

HOW TO APPLY FOR VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

1. File the Application for the GIBILL

- Go to the GI-Bill website: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>
- Select “Education & Training” on the left side
- Select “For Students”, then “Get Started”
- Select “Get Started Home”
- To apply online, select “Apply for Benefits”
 - If you qualify for more than one program, then select “Use the GI Bill Comparison Tool”
- Click on the “Select Correct Form” button.
- Select the radial button for “Applying for a new benefit”
- This will initiate more questions. Answer them to continue.
- When “Apply Now” appears, click on that button.
- Follow the directions to complete the application.
- Print a copy for your records.

Ready to apply?

Select Correct Form ▾

Are you applying for a new benefit or updating your current education benefits?

- Applying for a new benefit
- Updating my current education benefits

2. Bring to the Financial Aid Office the forms needed for your benefits type:

Ch 30, GI Bill: A copy of your DD-214 showing an honorable discharge

CH 31 VA Voc. Rehab: A 28-1905 signed by your Case Worker

Ch 33, Post 9-11: A copy of your DD-214 showing an honorable discharge

Ch 33, Post 9-11 Dependent: A copy of your Certificate of Eligibility

Ch 1606 & 1607 for Reservists: A copy of your NOBE

CH 35 Dependent/Survivor Benefits: A copy of your Certificate of Eligibility

For Ch 35 if you are changing schools or your major, you must complete a “Change of Major Form” (22-5495)

3. Request Enrollment Certification with the Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs Office:

- Go to the Veterans Benefits page at USCL:
<http://usclancaster.sc.edu/finaid/VAbenefits/index.html>
- Under the title “**Forms**” on this page, find the term in which you wish to enroll in
- Print the “**VETERAN ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION REQUEST**” form.
- Meet with your Advisor
- Complete the “**VETERAN ENROLLMENT ADVISEMENT CONFIRMATION**”
- Submit these completed forms to the Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs office at least 30 days before classes start.
- Ch 31 students will also need to complete book and expense forms, also found on the page above.
- Turn these completed documents in to the VA Certifying Official in the Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs Office.
- Register for your classes on Self Service Carolina.

4. If required, every month log on to WAVE and certify you are still in classes

- <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/default.cfm>
- You can also do so by phone by calling: 1-877-823-2378.
- If you have questions, you may call: 1-888-442-4551
- This is not required for Chapter 33

5. If you have questions:

Financial Aid and Veteran Affairs Office

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