



# Veterans Education Benefits

## an Overview of Federal and New York State Programs

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# Who We Are And What We Do:

## New York State Approving Agency

- Evaluate and approve school academic and training programs.
- Recommend approved schools and programs to the VA for the distribution of education benefits.
- Conduct federal regulation compliance surveys at approved schools and submit referrals and recommendations to the VA regarding any non-compliance issues.
- Outreach and education for schools certifying for veterans education benefits.

# Federal Education Benefits

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

Benefit	<a href="#">Chapter 33 &amp; YR</a>	<a href="#">Chapter 30</a>	<a href="#">Chapter 35</a>	<a href="#">Chapter 1606</a>	<a href="#">Chapter 1607</a>
Eligibility	90 days active duty after 9/10/01	At least 2 yrs active duty	Dependents; vet died or is permanently disabled as a result of service	Active reservist with 6 year obligation	90 days of active duty support.
Entitlement (48 months max under 2 or more programs)	36 months	36 months	45 months	36 months	36 months
Delimitating Date	15 years from last discharge	10 years from last discharge	Child: 8 yr Spouse: 10 yr	14 years from date of eligibility	10 years from separation date

# Additional Federal Benefits

- [Chapter 36](#): Educational and vocational counseling services.
- [VRAP](#): Veterans Retraining Assistance Program
- [Chapter 31](#): Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits for Unemployed Veterans
- [Chapter 32](#): Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)
- [Tutorial Assistance Program](#)
- [Student Work Study Allowance Program](#)
- Chapter 30 Amendment: [Tuition Assistance Top Up](#)

# New York State Benefits

## HESC

- [Veterans Tuition Awards](#)

Provides awards for full-time study and part-time study to eligible veterans matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or in an approved vocational training program in New York State.

- [Military Service Recognition Scholarship](#)

Provides financial aid to children, spouses and financial dependents of those who, while New York State residents in service in the Armed Forces of the United States or state organized militia, at any time on or after August 2, 1990, died, became severely and permanently disabled, or was classified as missing in action in a combat zone while engaged in hostilities or training for hostilities.

# New York State Benefits Continued

- [NYS Regents Awards for Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans](#)

Provides \$450 per year to students whose parent(s) served in the U.S. Armed Forces during specified periods of war or national emergency and, as a result of service, either died, suffered a 40% or more disability, was classified as missing in action, or was a prisoner of war. The veteran must currently be a New York State resident or have been a New York State resident at the time of death.

- [Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program](#)

The Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (RIRP) is a New York State program designed to recruit and retain quality members for the State Military Forces (Army and Air National Guard, and Naval Militia). This competitive program will pay the cost of tuition up to a maximum of \$4,350 per calendar year for eligible applicants:

# Transfer of Benefits

## Transfer of Post 9/11 GI-Bill Benefits

- Service member has to be on an Active Duty Status, including Selected Reserve.
- Has at least 6 years of service in the Armed Forces and agrees to serve 4 additional years in the Armed Forces.
- Has at least 10 years of service in the Armed Forces or is precluded by either standard policy (Service or DoD) or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute.
- Such transfer must be requested and approved while the member is in the Armed Forces.

# Contact Information:

## Education Liaison Representatives:

School Zip Code	ELR	Phone	Fax	Email
12	Cinda Quattrini	716.857.3149	716.551.3241	cinda.quattrini@va.gov
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10, 11	Ursula Bailey	212.807.3451		ursula.bailey@va.gov

**State:** Toll free: 1-888-697-4372 or 1-518-473-1574 (HESC), 1-888-838-7697 (NYS DVA)

**School Certifying Official Hotline:** 1.855.225.1159

**GI Bill Hotline:** 1.888.442.4551

**Debt Management Center:** 1-800-827-0648

**State Approving Agency Albany Office:** William Clarke or Kimberly Kuster-Smith 518.474-7606

**NYC Office:** Daniel Giuseffi 212.643.1516



# Questions?

