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## ***Military Service & Veterans' Benefits***

### **CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS WITH MILITARY BACKGROUNDS**

1. Contact the Financial Aid Office and **Certifying VA Official** to apply for your VA Educational Benefits. Please bring:
  - a) Your Application for VA or **Certificate of Eligibility** (C.O.E.)
  - b) Long form DD214 listing honorable discharge
  - c) Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) form if Active Reserves
  - d) Change of Program or Place of Training form if you are a transfer student (VA Form 22-1995)
2. Request your official free transcript of ACE credit recommendations for military training at: *Joint Services Transcript* web-link: <https://jst.doded.mil/>
3. Apply for FAFSA- See below
4. Not using GIBill, Apply for NYS TAP (Tuition assistance)- See below with HESC
5. Visit <http://www.veterans.ny.gov> to use the NYS Veterans Education Benefits Calculator and learn about NY State specific benefits.
6. Visit [www.studentveterans.org](http://www.studentveterans.org) to learn about national student Veteran organizations.
7. Contact the **VA Hotline** for additional information: **1-888-442-4551** Fax: **1-716-857-3192**

**GENERAL INFORMATION** about VA Benefits can be found on [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

**To apply for benefits:** [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov) → Apply for Educational Benefits → Ed Benefits Application

Federal Student Aid (Pell Grant) provides student financial aid based on family income. Students can apply on-line for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

- **Please note to use the .gov website and not .com, as they make you pay for the application. FAFSA mean “Free Application” for Federal Student Aid**

NYS Higher Education Services Corp (HESC) provides financial assistance to eligible veterans and limited assistance to a child of a veteran. Please call 1-888-697-4372, to get current information. Also see website HESC.org.

Visit [www.MilitaryOneSource.com](http://www.MilitaryOneSource.com) for free resources and consultations for Active Duty Service Members, Veterans, and their families. **1-800-342-9647**

**Please visit DCC's new Student Veteran Resource Center/lounge in Hudson rm. 212. All registered students are allowed to use this room, and utilize all resources available.**

**Student Veterans Club meetings are held at the VRC every Friday from 12-1pm. All student vets are encouraged to attend and join in on the community building team.**

## **CHAPTER 30 - NEW G.I. BILL**

### Eligibility Requirements:

Serviceperson who served between July 1, 1985 - Present, and contributed \$100.00 per month for 12 months. Education and training are available up to 36 months of benefits. Time Limit: 10 year from release from last period of active duty. Limited extensions available.

## **CHAPTER 31 VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT**

### Eligibility Requirements:

A veteran who has received, or will receive, a discharge that is other than dishonorable and has a service-connected disability rating of at least 10%, or a memorandum rating of 20% or more from the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) may apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) VetSuccess services. The basic period of eligibility in which services may be used is 12 years from the latter of: the date of separation from active military service, or the date the veteran was first notified by VA of a service-connected disability rating. For additional information contact 1-212-807-3175 or 1-212-807-3080 <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/>

## **CHAPTER 33 – POST 9/11 GI BILL**

### Eligibility Requirements:

An individual who served on active duty after September 10, 2001 may be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill if the individual served for an aggregate period of at least 90 days or was *discharged due to a service-connected disability after serving at least 30 continuous days on active duty after September 10, 2001*. Education and training are available up to 36 months of benefits. Time Limit: 15 year from release from last period of active duty. Limited extensions available.

## **CHAPTER 35 SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS**

### Eligibility Requirements:

Sons, daughters, spouses of Veterans who have died or are permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability arising out of active service in the Armed Forces. \*Note: Please submit a copy of the Veterans Social Security number to the VA Representative.\*

## **CHAPTER 1606 MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL (Selected Reserve)**

### Eligibility Requirements:

Serviceperson who enlists, reenlists, or extends an enlistment in the Selected Reserves with an obligation to serve for a period of not less than 6 years in addition to any other period of obligated Selected Reserve service they are required to perform. Education and training are available up to 36 months of benefits. Time Limit: 14 year from the date eligibility for the program, or until release from the Selective Reserve or National Guard, whichever occurs first Limited extensions available if activated.

## CHAPTER 1607 REAP Reserve Educational Assistance Program

### Eligibility Requirements

A member of a reserve component who serves on active duty on or after September 11, 2001 under title 10 U.S. Code for a contingency operation and who serves at least 90 consecutive days or more. The law requires DOD to give you written notification of eligibility for REAP. No student contributions are required. Education and training are available up to 36 months of benefits. Time Limit: No time limit as long as an individual remains in the same level of the Ready Reserve from which called to active duty. There are exceptions for discharge due to disability or transfer from the IRR to the Selective Reserve. REAP participants who separated from the Selective Reserve after completing their service contract under other than dishonorable conditions are now eligible for REAP benefits for 10 years after they are separated from the Selective Reserve.

## NATIONAL GUARD & NAVAL MILITIA TUITION INCENTIVE

### Eligibility Requirements:

NY State sponsored tuition awards to NY Army & Air National Guard & NY Naval Militia persons on active duty. Members must first apply for financial aid; TAP, Pell, APTS, etc. Any remaining tuition costs will be covered if funds are available. (Monies received from active duty Chapter 30 or Chapter 1606 are not counted as financial aid). Students must enroll for at least six credits per semester. Additional Entitlements: \*Note: additional entitlements may vary due to active status and/or transfer of entitlements\*

**PLEASE NOTE:** All students who are receiving either the Chapter 30 Montgomery GI BILL Active Duty, or Selected Reserve programs **MUST** now verify their enrollments monthly to receive payments. This verification can be done on the last day of each month either by using the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) application on this web site [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or by using an automated telephone system (IVR) at 1-877-823-2378 and following the prompts

### Basic Housing Allowance (BAH):

DCC student's rate is approximately \$1699.00 per month (pro-rated and subject to change by JFTR)

### Books and Supplies Stipend:

Rate of Re-imbusement per academic year is \$1000 (at 100% benefit level) and 24 credits

### Licensing and Certification Tests:

Eligible individuals may be reimbursed for more than one licensing or certification test up to \$2000

### VA Benefits for Summer Sessions:

#### 3-week session

3 credits = full-time

2 credits = ½ time

Less than 2 credits = tuition & fees

#### 6-week sessions

5 credits = full-time

4 credits = ¾ time

3 credits = ½ time

Less than 3 credits = tuition & fees

### Transfer Credits for Basic Military Training

Dutchess Community College follows the recommendations of the American Council on Education for granting credit for military courses and educational experiences for full-time or part-time matriculated students.

Students who served in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard may receive transfer credits in the following categories:

- ▶ WFE 101 (3 credits), Lifetime Wellness and Fitness – All academic programs
- ▶ PED 101 (1 credit) for criminal justice programs (CRJ & CRT) only.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

DCC Counseling Services    Department of VA Castle Point  
Ted Goehring 1-845-431-8692    1-845-831-2000

Dutchess County Division of VA  
Marc Coviello 1-845-486-2060

### **Army Tuition Assistance**

General Information    1 800 817-9990

### **Naval Militia – NYS National Guard**

518 786-4583  
518 786-4427 (fax)

### **Air National Guard**

518 272-4032  
518 272-6831 (fax)

### **ROTC – Marist College Detachment**

845 575-3000 ext. 2814

### **MyCAA – Spouse's Benefits**

General Information    1 888 342-9647

### **Vocational Rehabilitation – Chapter 31**

General Info:    716 857-3370 or 212 807-3008

## TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Dutchess Community College School Code is DC06. Contact Kathleen Keller for additional information:  
1-518-786-4583 Fax: 1-518-786-4427

### **Buffalo Service Center**

VA Regional Processing Office  
130 South Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14202

Hotline: 1-888-442-4551  
Fax:    1-716-857-3192

## National Tests

For Chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 1606, 1607 Veteran students can be reimbursed the fee charged for national admission tests and national tests for college credit. Currently the only approved tests are:

- LSAT (Law School Admission Test)
- GRE (Graduate Record Exam)
- GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)
- AP (Advanced Placement Exam)
- CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)
- ACT (American College Testing Program)
- DAT (Dental Admissions Test)
- MAT (Miller Analogies Test)
- MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test)
- OAT (Optometry Admissions Testing)
- PCAT (Pharmacy College Admissions Test)
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests) • ECE (Excelsior College Examinations)
- TECEP (Thomas Edison College Examination Program)

**DCC Departmental Proficiency Examinations and official college transcripts are free to all veteran students.**

**\*\*\* REMINDER\*\*\*\***    Please confirm your enrollment with the Certifying VA Official Stewart Dawes via phone 1-845-431-8339 or via e-mail: [dawes@sunydutchess.edu](mailto:dawes@sunydutchess.edu) or in person Monday Thursday, 12:00 to 8:00 pm and Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the Veterans Resource Center, Hudson Hall, Room 212 as soon as you register for the next semester so that your VA certification can be submitted in a timely manner.