

HOW TO APPLY FOR VA BENEFITS ONLINE

Go to:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

AND CLICK ON “APPLY FOR BENEFITS”

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website. The top navigation bar includes the VA logo, the text "U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs", a search bar, and social media icons. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Health, Benefits, Burials & Memorials, About VA, Resources, Media Room, Locations, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "Education and Training" and features a large banner with a red Swiss Army knife and the text "POST 9/11 GI BILL THE TOOL TO GET THE JOB DONE" and "BILL JACK OF ALL TRADES". To the right of the banner is a blue box for "Post-9/11 GI Bill" with the text "The tool to get the job done. New Opportunities Now Available >". Below the banner are four buttons: "GI Bill Comparison Tool", "GI Bill Feedback System", "We've Got You Covered", and "CareerScope®". At the bottom of the page, there are three buttons: "Choose a School", "Apply for Benefits" (highlighted with a red dashed box), and "Contact Us".

A second Apply for Benefits will appear. Click on it.

The screenshot shows a navigation menu on the left with items like Home Loans, Life Insurance, Pension, Special Groups, Services, Applying for Benefits, Locations, VBA Claims Transformation, VBA Performance, Media and Publications, and About VBA. The main content area has three tabs: 'Choose a School', 'Apply for Benefits' (highlighted with a red dashed box), and 'Contact Us'. Below the tabs is a section titled 'Apply for Benefits' with a sub-header and a paragraph: 'You served with honor and you're ready to further your education and skills. If you qualify, apply for VA education and training benefits online, in person, or request an application over the phone.' A link 'Apply for Benefits' is visible. On the right, there is a 'POST 9/11 GI BILL' logo and an 'FAQS' section with buttons for 'FAQs' and 'Submit a Question'.

Then Apply Online will appear. Click on it.

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Select NEW or RETURNING USER:

Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP)

Welcome to the new and improved Veterans On-Line Application (VONAPP) website.
Please select one of the following choices to begin using VONAPP.

*I Am a New
VONAPP User*

(Please select this option if this is your
first time using the VONAPP website.)

OR

*I Have Used
VONAPP Before*

(Please select this option to Resume or
Print a previous application.)

READ THE NEXT TWO SCREENS AND CLICK CONTINUE, THEN CREATE A VONAPP ACCOUNT

*Yes, I'll Log-in
Now*

(Please select this option to log in with your
existing DS Logon / eBenefits Account)

OR

*No, Create a
VONAPP Account*

(Please select this option to signup for a
VONAPP account. Note: this account is only
valid for VONAPP, and will not work for
other VA websites.)

Create a User Name and Password:

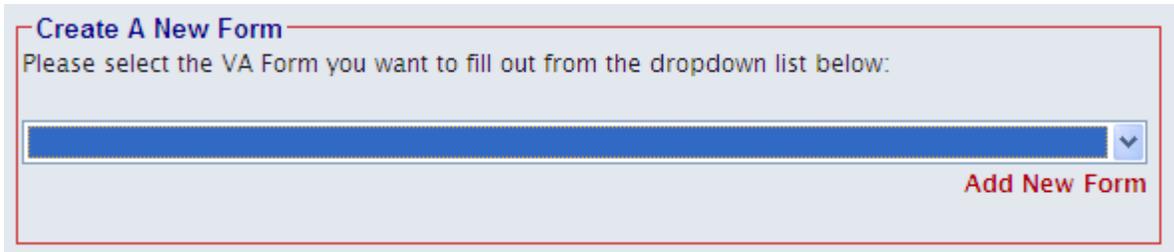
Username:

Password:

Password Hint:

E-mail Address:

In the **CREATE A NEW FORM** box, click the down arrow and select the form you want to complete.

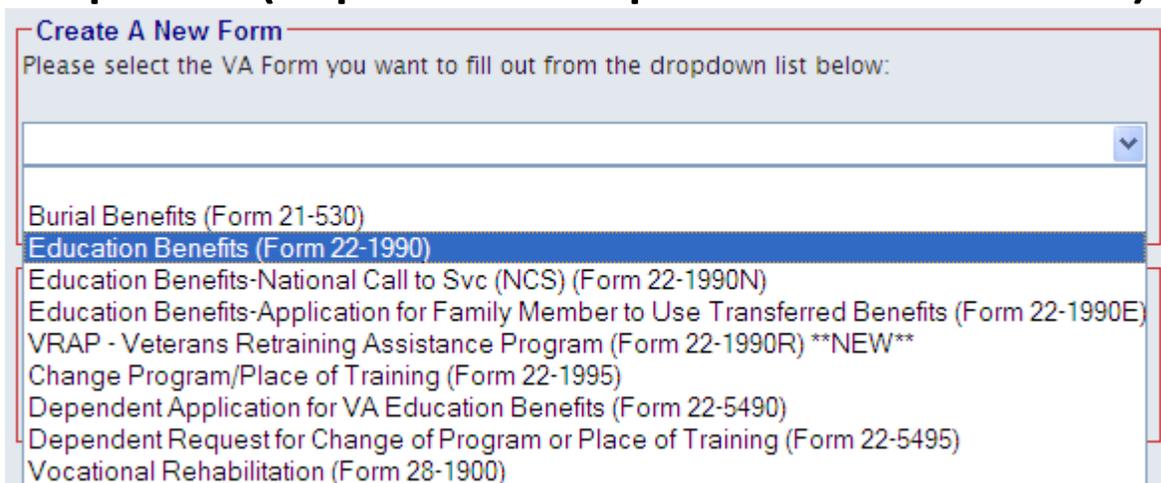


The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Create A New Form". Below the title is the instruction: "Please select the VA Form you want to fill out from the dropdown list below:". There is a dropdown menu with a blue bar and a downward arrow on the right. To the right of the dropdown menu is a red text link that says "Add New Form".

Select **Education Benefits, Form 22-1990** for:
Chapters 30 (Montgomery GI Bill),
Chapter 33 (Post 911),
1606 (Selected Reserve),
Or 1607 (Reserves Served Active Duty since 9-11-01)

Select **Education Benefits, Form 22-1990E** for:
Transferred Benefits, Chapter 33, (Post 911)

Select **Dependents Benefits, Form 22-5490** for:
Chapter 35 (Dependents & Spouse of Disabled Vets)



The screenshot shows the same "Create A New Form" interface as above, but the dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of VA forms. The list includes: "Burial Benefits (Form 21-530)", "Education Benefits (Form 22-1990)", "Education Benefits-National Call to Svc (NCS) (Form 22-1990N)", "Education Benefits-Application for Family Member to Use Transferred Benefits (Form 22-1990E)", "VRAP - Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (Form 22-1990R) **NEW**", "Change Program/Place of Training (Form 22-1995)", "Dependent Application for VA Education Benefits (Form 22-5490)", "Dependent Request for Change of Program or Place of Training (Form 22-5495)", and "Vocational Rehabilitation (Form 28-1900)". The "Education Benefits (Form 22-1990)" option is highlighted with a blue background.

Read the next two screens and **Continue**

Click **Yes** for the Privacy Statement:

*Yes, I have read
the explanation
of the Privacy
Act and
respondent
burden.*

OR

*No, I have not
read the
explanation of
the Privacy Act
and respondent
burden.*

Education Benefits (Form 22-1990)

Choose from one of the options below and then click the red Continue button.

The options that appear below will vary depending on what tasks you have accomplished in VONAPP in the past, if any. New users entering their first claims will see only the option to create an empty new claim or exit VONAPP. Returning users will have additional options. See the Help items in the left margin for explanations of each option.

- Create an empty new claim application
- Exit VONAPP

Read the next three screens and **Continue**

Check the Chapter you are applying for:

1. Education benefit being applied for:

- Chapter 33 - Post-9/11 GI Bill

- Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill Educational Assistance Program (MGIB)
- Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (MGIB-SR)
- Chapter 1607 - Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)
- Chapter 32 or Section 903 - Post-VietNam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

Applying for Chapter 33 (Post 911) requires you to complete this screen:

1. Education benefit being applied for:

Chapter 33 - Post-9/11 GI Bill

Chapter 33 Election. Complete this section only if this is your first request for Chapter 33 benefits

By electing Chapter 33, I acknowledge that I understand the following:
I may not receive more than a total of 48 months of benefits under two or more programs. If electing chapter 33 in lieu of chapter 30, my months of entitlement under chapter 33 will be limited to the number of months of entitlement remaining under chapter 30 on the effective date of my election. However, if I completely exhaust my entitlement under chapter 30 before the effective date of my chapter 33 election, I may receive up to 12 additional months of benefits under chapter 33.
My election is *irrevocable* and may not be changed.
I elect to receive Chapter 33 Education Benefits in lieu of the Education Benefit checked below,

effective... Chapter 30:MGIB Chapter 1606:MGIB-SR
(Date: mm/dd/yyyy) Chapter 1607:REAP Not eligible for any of the other listed benefits

Applying for all chapters requires you to complete the following screens:

Complete and Continue these pages:

2. What is your name?

Salutation

First

Middle

Last

Suffix

3. What is your sex? Male Female

4. What is your date of birth?

/ /
month day year

6. What is your Social Security Number?

5. What is your address?

Address Location

City State

-

Zip Zip Suffix

7. What are your telephone numbers?

Primary Phone Extension Secondary Phone Extension

10a. Have you ever filed a claim with the VA? Yes No

10b. Have you previously applied for education benefits using someone else's service?
 Yes No

8. Are you interested in having your VA education benefits directly deposited into a checking or savings account? Yes No
(Direct Deposit is not available for VEAP)

9. Please provide the name of someone who will always know where you can be reached?

First Middle Last Suffix

9a. Is your contact's address and phone number the same as yours?
 Yes No

11. Have you already received an information pamphlet explaining education benefits? (The most current information on VA education benefits is available online at www.gibill.va.gov. If you would like to receive a printed pamphlet, answer No to this question.)
 Yes No

12. Do you know the name or address of the school or training establishment you want to attend? (Skip this item if you are only applying for National Test Reimbursement, Licensing and Certification Test Reimbursement, or Tuition Assistance Top-Up.)
 Yes No

12b. Enter the date your training started or will start.

/ /
month day year

12c. Please specify your Educational or Career Objective, if known. (e.g., Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Welding Certificate, Police Officer, etc.)

12c. Course of study to achieve goal?

12d. Type of Education or Training

- College or Other School Attendance (includes online courses)
- Correspondence
- Apprenticeship or On-the-Job Training
- Vocational Flight Training
- National Test Reimbursement (SAT, CLEP, etc.)
- Licensing or Certification Test Reimbursement (MCSE, CCNA, EMT, NCLEX, etc.)
- Tuition Assistance Top-Up (Chapters 30 and 33 only)

13a. Are you now on Active Duty? (Check NO if you are currently on drilling status, in the Selected Reserve or if you are on active duty for training.)

Yes No

To add or delete tours of duty, click the **add** or **delete** buttons. If you have more than one period of service, you must list the earliest period(s) first.

1st tour

13d. Date Entered Active Duty

/ /
month day year

13e. Date Separated from Active Duty

/ /
month day year

13f. Service Component (Branch of Service)

Military Service Branch Other Service Branch (not on list)

13g. Service Status (active duty, drilling reservist, IRR, etc.)

13h. Were you involuntarily called to active duty for this period?

Yes No

Complete 14a or 14b. Leave both blank if you did not graduate from high school and did not complete the requirements for a certificate.

14a. Date you graduated from High School.

/ /
month day year

Or

14b. Date you completed the requirement for a High School Equivalency certificate.

/ /
month day year

14c. Have you received any training after High School?
(Including apprenticeships, on-the-job training and flight training)

Yes No

14d. If you hold any FAA Flight Certificates, enter information about each certificate.

15a. Were you employed **before** entering military service?
(Includes jobs where you held a license or journeyman rating to practice a profession)

Yes No

15b. Were you employed **after** leaving military service?
(Includes jobs where you held a license or journeyman rating to practice a profession)

Yes No

16a. **For Active Duty Claimants Only.** Are you receiving or do you anticipate receiving any money (including but not limited to Federal Tuition Assistance) from the Armed Forces or Public Health Service for the course for which you have applied to the VA for Education Benefits? If you receive such benefits during any part of your training, check Yes.

Note: If you are only applying for Tuition Assistance Top-Up, check No on this item.

Yes No

16a1. **Military Service Academy.** If you graduated from a Military Service Academy, specify the year you graduated and received your commission.

Graduation Year:

16b. **Senior ROTC Scholarship Program.** Are you currently participating in a Senior ROTC Scholarship Program which pays for your tuition, fees, books and supplies under Section 2107, Title 10 U.S. Code?

Yes No

16c. **Senior ROTC (Reserve Officer's Training Corps) Scholarship Program and Officer's Commission.** If you were commissioned or will be commissioned as a result of a Senior ROTC Scholarship Program, provide the date of your commission and the amount of your scholarship for school each year you were in the Senior ROTC program. Do not report your monthly subsistence allowance (stipend).

(If you received your commission through a non-scholarship program, skip this section.)

Date of Commission

/ /
month day year

Scholarship Amounts

Year: <input type="text"/>	Amount: \$ <input type="text"/>
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16d. **For Civilian Employees of the U.S. Federal Government Only.**

Are you receiving or do you anticipate receiving any money from your agency (including but not limited to the Government Employees Training Act) for the same period for which you have applied to the VA for Education Benefits? If you will receive such benefits during any part of your training, check Yes.

Yes No

16e. **Contributions.** Did you make additional contributions (up to \$600) to increase the amount of your monthly benefits? If Yes, it will help VA process your claim if you submit evidence you have to support your claim. (e.g., cash collection voucher, leave and earnings statement(s), receipt voucher, etc.)

Yes No

16f. **Kicker.** Do you qualify for a Kicker (sometimes called a "College Fund") based on your Military Service? (Kickers are additional amounts contributed by DoD to an education fund.)

If you qualify for a kicker, it will help VA process your claim if you submit a copy of the kicker contract. Reserve kicker contracts must include the amount and effective date.

Active Duty Kicker: Yes No

Reserve Kicker: Yes No

16g. If you had a period of active duty that the Department of Defense counts for purposes of repaying an education loan, check Yes and show the period of active duty that the military considers as being used for the purposes of repaying the education loan.

Yes No

17. Are you a veteran with military service before January 1, 1977?
(Or delayed entry before January 2, 1978)

Yes No

18. Remarks

READ the next three screens about printing and submitting your application and continue.

SUBMIT FORM and PRINT PAPER FORM

Fax to Holmes' Certifying Official, Sue Ellen Stubbs, at
662-472-9046 or scan and email to
sstubbs@holmescc.edu

You can call her at 662-472-9034.

For VA to begin work on your application, you must give us answers to all questions we found with no entries or with errors. If you are uncertain about some of them, give us the best answers you can. You can use the "Remarks" section to tell us about any of your answers which you are not certain. Without answers to these, you cannot send your application to us on the Internet. You can suspend work on this application while you check the required information by clicking the Suspend button below.

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