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How to Apply for GI Bill® Benefits

Take these steps to start earning your degree!

For More Information:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338)
- Visit Us On-line: http://ong.ohio.gov/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: ng.oh.oharng.list.ngoh-j1-eiom@mail.mil

Step 1: Apply for your Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)

- Have all of the required information before you start. You must complete the form in one session – there is no option to save and come back later
- Go to **www.va.gov** , click "Apply for Education Benefits" and then "Find Your Education Benefits"
- Answer the questions by clicking the appropriate bubble until you reach "Apply Now"
- The VA will process your application within approx. 30 days and you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) in the mail
- Call 888-GIBILL-1 to check the status of your application.

Step 2: Register for Classes

- Register for classes as soon as your school's registration period opens
- Contact your School Certifying Official (SCO) and provide a copy of your CoE

Step 3: Verify Attendance

- While in school, you must verify your enrollment **EVERY MONTH** to receive your next monthly deposit (Except for Post-9/11 GI Bill)
- Complete your monthly verification either way:
  - Call: 1-877-823-2378
  - Go online at: www.gibill.va.gov/wave and verify attendance through the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE)

Step 4: Next Semester

- Do not repeat the application on va.gov unless changing schools or degree plans
- As soon as registration for the next term opens, register for classes early and make another appointment with your SCO

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