on or after August 1, 2011.

# Post-9/11 GI Bill for 2013-14

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## Benefits resources

[Rate Tables](#)

## Benefit Comparison Tools

## Education resources

[Education Programs](#)[Choosing a School](#)[Principles of Excellence](#)[School Decision Resources](#)[Tillman Scholarship](#)

## Verify attendance (W.A.V.E.)

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## Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) Payment Rates For 2013 Academic Year (August 1, 2013 - July 31, 2014)

The Post-9/11 GI Bill program is comprised of multiple payments. All payments and maximum amounts listed on this page are applicable to individuals eligible for the full benefit (100% eligibility tier). If you are not eligible for the full benefit, the payment and maximum amounts listed will be prorated based on your [eligibility percentage](#). Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill you may receive a:

- [Tuition & fee payment sent directly to the school](#)
- [Monthly housing allowance sent to you](#)
- [Books and supplies stipend sent to you](#)
- [One-time rural benefit for certain veterans](#)

## Tuition & Fee Payments

### Institutions Of Higher Learning

#### Maximum Tuition & Fee Reimbursement per Academic Year

Type of School	Maximum Reimbursement
Public School	All Tuition & Fee Payments for an in-State Student
Private or Foreign School	Up to \$19,198.31 per academic year National Maximum (see next table for exceptions)

# Other Post-9/11 GI Bill News

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## ❑ Basic Allowance for Housing Rates

- DOD adjusts the military BAH rate every calendar year (effective on January 1)
- The Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act of 2010 amended the effective date for adjustment of the Chapter 33 monthly housing allowance from the beginning of the calendar year (January 1) to the beginning of the academic year (August 1)
  - ❑ Veterans receiving Chapter 33 will not see an increase in their housing allowance until their September 2013 payment
  - ❑ If the BAH decreased in their area, the housing allowance will not decrease unless students change schools or have more than a six-month break in training

# Other Post-9/11 GI Bill News

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## ❑ Yellow Ribbon Program

- From March 15, 2013 until May 15, 2013, the VA is accepting
  - ❑ modifications to existing, open-ended agreements
  - ❑ withdrawals from participation
  - ❑ agreements for initial participation in the program
  - ❑ renewals of existing agreements

# Using State and Federal Veteran Education Benefits Together

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## □ Examples:

- A veteran who is eligible for IVG and 100% of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits could decline IVG to use his federal benefits, and then could also receive the benefits of a housing allowance and book stipend without using up eligibility in two programs at the same time.
- A veteran who is only eligible for 60% of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits could choose to use IVG and his Post-9/11 benefits together, in which case, IVG would be applied first to cover all of his tuition and mandatory fee charges, and the Post-9/11 GI Bill could be used to cover any fee charges not covered by IVG as well as provide him with a housing allowance and book stipend.

# Using State and Federal Veteran Education Benefits Together

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## ❑ Examples:

- A veteran who is eligible for MAP, IVG and ING, and 80% of his Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits could use a combination of IVG, ING and Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, but could not use MAP.
- The Montgomery GI Bill pays a monthly stipend to veterans and MAP provides tuition and mandatory fee benefits, so an eligible veteran could use both of these programs together without there being any conflicts or duplication of benefits.



# Using State and Federal Veteran Education Benefits Together

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## □ Examples:

- The Montgomery GI Bill pays a monthly stipend to veterans and IVG pays tuition and mandatory fees, so an eligible veteran could use IVG to cover all of his tuition and mandatory fees and use MGIB benefits for other educational expenses.
- A veteran who is eligible for IVG, as well as the Montgomery GI Bill and the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and who lives in an area where the housing allowance would be considerably less than her monthly MGIB stipend should carefully consider all options and scenarios before making the irrevocable decision to apply for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

# Using State and Federal Veteran Education Benefits Together

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## □ Examples:

- A veteran who is eligible for both IVG and 100% of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and eligible to transfer his Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to a spouse or children, may choose to use only IVG and transfer his federal benefits to his dependent(s).
- IVG pays tuition and mandatory fees and the new VRAP programs provides a monthly stipend to the eligible veteran, so a veteran could use both of these together without there being any conflicts or duplication of benefits.

# Using Veteran Benefits

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- ❑ It is good practice to require veterans to notify the financial aid and/or veterans affairs office each semester about which military benefits they would like to use
- ❑ Many schools have a form in place on which the veteran must indicate their benefit choice and sign to indicate that they understand their options and the implications of their choice(s)
- ❑ Because of the complexity of using benefits together, repayment issues with the VA, and the ability to preserve some benefits for later use, it is in the best interest of the veteran to re-evaluate their benefit choices each term
- ❑ It is also good practice to require veterans to re-evaluate their benefit options when they are changing majors or programs of study
- ❑ Sample forms and processes are available on many school websites

# Other Issues/Topics

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- ❑ Principles of Excellence Executive Order
  - Shopping Sheet
- ❑ In-State Tuition vs. Out-of-State Tuition
  - Proposed Legislation
    - ❑ State
    - ❑ Federal
- ❑ ILASFAA Directory
- ❑ Other Resources
- ❑ Illinois Joining Forces
- ❑ ISAC Website

# Executive Order 13607

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- ❑ Establishing Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and Other Family Members
  - Section 1. Policy
  - Section 2. The Principles
  - Section 3. Implementation
  - Section 4. Strengthening Enforcement and Compliance Mechanisms
  - Section 5. General Provisions
- ❑ Issued April 27, 2012
- ❑ Schools are encouraged by ED, VA and DOD to commit to the principles and adopt the tools and processes outlined in the order such as the Shopping Sheet



# University of the United States (UUS)

Student Name, Identifier

MM / DD / YYYY

## Costs in the 2013-14 year

### Estimated Cost of Attendance

\$ X,XXX / yr

Tuition and fees .....	\$ X,XXX
Housing and meals .....	X,XXX
Books and supplies .....	X,XXX
Transportation .....	X,XXX
Other educational costs .....	X,XXX

## Grants and scholarships to pay for college

### Total Grants and Scholarships ("Gift" Aid; no repayment needed)

\$ X,XXX / yr

Grants from your school .....	\$ X,XXX
Federal Pell Grant .....	X,XXX
Grants from your state .....	X,XXX
Other scholarships you can use .....	X,XXX

## What will you pay for college

### Net Costs

(Cost of attendance minus total grants and scholarships)

\$ X,XXX / yr

## Graduation Rate

Percentage of full-time students who graduate within 6 years



71%

LOW

MEDIUM

HIGH



## Loan Default Rate

Percentage of borrowers entering repayment and defaulting on their loan

8%

This institution

9.8%

National

## Median Borrowing

Students at UUS typically borrow



## Net Costs

(Cost of attendance minus total grants and scholarships)

\$ X,XXX / yr

## Options to pay net costs

### Work options

Work-Study (Federal, state, or institutional) ..... \$ X,XXX

### Loan options\*

Federal Perkins Loans ..... \$ X,XXX

Federal Direct Subsidized Loan ..... X,XXX

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan ..... X,XXX

\*Recommended amounts shown here. You may be eligible for a different amount. Contact your financial aid office.

### Other options

#### Family Contribution

(As calculated by the institution using information reported on the FAFSA or to your institution.)

\$ X,XXX / yr

- Payment plan offered by the institution
- Military and/or National Service benefits
- Parent PLUS Loan
- Non-Federal private education loan

## Median Borrowing

Students at UUS typically borrow **\$X,XXX** in Federal loans for their undergraduate study. The Federal loan payment over 10 years for this amount is approximately **\$X.XXX** per month. Your borrowing may be different.



## Repaying your loans

To learn about loan repayment choices and work out your Federal Loan monthly payment, go to: <http://studentaid.ed.gov/repay-loans/understand/plans>

## For more information and next steps:

University of the United States (UUS)  
Financial Aid Office  
123 Main Street  
Anytown, ST 12345  
Telephone: (123) 456-7890  
E-mail: [financialaid@uus.edu](mailto:financialaid@uus.edu)

Customized information from UUS

# Shopping Sheet Guidelines

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- ❑ To whom it must be provided
  - Institutions that have agreed to comply with the Principles of Excellence in Executive Order 13607
    - ❑ Are expected to use the Shopping Sheet to provide financial aid information for undergraduate and graduate service members, veterans, military spouses, and other military family members covered by EO 13607
    - ❑ It should be provided to prospective students who are eligible to receive Federal military and veterans educational benefits
    - ❑ It must be provided to those respective students who have applied for Title IV aid using FAFSA
    - ❑ Students should receive the Shopping Sheet prior to enrollment



# Shopping Sheet Guidelines

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- ❑ To whom must it be provided
  - All other institutions that have committed to adopting the Shopping Sheet
    - ❑ Are expected to provide the Shopping Sheet to all undergraduate and graduate students
    - ❑ It must be provided to those who have applied for Title IV aid using the FAFSA.
    - ❑ Are Expected to provide the Shopping Sheet to students prior to enrollment

# Shopping Sheet Guidelines

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- ❑ Shopping Sheet may be used in place of or as a supplemental cover sheet to an institution's existing financial aid award letter
- ❑ An institution need not use the Shopping Sheet every time it revises a student's financial aid package.
  - Institutions are, however, encouraged to use it when financial aid packages are revised
- ❑ The Shopping Sheet should not be modified to remove programs from which a student will not receive funding
- ❑ All components currently on the Shopping Sheet must remain on the form so that students can more effectively compare attributes of different institutions

# Shopping Sheet Guidelines

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- ❑ ED recommends that institutions place an N/A in the fields for programs for which graduate students are not eligible
  - Or, institutions may remove the lines for Federal Pell Grants and Direct Subsidized Loans from the Shopping Sheet.
- ❑ Institutions may add information that is not included in the Shopping Sheet format using the box at the bottom of the form to provide supplemental information



IFAP HOME

CLOSE WINDOW

Publication Date: January 30, 2013

DCL ID: GEN-13-05

Subject: Implementation of Financial Aid Shopping Sheet

Summary: This letter provides guidance on the implementation of the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet.

Dear Colleague:

On July 24, 2012, Secretary Arne Duncan posted an [open letter to college presidents](#) asking for the voluntary adoption of the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet. On July 25, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) published [Dear Colleague Letter GEN-12-12](#), releasing the Shopping Sheet format and requesting institutional commitment to use this format. As of December 2012, [nearly 600 institutions](#) have committed to adopting the Shopping Sheet. The Department is continuing its work with institutions and software developers to provide guidance regarding the implementation of the Shopping Sheet.

This letter contains a set of frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the implementation of the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet for the 2013-2014 school year. The FAQs clarify the intent of the Shopping Sheet and how it can be used in an institution's financial aid award process, identifies additional tools the Department will supply to aid implementation efforts

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/guid/aid-offer/index.html>. The browser tabs include "ISAC | Illinois Student Assistan..." and "Financial Aid Shopping Sheet". The website header features the ED.gov logo, "U.S. Department of Education", a search bar, and a navigation menu with "Funding", "Policy", "Research", "News", and "About ED". The "Policy" section is expanded, showing a list of categories: "General", "Adult Education", "Civil Rights", "Elementary & Secondary Education", "Grants & Contracts", "Higher Education", "Research & Statistics", "Special Education & Rehabilitative Services", and "Vocational Education". The "Higher Education" category is highlighted with a red box and contains sub-items: "Legislation", "Regulations", and "Policy Guidance". The main content area is titled "HIGHER EDUCATION Financial Aid Shopping Sheet" and contains the following text: 

*This Web page provides students, families and institutions with resources and background about the development and adoption of the Financial Aid Shopping Sheet. The Shopping Sheet was previously referred to as the Model Financial Aid Offer Form and Know Before You Owe.*

The [Financial Aid Shopping Sheet](#) (PDF) is a consumer tool that participating institutions will use to notify students about their financial aid package. It is a standardized form that is designed to simplify the information that prospective students receive about costs and financial aid so that they can easily compare institutions and make informed decisions about where to attend school. The Shopping Sheet will be available for use beginning in the 2013-2014 award year.

In July 2012, the [Obama Administration](#) unveiled the 2013-14 version of the Shopping Sheet. At the same time, Education Secretary Arne Duncan published an [open letter](#) to college and university presidents asking institutions to adopt the Shopping Sheet for use during the 2013-14 school year. As of January 24, 2013, over 600 institutions have voluntarily adopted the Shopping Sheet, representing institutions nationwide from all sectors of higher education.

Institutions may contact [ShoppingSheet@ed.gov](mailto:ShoppingSheet@ed.gov) to indicate their commitment to use the Shopping Sheet. Students, parents, and institutions may also direct questions about the Shopping Sheet to that e-mail address.

**Shopping Sheet Documents**

- [Shopping Sheet Template](#) (PDF)
- [Annotated Shopping Sheet](#) (PDF): This describes and clarifies the elements on the Shopping Sheet.
- [Institutions that have adopted the Shopping Sheet](#) (MS Excel)

On the right side of the page, there are sections for "How Do I Find...?" with a list of topics: "Student loans, forgiveness", "Pell grants", "College accreditation", "Grants", "No Child Left Behind", and "More". Below this is a "Popular Searches" section with a list: "PIN Website", "Contact", "FAFSA", "FERPA", and "1098-E, tax forms". At the bottom right, there are four large buttons: "Teachers", "Parents & Families", "Preschool-12 Reform", and "College Completion", each with a downward arrow.



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## Is the Shopping Sheet Required?

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Agreeing to comply with Executive Order 13607, VA Principles of Excellence, is currently voluntary for schools. However, **GEN-13-05** indicates that if a school agrees to comply with the VA Principles of Excellence, the school is then **required** to use the Shopping Sheet for both its undergraduate and graduate students who are prospective students and who are veterans and service members eligible to receive federal military and veterans educational benefits. Agreeing to comply gets the school added to a list of "Principles of Excellence" schools on the VA website. It does not affect participation in VA benefits or approval of programs or students for VA benefits.

For implementation **beyond** the VA Principles of Excellence requirements, a school can **voluntarily choose** to use the Shopping Sheet for just its undergraduate students or just its graduate students. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) prefers (but does not require) that a school uses the Shopping Sheet for all of its students.

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 950-12  
December 06, 2012

### DOD Releases Revised Tuition Assistance Memorandum of Understanding

The Department of Defense (DoD) released a revised Tuition Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (TA MOU) today, which includes input from universities and reflects many of the president's Principles of Excellence.

DoD will implement the policy March 1, 2013, requiring an institution to have a signed DoD MOU in order to be eligible to participate in the TA Program. After March 1, 2013, schools without a signed DoD MOU will not be able to enroll service members under the TA program until they have signed the MOU. Institutions with a currently signed DoD MOU can compare both versions and select to retain the original DoD MOU or sign the revised DoD MOU.

The current version of the MOU provides information, support, and increased protections to services members; strengthens oversight, enforcement and accountability; and provides guidelines for educational institutions receiving military TA funding. The MOU ensures all service members participating in off-duty, postsecondary education programs receive quality education programs uniformly via the classroom or distance learning, on or off military installations.

During fiscal 2011, approximately 549,000 service members participated in voluntary education programs, which included tuition assistance, adult-based education, and counseling. More than 325,000 service members were enrolled in postsecondary courses earning almost 45,000 college degrees and approximately 530 certifications and licenses. DOD's voluntary education program consists of 245 education sites worldwide, including Afghanistan.

To view the MOU, go to <http://www.dodmou.com>.

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The Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel Readiness provides overall policy guidelines for voluntary education programs in the Department of Defense. These responsibilities are accomplished through the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, by the Chief, Continuing Education, in the Educational Opportunities Directorate.

Figure 1. Template of DoD MOU Between DoD Office of the USD(P&R) and Educational Institution

**LATEST NEWS**

**Revised DoD MOU Released**  
Thursday, December 06, 2012  
The Department of Defense (DoD) released the DoD Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) today. The quality of education received by our Service members is very important to the DoD. To ensure all Service members participating in off-duty, postsecondary education programs are provided quality education programs uniformly, the DoD established the MOU as part of the revised DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1322.25, Voluntary Education Programs dated March 15, 2011 (incorporating date of Change 1, December 6, 2012). The current

**APPLICATION FOR DOD MOU**

The revision to the DoD Instruction 1322.25, Voluntary Education Programs, includes an appendix containing the uniform DoD Voluntary Education Partnership DoD MOU between DoD (OUSD, Personnel & Readiness) and Educational Institutions. The new instruction states all institutions providing high school completion and post secondary education programs through the DoD Tuition Assistance (TA) Program must agree to the new DoD MOU and have a signed copy on-file with DoD prior to Service members receiving TA approval to attend their institution.

**DoD VOLUNTARY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)  
BETWEEN  
DoD OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR  
PERSONNEL AND READINESS (USD(P&R))  
AND  
[NAME OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION]**

**1. PREAMBLE**

a. Providing access to quality postsecondary education opportunities is a strategic investment that enhances the U.S. Service member's ability to support mission accomplishment and successfully return to civilian life. A forward-leaning, lifelong learning environment is fundamental to the maintenance of a mentally powerful and adaptive leadership-ready force. Today's fast-paced and highly mobile environment, where frequent deployments and mobilizations are required to support the Nation's policies and objectives, requires the DoD to sponsor postsecondary educational programs using a variety of learning modalities that include instructor-led courses offered both on- and off-installation as well as distance learning (DL) options. All are designed to support the professional and personal development and progress of Service members and the DoD civilian workforce.

b. Making these postsecondary programs available to the military community as a whole further provides Service members, their eligible adult family members, DoD civilian employees, and military retirees ways to advance their personal education and career aspirations and prepares them for future ~~vocational~~ *career and technical* pursuits, both inside and outside of the Department of Defense. This helps strengthen the Nation by producing a well-educated citizenry and ensures the availability of a significant quality-of-life asset that enhances recruitment and retention efforts in an all-volunteer force.

**GET STARTED.** Listed below are three easy steps to assist you with submitting the DoD MOU Verification Application.

Click 1 to view a sample of the DoD MOU.

1. View Sample DoD MOU

Click 2 to provide data required prior to submitting the Verification Application.

2. Application Checklist

Click 3 to begin the DoD MOU Verification Application.

3. Verification Application

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What are the differences between the original and revised DoD MOUs?  
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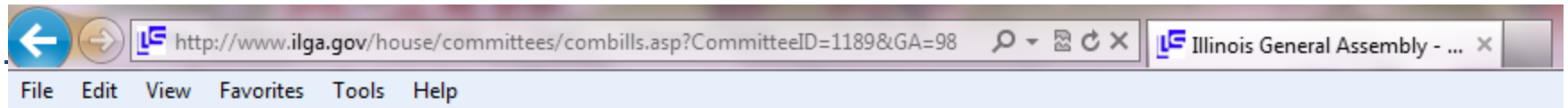


# In-State Tuition Rates for Active Duty Service Members

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- ❑ From *FSA Handbook*, Volume 2, Pages 2- 48 and 2-49
  - In-state tuition rates for active duty service members & family attending public institutions
    - ❑ A public postsecondary school may not charge a member of the armed forces who is on active duty for a period of more than 30 days more than the school's tuition rate for residents of the state. Similarly, the service member's spouse and dependent children are entitled to the in-state tuition rate.
    - ❑ In addition, if the service member, spouse, or dependent child pays the in-state tuition rate, the public institution must allow them to continue to pay such a rate as long as the individual is continuously enrolled, even if there is subsequent change in the permanent duty station of the service member to a location outside of the state.

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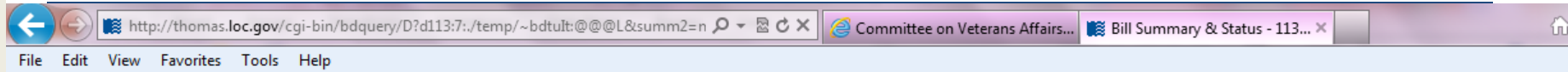
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<a href="#">HB1032</a>	<a href="#">Michael W. Tryon</a>	UNIV EMPLOYEE EDUC BENEFITS	Assigned to Higher Education Committee	2/13/2013
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**S.257**  
**Latest Title:** GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013  
**Sponsor:** [Sen Boozman, John](#) [AR] (introduced 2/7/2013) [Cosponsors](#) (2)  
**Latest Major Action:** 2/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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### SUMMARY:

\*\*\*NONE\*\*\*

### MAJOR ACTIONS:

\*\*\*NONE\*\*\*

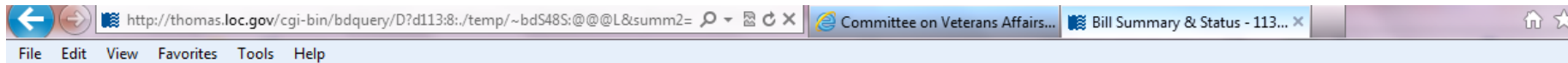
### ALL ACTIONS:

**2/7/2013:**  
Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### TITLE(S): *(italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill)*

- **SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED:**  
GI Bill Tuition Fairness Act of 2013
- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**  
A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the educational assistance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, and for other purposes.

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## Bill Summary & Status 113th Congress (2013 - 2014) S.262 All Information

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**S.262**

**Latest Title:** A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide equity for tuition and fees for individuals entitled to educational assistance under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are pursuing programs of education at institutions of higher learning, and for other purposes.

**Sponsor:** [Sen Durbin, Richard](#) [IL] (introduced 2/7/2013) Cosponsors (None)

**Latest Major Action:** 2/7/2013 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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### SUMMARY:

\*\*\*NONE\*\*\*

### MAJOR ACTIONS:

\*\*\*NONE\*\*\*

### ALL ACTIONS:

**2/7/2013:**  
Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR [S526](#))

**2/7/2013:**  
Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR [S526](#))

**TITLE(S):** *(italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill)*

- **OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED:**

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## Broad Coalition Monitoring, Seeking Solutions to Veterans Benefits Issues

Postsecondary institutions have experienced a number of issues with veteran's educational benefits since the inception of Chapter 33 benefits in 2009 under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. NASFAA has monitored those, and other VA issues through various meetings within a coalition of Washington-based higher education associations. Even though most of the issues lie outside the direct purview of most financial aid administrators, it is important for the financial aid community to be aware of these continued challenges.

Unlike previous veteran's benefits, Post-9/11 tuition benefits are paid to the veteran's school rather than directly to the veteran. This change, especially in light of the very short time between program creation and implementation, has caused numerous procedural problems. One issue that has grown in complexity is the disposition of refunds.

When a veteran signs up for a course and later decides to drop that course, the money allocated for that course must be refunded. As a result of changing and sometimes contradictory policy guidance from VA, confusion has emerged as to whether the student should receive the reimbursement, and subsequently pay back that money to the VA, or if the VA should collect the refunds from the college or university.

Colleges have told the VA that refunds were given to veterans, as the VA had instructed. VA officials have said those refunds should have been issued directly to the VA. Some schools haven't been credited for debts paid to the agency due to timing and communication discrepancies.

Despite the confusion, VA has referred debts to the Treasury Offset Program (TOP) for collection. Under TOP, any federal funds, such as research grants, payable to an institution can be offset to collect this debt.

A number of organizations have been involved in attempts to illuminate and resolve these issues. An excellent summary of the problem and an explanation of steps that can be taken by institutions are available from the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO): [http://www.nacubo.org/Initiatives/GI\\_Bill.html](http://www.nacubo.org/Initiatives/GI_Bill.html).

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## POST-9/11 GI BILL

The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, or new GI Bill as it is often called, provides much more generous postsecondary educational benefits to veterans and, in some cases, spouses and dependents of veterans and members of the armed forces. Unlike benefits under the current Montgomery GI Bill, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) makes payments for tuition and fees directly to institutions of higher education on behalf of eligible veterans, necessitating new systems to exchange information with, and make payments to, institutions. The program became...

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### RESOURCES

- VA Processes eGroup NACUBO, NASFAA Comments on GI Bill Proposed Regulations (Jan. 22, 2009) Department of Veterans Affairs Yellow Ribbon Program FAQ's (released May 7, 2009) Yellow Ribbon Program, including agreement form (deadline extended until June 15, 2009) Maximum In-State Tuition and Fees Serving Those Who Serve, American Council on Education initiative

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- A Guide to College and University Budgeting: Foundations for Institutional Effectiveness, 4th ed. - by Larry Goldstein

2013-2014 Academic Year Maximum Tuition and Fee Amounts

As of August 1, 2013 (beginning of the 2013-2014 academic year), the 6.2 percent increase determined under 38 U.S.C. 3015(h), which was effective October 1, 2012, will be the most recent increase. VA calculated the maximum tuition and fee and entitlement charge amounts listed below for training pursued under the Post-9/11 GI Bill that begins after July 31, 2013, and before August 1, 2014, using the 6.2 percent increase.

2013-2014 Academic Year

Type of school	Actual net cost of tuition and fees not to exceed
Post-9/11 GI Bill Maximum Tuition and Fee Amounts	
Public.....	In-State/Resident Charges.
Private/Foreign.....	\$19,198.31.
Vocational Flight.....	\$10,970.46.
Correspondence.....	\$9,324.89.
Post 9/11 Entitlement Charge Amount for Tests	
Licensing and Certification Tests.....	VA will charge one month entitlement (rounded to the nearest whole month) for each \$1,601.69 received.
National Tests.....	.....

Approved: December 18, 2012.

John R. Gingrich,  
 Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs.

[FR Doc. 2012-30945 Filed 12-21-12; 8:45 am]

From: ilasfaal-bounces@ilasfaa.org on behalf of ilasfaal@ilasfaa.org  
 To: ilasfaal@ilasfaa.org  
 Cc:  
 Subject: [ilasfaal] Updated Veterans Service Directory

# ILASFAA Veterans Service Directory

Subject: Updated Veterans Service Directory  
 List: Ilasfaal  
 Date: February 5, 2013  
 From: Bruce Foote  
[bfoote@stfrancis.edu](mailto:bfoote@stfrancis.edu)

ILASFAA Colleagues:

Please find attached the updated directory and edit form for your use.

Thank You!

Bruce Foote  
 Chair, ILASFAA Ad-Hoc Veterans Services Committee

Click the link to view the attachment

Attachment 1: Updated Veterans Service Directory <http://www.ilasfaa.org/ListLock/J6>

Attachment 2: Edit Template  
<http://www.ilasfaa.org/ListLock/id4knc4wc>

- Resource for networking on ways to better serve veterans
- Compiled by ILASFAA's Veterans Advisory Committee
  - Committee Chairperson: Bruce Foote

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	Institution	Address	City	ZIP	Inst. Type	Region	ILASFAA Member	Coordinator Name	Title
1	Black Hawk College	6600 34th Ave.	Moline	61265	2-Year Public	Northern Region	No	Stephanie Dixon	Veterans & Military Personnel
2	Carl Sandburg College	2400 Tom L. Wilson Blvd.	Galesburg	61401	2-Year Public	Northern Region	Yes	Chris Shaw	Coordinator of Veterans and
3	Chamberlain College of Nursing	3005 Highland Parkway	Downers Grove	60515	Proprietary	Chicago Region	Yes	Paul Herbst	Supervisor, Student Finance
4	Chicago State University	9501 South King Dr.	Chicago	60628	4-Year Public	Chicago Region	Yes	Johnny Evelyn	Veterans Coordinator
5	Danville Area Community College	2000 E. Main Street	Danville	61832	2-Year Public	Southern Region	Yes	Janet Ingargiola	Director, SFA & Veteran's Ed
6	DePaul University	1 East Jackson Boulevard	Chicago	60604	4-Year Private	Chicago Region	Yes	Megan Burda	VA Coordinator
7	DeVry University	1221 N. Swift Rd.	Addison	60101	Proprietary	Northern Region	Yes	Norma Cazares	Student Finance Consultant/
8	DeVry University	3005 Highland Parkway	Downers Grove	60515	Proprietary	Chicago Region	Yes	Paul Herbst	Supervisor, Student Finance
9	Dominican University	7900 W. Division Street	River Forest	60305	4-Year Private	Chicago Region	No	Marcel Burke	Communication and Records
10	Elmhurst College	190 Prospect Ave	Elmhurst	60126	4-Year Private	Chicago Region	No	Kathy Maxwell	Assistant Director of Financi
11	Eureka College	300 E College Avenue	Eureka	61530	4-Year Private	Northern Region	Yes	Ellen M. Rigsby	Assistant Dean & Director of
12	Harper College	1200 W Algonquin Rd	Palatine	60067	2-Year Public	Chicago Region	Yes	Shannon Kelly	School Certifying Official
13	Highland Community College	2998 W. Pearl City Rd.	Freeport	61032	2-Year Public	Northern Region	No	Ashley Wolber	Financial Aid Assistant & Vet
14	Illinois College	1101 W College Ave	Jacksonville	62650	4-Year Private	Southern Region	Yes	Becky Birdsall	Associate Director of Financi
15	Illinois School of Health Careers	11 E Adams Suite 200	Chicago	60603	Proprietary	Chicago Region	Yes		
16	Illinois State University	Campus Box 2204	Normal	61745	4-Year Public	Southern Region	Yes	Judy Curtis	Assistant Registrar/Certifying
17	Illinois Valley Community College	815 North Orlando Smith Road	Oglesby	61348	2-Year Public	Northern Region	Yes	Ida Brown	Financial Aid and Veterans A
18	Illinois Wesleyan University	PO Box 2900	Bloomington	61702	4-Year Private	Northern Region	Yes	Kelly Scheffert	Coordinator of Student Gift A
19	John A. Logan College	700 Logan College Road	Carterville, IL	62918	2-Year Public	Southern Region	No	Andrea Leadingham	Coordinator of Veterans & Mi
20	John Wood Community College	1301 South 48th Street	Quincy	62305	2-Year Public	Northern Region	Yes	Lisa Snodgrass	Coordinator of Records, Regis
21	Joliet Junior College	1215 Houbolt Road	Joliet	60431	2-Year Public	Northern Region	Yes	Cheryl Hlavac	Veterans Coordinator
22	Kankakee Community College	100 College Drive	Kankakee	60901	2-Year Public	Chicago Region	Yes	Kristina Blum	Coordinator of Financial Aid
23	Kishwaukee College	21193 Malta Road	Malta	60150	2-Year Public	Northern Region	Yes	LaVerna Lyons	Assistant Director, Financial
24	Knox College	2 E. South Street	Galesburg	61401	4-Year Private	Northern Region	Yes	Ann Brill	Director of Financial Aid
25	Lake Land College	5001 Lake Land Blvd	Mattoon	61938	2-Year Public	Southern Region	Yes	Danielle R. Downs	Financial Aid & Veteran Servi
26	Lewis and Clark Community College	5800 Godfrey Road	Godfrey	62035	2-Year Public	Southern Region	Yes	Angela Weaver	Financial Aid Director
27	Lewis University	One University Parkway	Romeoville	60586	4-Year Private	Northern Region	Yes	Liz LaRosa	Financial Aid Counselor & VA
28	Lincoln Christian University	100 Campus View Drive	Lincoln	62656	4-Year Private	Southern Region	Yes	Nancy Siddens	Director of Financial Aid
29	Lincoln College Normal	715 W Raab Road	Normal	61761	4-Year Private	Southern Region	No	Katie Pizzamiglio	Business Officer
30	Lincoln Land Community College	5250 Shepherd Rd.	Springfield	62794	2-Year Public	Chicago Region	Yes	Sam Shetley	Financial Aid Advisor
31	Loyola University Chicago	1032 West Sheridan	Chicago	60626	4-Year Private	Chicago Region	Yes	Janelle Wade	Assistant Director
32	McKendree University	701 College Rd	Lebanon	62254	4-Year Private	Southern Region	Yes	Ruth Rieger	Counselor/VA Certifying Offic
33	Midstate College	411 W. Northmoor Road	Peoria	61614	4-Year Private	Southern Region	No	Nicole Martinez	Financial Aid Administrator



# Illinois Joining Forces (IJF)

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- ❑ A public–private partnership established by a joint effort of the Illinois Department of Military Affairs and Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs
  - Dedicated to improving the quality of life for Illinois service members, veterans and their families
  - Goal is to increase awareness and connectivity
  - Establishing a network of public and not-for-profit organizations to work together to improve services to military and veteran communities
  - Illinois veterans, service members and their families can use IJF to find and connect with the right resource
  - Member organizations commit to a specific set of goals and understandings
    - ❑ Becoming a member organization includes a Memorandum of Understanding

# IJF Working Groups

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- ❑ IJF member organizations collaborate via work groups organized in the following categories
  - ❑ Homelessness and Housing
  - ❑ Education
  - ❑ Employment and Job Training
  - ❑ Behavioral Health
  - ❑ Disability Benefits
  - ❑ Access to Medical Care
  - ❑ Financial Literacy
  - ❑ Families and Children
  - ❑ Emergency Assistance
  - ❑ Legal Support
- ❑ Each group has a page on the IJF website that includes information about its objectives, action plans, meeting minutes, etc.
- ❑ Groups update their services and events on the IJF website and they also attempt to fill gaps in services by reaching out to other member organizations for assistance
- ❑ For more information about the Working Groups, visit the IJF Members page at [illinoisjoiningforces.org](http://illinoisjoiningforces.org)

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**ILLINOIS  
JOINING  
FORCES**

IJF is a network of organizations working together to improve services to Illinois' military and veteran communities

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## Event Calendar

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Next Event: February 26

**Military Sexual Trauma Workshop for Mental Health Professionals**

**Dominican University Graduate School of Social Work and Lake-McHenry Veterans and Family Services partner to host a** [Details](#)

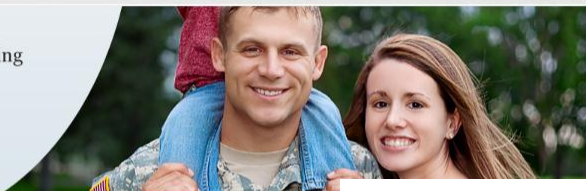
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## Features

### IJF Legal Working Group finds early successes

Illinois has a large legal community and, at last count, nine Veterans Treatment Courts throughout the state. Some of the same individuals who helped push for the Veterans Treatment Courts and championed the first in the nation legislation that allowed for their

## Member Working Groups



Illinois Joining Forces (IJF) is a network of public and not-for-profit organizations working together to improve communities. Our goal is to increase awareness and connectivity among our member organizations so that they can better serve the system of support. IJF member organizations collaborate via Working Groups and update their services as needed.

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## About Us

The Education member working group includes educational institutions, state agencies and non-profit organizations working to improve access to education benefits and facilitate a successful schooling experience for service members, veterans and their families.

### Popular Resources/Documents

[Summary of Nov. 9, 2012 Education Working Group Meeting](#)

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### News Highlights

#### [Housing Fair](#)

**Details:** Thinking about Buying a Home & Need Assistance? FREE Workshops! Attend this Fair!

#### [Educators' Guide to Military Kids](#)

The intent of this information is to provide guidance to leaders in the education system about the military, military children and the issues that may arise from the deployment of a military parent(s).

#### [Family Members' Wartime Deployments Associated with Adolescents' Substance Use](#)

#### [Summary of Dec 14 2012 Education Working Group Call](#)

#### [Summary of Nov. 9, 2012 Education Working Group Meeting](#)



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### Stand Up and Be Counted

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs is here to help you navigate the many federal, state, and local resources and benefits available to veterans. Whether you have a specific question or would simply like us to help identify programs and benefits for which you may be eligible, our Veteran Service Officers are standing by to help.

By Standing Up to Be Counted, you will also be assisting your fellow veterans by helping IDVA and the entire veteran advocacy community to gain a better understanding of who and where Illinois' veterans are. This will help us plan for future services, lobby for further federal VA funding and facilities, and generally serve Illinois' veterans better.

Welcome to the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, a state agency dedicated to empowering veterans, as well as their dependents and survivors, to thrive. We do this by helping veterans navigate the complex veteran support system and assisting them in obtaining benefits; by providing long term health care for eligible veterans at our four Veterans' Homes; and by working with other government agencies and non-profits to help veterans address education, mental health, housing, employment, and other challenges.



#### STATE PROGRAMS

- [Apply for the Illinois Veterans Grant](#)
- [Apply to a Illinois Veterans Home](#)
- [Apply for Illinois Veterans Care](#)
- [Apply for a Vets Cash Grant](#)
- [Learn about Women Veteran Services](#)



#### STATE SERVICES

- [Find Employment](#)
- [Locate Housing Assistance](#)
- [Obtain a Property Tax Exemption](#)
- [Apply for Veterans Income Tax Credits](#)
- [Learn about Recent Legislation](#)

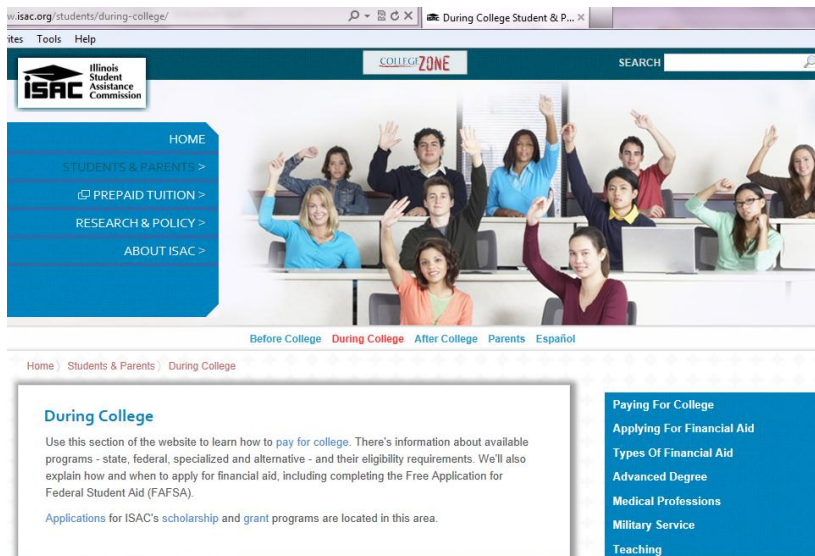


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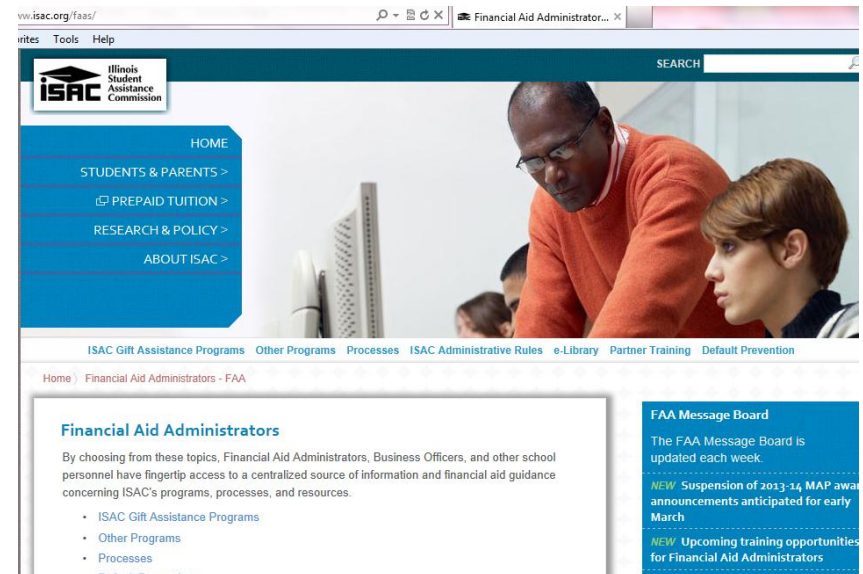
- [Navigate our available programs and services](#)
- [Locate the nearest VSO Office](#)
- [Obtain a certified copy of my DD214](#)
- [Nominate a veteran for an award](#)

# www.isac.org

- ❑ Please review your school website pages and remove references to College Zone
  - Also make sure that links are going to current, active pages and applications



The screenshot shows the 'College Zone' section of the ISAC website. The browser address bar indicates the URL is 'www.isac.org/students/during-college/'. The page features a navigation menu with options: HOME, STUDENTS & PARENTS >, PREPAID TUITION >, RESEARCH & POLICY >, and ABOUT ISAC >. A large banner image shows a diverse group of students in a classroom with their hands raised. Below the banner, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Students & Parents > During College'. The main content area is titled 'During College' and includes a paragraph of text about available programs and a link to 'Applications for ISAC's scholarship and grant programs are located in this area.' A sidebar on the right lists categories: Paying For College, Applying For Financial Aid, Types Of Financial Aid, Advanced Degree, Medical Professions, Military Service, and Teaching.



The screenshot shows the 'Financial Aid Administrators' section of the ISAC website. The browser address bar indicates the URL is 'www.isac.org/faas/'. The page features a navigation menu with options: HOME, STUDENTS & PARENTS >, PREPAID TUITION >, RESEARCH & POLICY >, and ABOUT ISAC >. A large banner image shows a man and a woman looking at a computer screen. Below the banner, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Financial Aid Administrators - FAA'. The main content area is titled 'Financial Aid Administrators' and includes a paragraph of text about centralized information and financial aid guidance. A sidebar on the right lists categories: ISAC Gift Assistance Programs, Other Programs, Processes, ISAC Administrative Rules, e-Library, Partner Training, and Default Prevention. A 'FAA Message Board' section is also visible, with a 'NEW' announcement about the suspension of 2013-14 MAP award announcements and another 'NEW' announcement about upcoming training opportunities for Financial Aid Administrators.

# ISAC Contact Information

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# Questions/Comments?

