Resources for Military Affiliated Students

Serve Well Those Who Have Served!
TOPICS

» The VSO and VRSC
» Veteran Education Benefits
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The Pavilion, Room 205
Provides Veterans Education Benefits and Scholarships/Financial Aid Advising and Processing.

Koldus, Room 112
Provides uniquely tailored resources for military affiliated student and their families.
Your “one stop referral shop”!

A map is provided in your handout package!
Veteran Educational Benefits, Scholarships, and Financial Aid
Federal Benefits:
• Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill
• Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill
• Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
• Chapter 1606 – Selected Reserves
• Chapter 35 - Dependents’ Educational Assistance
• Tutoring Reimbursement

State Benefits:
• Hazlewood Exemption
VA Chapter Benefits for Veterans:

Pays tuition and fees directly to University. Provides books and housing stipends to student:
- Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

Pays a monthly stipend only, directly to the student:
- Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 1606 – Selected Reserve

VA Chapter Benefits for Dependents:

Pays tuition and fees directly to University. Provides books and housing stipends to student:
- Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill

Pays a monthly stipend only, directly to the student:
- Chapter 35 – DEAP

*Course Program of Study - All courses must pass a degree audit in order to be certified with the VA. Any courses that are not on a student’s degree evaluation as filed with the university will not be considered by the VA. Please attend the Scholarships and Financial Aid presentation for additional information on Course Program of Study.

*If you are a military surviving family member, please stop by the VSO to ensure you use your benefits appropriately and receive all available information.
Non-Resident Tuition & Fees

Military Personnel & Dependents Non-Resident Tuition Exemption

- Must reside in Texas
- Must be receiving VA Chapter benefits or be the spouse/child of an active duty service member
- Must complete the “Intent to Establish Residency” form
  - Submit to SBS along with copy Certificate of Eligibility
- Processed by Student Business Services

Post 9/11 GI Bill Yellow Ribbon Program

- Must have a 100% VA Chapter Benefit rating
- Active duty and spouses of active duty are ineligible
- Processed by the Veteran Services Office
Tutoring Reimbursement:

- Students receiving Chapter 30, 33, 35, or 1606.
  - Ch. 33 students must have their professor sign the application.
- The course(s) the student is receiving tutoring for must be required for their degree plan.
- Students can be reimbursed up to $100 per month.
- Must submit “Application for Individualized Tutorial Assistance” along with copy of receipt to receive reimbursement.
  *Application can be found at veterans.tamu.edu.*
Hazlewood Exemption

What it Covers:

• Exempts resident tuition and required fees for a total of up to 150 credit hours*.
  *Students using Legacy benefits will only be eligible for the hours needed to graduate from their program (maximum degree certified hours)
• Can be applied to Undergraduate, Graduate, or Professional School.
• No book or housing stipend provided.
• Field Trip fees are not covered.

*Hazlewood is a financial resource and can impact financial aid eligibility.
Hazlewood Exemption Eligibility Requirements:

- DD-214
- Meet at least one of the following requirements:
  - Entered service in Texas at time of entry into the military
  - Declared Texas as Home of Record at time of entry into the military
  - Was a Texas resident at the time of entry into the military
- Served at least 181 days on active military duty excluding training
- Honorably Discharged or a General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions
- Reside in Texas
- Not in default on state student loan (federal loans will not impact eligibility)
- Not eligible for Post 9-11 Benefits to pay 100% of tuition and fees
- Texas Guaranteed Tuition Fund cannot already be applied to student bill
Using Benefits at Texas A&M:

• MUST apply for/request benefits every semester.
• First-time recipients can apply after being admitted (prior to registration, but won’t be processed until after).
• Continuing students can renew after registering for courses.
• Veterans.tamu.edu explains what documents must be submitted for each benefit.

Submitting Documentation:

• Place your UIN on each page of every document.
• Documents will only be accepted via document upload on the “Status” page in the Financial Aid Portal, via fax, via mail, and in-person. Documents will NOT be accepted via email for security reasons.
Requesting Benefits via Financial Aid Portal

Click here and answer questions that follow

- How was my financial aid determined?
- Student Loan Debt Summary
- Printable Award Letters
- My TAMU Loan History and Loan Calculator
- Work Study Earnings
- Am I eligible for work study?

Online Forms and Documents
- Student Data Form
- Summer Supplement
- Academic Advisor Form
- Financial Aid Forms and Documents
- Self-Certification Loan Form
- Request Veterans' Education Benefits

Additional Financial Aid
- Jobs for Aggies
- TAMU Scholarship Information
- Short Term Loans
- Emergency Tuition & Fee Loans
- Alternative Loans

Helpful Links
- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Calculator
- Work Study Calculator
- Path to Financial Success
Benefit Processing:

• The earlier you submit your paperwork, the earlier your benefits will be processed (once you have registered).

*Priority deadline for Fall 2018: 08/01/18*

• The “Status” tab of the Financial Aid Portal will reflect the processing status of your required documents and benefits, and provide you with the link to upload those documents.

• Standard processing time by the Veteran Services Offices is 5-7 business days but does fluctuate during peak.

• The VA may take 1-2 months to send BAH deposits/checks once classes begin.

• Tuition and fee payments for benefits will not apply to your bill until your bill has been generated by the University.
But can I take courses at another institution, too?

You can receive VA and Hazlewood benefits at other institutions while attending Texas A&M.

- **Hazlewood Benefits** – Contact other institution’s Veterans office and inquire what documentation will be required.

- **VA Chapter Benefits** – Contact other institution’s Veterans office, but also submit a completed Primary Institution Letter Request Form* to the TAMU Veteran Services Office.

  *The Primary Institution Letter Request Form MUST be signed by your academic advisor.
Reminders:

- Check your Financial Aid Portal for processing status of your veteran’s educational benefits and required documentation.
- Check your student bill to ensure your benefits have posted.
- Students are responsible for the payment of their bill and any late fees that are incurred.

*Billing Due Date for Fall 2018: 08/24/18*

- Check your student email, veterans.tamu.edu, and the Scholarships & Financial Aid Facebook and Twitter accounts for notifications and reminders.
- The General Deposit is **not** covered under Ch. 33, Ch. 31, or the Hazlewood Exemption.
Scholarships

TAMU Military Affiliated:
• Honored Service Scholarship
• Aggie Ring Scholarship for Veterans
• Faye Leeth Memorial Endowed Scholarship
• Heroes of the War on Terrorism
• Jorge Bermudez
• Association of Former Students
• Aggie Ring Scholarships

*Must complete the University Scholarship Application on scholarships.tamu.edu. Be sure to check the veteran/dependent indicator and answer all the questions that follow. Opens Oct. 15, 2018 for continuing students

External Military Affiliated:
• Tillman Military Scholarship
• Folds of Honor Foundation
• Marine’s Memorial Association Scholarships
• https://www.taps.org/scholarships

*All internal and most external military affiliated scholarships will require a FAFSA be on file.
Applying for Financial Aid:

• Don’t miss the Scholarships & Financial Aid Presentations today!
• Visit one of our resource tables!
• You can receive veterans educational benefits and financial aid!
• Submit your FAFSA early so that you are considered for as many grants as possible. FAFSA for ‘19-’20 opens Oct. 1!
• Extenuating financial circumstances can sometimes be taken into account, causing a student’s financial need to increase and their grant eligibility to increase.
On-Campus Resources, Services & Support
How does Texas A&M…
Serve Well Those Who Have Served??

It’s all about helping

YOU

connect with the right people & resources in a new environment!
Focus on your “Strengths & Diverse Experiences” and rely on your “CORE Values”.

**Typical Mindset**

I can fix my own problems…I shouldn’t need help…Asking for help gets me Labeled…it’s not a “strength.”

Education & Training: Repetitive, practical, memorization, a checklist mentality. Structured and Regimented.

“Push” Mentality: Much is provided & directed to you. 24/7

**TAMU Mindset**

Asking for help doesn’t get you labeled…Asking for help is a sign of strength & maturity.


“Pull” Mentality: You must find & seek what you need. 7/24
On-Campus Services & Support

Admissions FAQ’s

Aggie Veteran Network

VRSC Scholarships

Mississippi State vs Texas A&M

Oct 21, 2017

VETERAN RESOURCE & SUPPORT CENTER

979-845-3161
aggieveterans.tamu.edu
On-Campus Services & Support

Academic Success Center Impact on Veteran Student Success

- **Individual Coaching**
  - GPA increased average of 1 point

- **Workshops (6-hours/3-weeks)**
  - GPA increased average of 0.8 points

- **Tutoring or Supplemental Instruction**
  - GPA increased up to 1 letter grade

- **Did Not Use Academic Success Center**
  - GPA average +/- 0.1 points
On-Campus Services & Support

Just like high school or a military base... at TAMU the resources are available...

But **YOU** have to connect!

979-845-3161
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1000+ Student/Professional Organizations
Veteran/Military Related Student Organizations

IF YOU CAN'T STAND BEHIND THEM
STAND BEHIND THEM.

AGGIE STUDENT CHAPTER
GRATITUDE INITIATIVE
11-11 DAY

COURTNEY CARES
PATRIOT PAWS SERVICE DOGS
AGGIELAND

P-A-V-E
Peer Advisors for Veteran Education

AGGIE SHIELDS
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

DENA COMPANY
SGA
TEAM RWB
AGGIES SUPPORT

LONE SURVIVOR FOUNDATION

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Texas Veteran Benefits/Opportunities

Texas Disabled Veteran U.S. Armed Forces License Plate

Texas Parks & Wildlife

Disabled Veteran & Surviving Spouse Property Tax Exemptions 2016

Texas Veterans

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ATTEND Vet Camp!

- Wed, August 22nd in Bethancourt Ballroom, MSC (5 – 9 pm)
- Informal evening/dinner with academic, social, family, & personal resources.

Your chance to connect with “mission essential support!”

- Spouses encouraged to attend spouse breakout session
- $500 Scholarships
- W/Vet Camp GPA = 3.04
- Persistence/Grad = 98%

RSVP before you depart...space is limited!
Don’t miss this KEY EVENT!

Venture Camp: Veterans is the newest extended orientation program. This fun-filled, two-day event will feature kayaking or hiking, campus bike tour, BBQ, and much more!

Join us to hear how recently arrived students learned how to refine transition strategies for their first semester at Texas A&M University.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!!!

Day 1: Texas A&M Bike Tour, BBQ, and Rec Center.
Day 2: Hiking or Kayaking
Physical location: Suite 112, Koldus, Adjacent to the UCG Parking Garage

Phone number: 979-845-3161

Email: aggievets@tamu.edu

Web Address: http://aggieveterans.tamu.edu/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/TamuVeteranResourceSupportCenter/

SVA: http://www.facebook.com/groups/TAMUveterans/

Twitter: @vrsctamu

Monthly Newsletter: Sent to all student veterans.
Physical location: Suite 205, Pavilion, Adjacent to the Central Campus Parking Garage

Phone number: 979-845-8075

Email: veterans@tamu.edu

Web Address: http://veterans.tamu.edu/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/tamusfaid/

Twitter: @TAMU_SFAID
Final Thoughts

Surveys…turn them in!
Sign up for Vet Camp!