



**RESOURCES FOR CURRENT &  
FORMER MILITARY STUDENTS**



**Don and Ellie Knauss  
Veteran Resource & Support Center**

# HOWDY, AGS!

Please scan the QR and complete the New Aggie Veteran Intake form. Your responses are confidential and are used for the sole purpose of ensuring we meet your needs as a student veteran through our selection of programs and services.

Thank you for your participation and helping us achieve our mission to  
*"Serve Well Those Who Have Served"*!



# VRSC PROGRAMS, SERVICES & SUPPORT

**ALL STUDENTS**

**MAIN CAMPUS (CS) ONLY**



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
Career Center

## VALOR<sup>2</sup>

*Veteran Aggie Leaders for Outreach,  
Research & Resources*



## #FIRST GEN VETS



**VA**  
*Work Study*



AGGIE SHIELDS  
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## ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER





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[asc.tamu.edu](http://asc.tamu.edu)



*Veteran Academic Academy*  
Average 1<sup>st</sup> semester GPA 3.4



*Academic Coaching*  
Average GPA +1 point

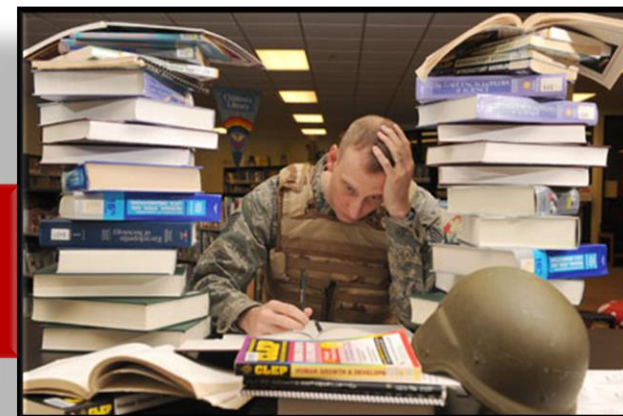


*Tutoring or Supplemental Instruction*  
Average grade + ½ to 1 letter grade

*Did Not Use ASC*  
Average GPA +/- 0.1 points

## Veteran Academic Academy

Fri Jan 13, 2023 - 8:30-Noon  
**(FREE BREAKFAST!)**



# #FIRST GEN VETS

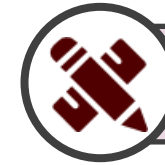
**#FirstGenVets Leadership Scholars** is a unique learning community for first-generation student veterans. The yearlong, comprehensive program supports student veterans **academically, physically, mentally** and **interpersonally** by providing them with the **skills** and **resources** they need to be successful as students and leaders.



Professional guidance and development



Fostering a sense of community and building support networks



Developing study skills for academic success



Expanding leadership skills for lifelong progress

**For more information:** Montaigne Long, [mlong@tamu.edu](mailto:mlong@tamu.edu) or Dr. Summer Odom, [summerodom@tamu.edu](mailto:summerodom@tamu.edu)





# FOOD SUPPORT PROGRAMS



- Provides **7** meals per week to eligible student veterans
- Must provide proof of service and proof of income
- Applications accepted year-round

To apply:

<https://mealsforvets.org/students-apply/>



- Small food pantry located in the VRSC
- Non-perishable foods & personal hygiene products
- Provides temporary relief to student veterans in need
- Ask a VRSC student or staff employee for discrete access

For more information:  
Monteigne Long  
[mlong@tamu.edu](mailto:mlong@tamu.edu)



# VET+MAP



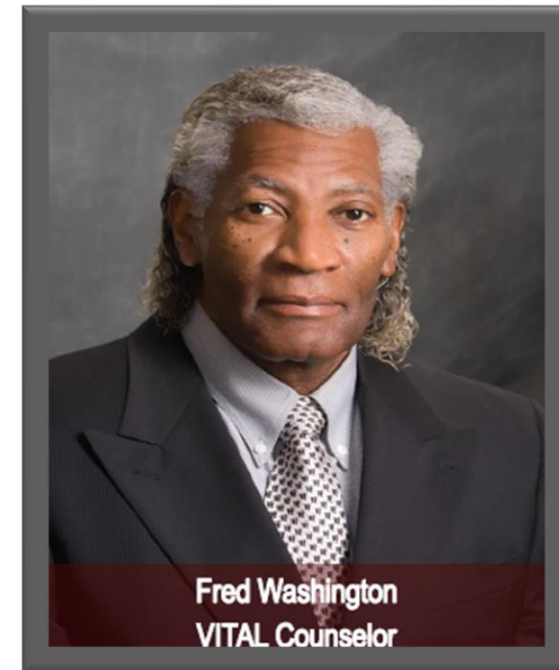
*REGISTER HERE*



DISCOVER YOUR TALENTS  
CLARIFY YOUR VALUE  
KNOW YOUR "WHY?"



# IN-OFFICE VA SUPPORT





# VRSC OUTREACH, RESEARCH, & RESOURCES

## VALOR<sup>2</sup>

*Veteran Aggie Leaders for Outreach, Research & Resources*

- **What we do:** Collect data on student veterans
- **How we do it:** Surveys, interviews, roundtable talks, panels
- **Why we do it:** Provide critical information that helps the VRSC and SVA create, refine, and adapt programs, services, and resources to support student veterans

*\*\* Counts as work study, and is a great way to get involved with student veterans and collaborate with student veteran organizations*



# ON-CAMPUS SERVICES & SUPPORT



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Getting Involved is the most valuable thing you can do during your time at Texas A&M.





# MEMBER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



**PROFESSIONAL  
NETWORKING**



**CAREER  
READINESS**



**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**





# MEMBER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MILITARY  
BALL



AGGIE  
WOMEN  
VETERANS



SOCIALS



# VETERAN'S DETACHMENT CORPS OF CADETS TEXAS A&M



- **Mentorship Opportunities**
- **Participate in Aggie Traditions & 1st level seats for every home football game**
- **Scholarships**
- **Veteran Social Events**
- **Financial Assistance**
- **Modified Corps Schedule to accommodate family/work/academics**
- **ROTC Commissioning Opportunities**
- **NO MILITARY COMMITMENT OR INTENT TO COMMISSION REQUIRED**





# MILITARY ADMISSIONS DEPARTMENT

Major Change  
or Selection  
Advising



Activations/  
Deployments &  
Re-Enrollment



Commissioning  
Programs



Veteran  
Verification  
Status



"Good Bull"  
Sessions

When in doubt, let them help you work it out!



Karen Cambronero  
Assistant Director



Rebecca Thompson  
Counselor-Advisor



Megan Wilkinson  
Counselor-Advisor

## Office Hours

M-Th:  
By Appt. Only  
Fri:  
Walk-Ins  
See webpage  
for details.



# CAREER READINESS SERVICES



Susan Keough  
Associate Director

Resume  
Reviews  
&  
Mock  
Interviews



VetConnect  
Lunch & Learns  
with  
Top Nat'l  
Employers



Additional  
Individualized  
Services

Susan is a US Army Veteran who served on Active Duty from 2000-2005 as a Military Police Officer, and a fellow current student veteran at Texas A&M working on her PhD. She looks forward to working with you as you prepare for your post-graduation careers.



## **Office Hours**

Mondays 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Tuesdays 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Make an appointment:  
[tx.ag/VeteranCareerReadiness](https://tx.ag/VeteranCareerReadiness)



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# MILITARY EDUCATION BENEFITS

The following military education benefits are certified and processed by Texas A&M:

## Federal Benefits

- **Chapter 1606** – Selected Reserves (SR)
- **Chapter 30** – Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB®)
- **Chapter 31** – Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)
- **Chapter 33** – Post 9/11 GI Bill (9/11 GIB®)
- **Fry Scholarship** (9/11 GIB® special)
- **Chapter 35** - Dependents' Education Assistance (DEA)



## State Benefits

- **Hazlewood Exemption\*** (HW)
  - Veterans
  - Spouse/Dependent Program
  - Legacy Program

\*All programs depend upon veteran eligibility, which is determined by Scholarships & Financial Aid



# IMPORTANT VA NOTICE

The VA is scheduled to launch a new benefit processing database in Spring 2023.

- There will be a period in which **no school** will be able to certify benefits.
- Nonetheless, please request benefits ASAP and submit all requested documents via the Financial Aid Portal. Once the new VA system is available, benefits will be processed in the order received.
- Scholarships & Financial Aid will work with Student Business Services to make sure that VA tuition and fee benefit students who have applied but unable to be processed will not be dropped from courses nor assessed any late fees.
- This delay will also impact monthly housing allowances/payments.

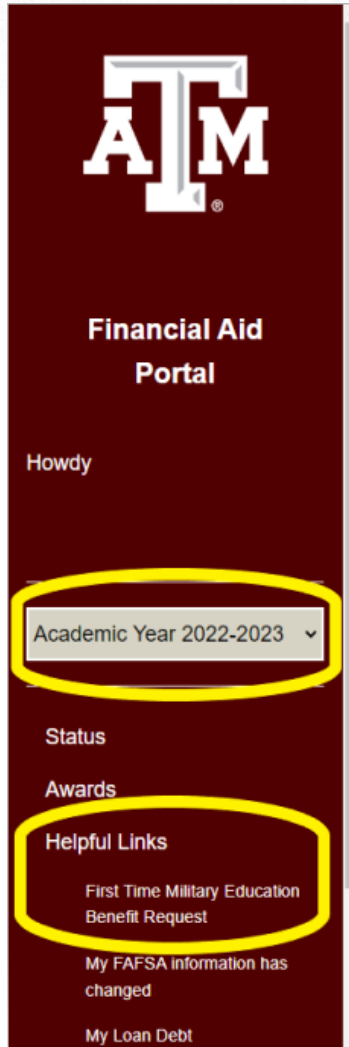
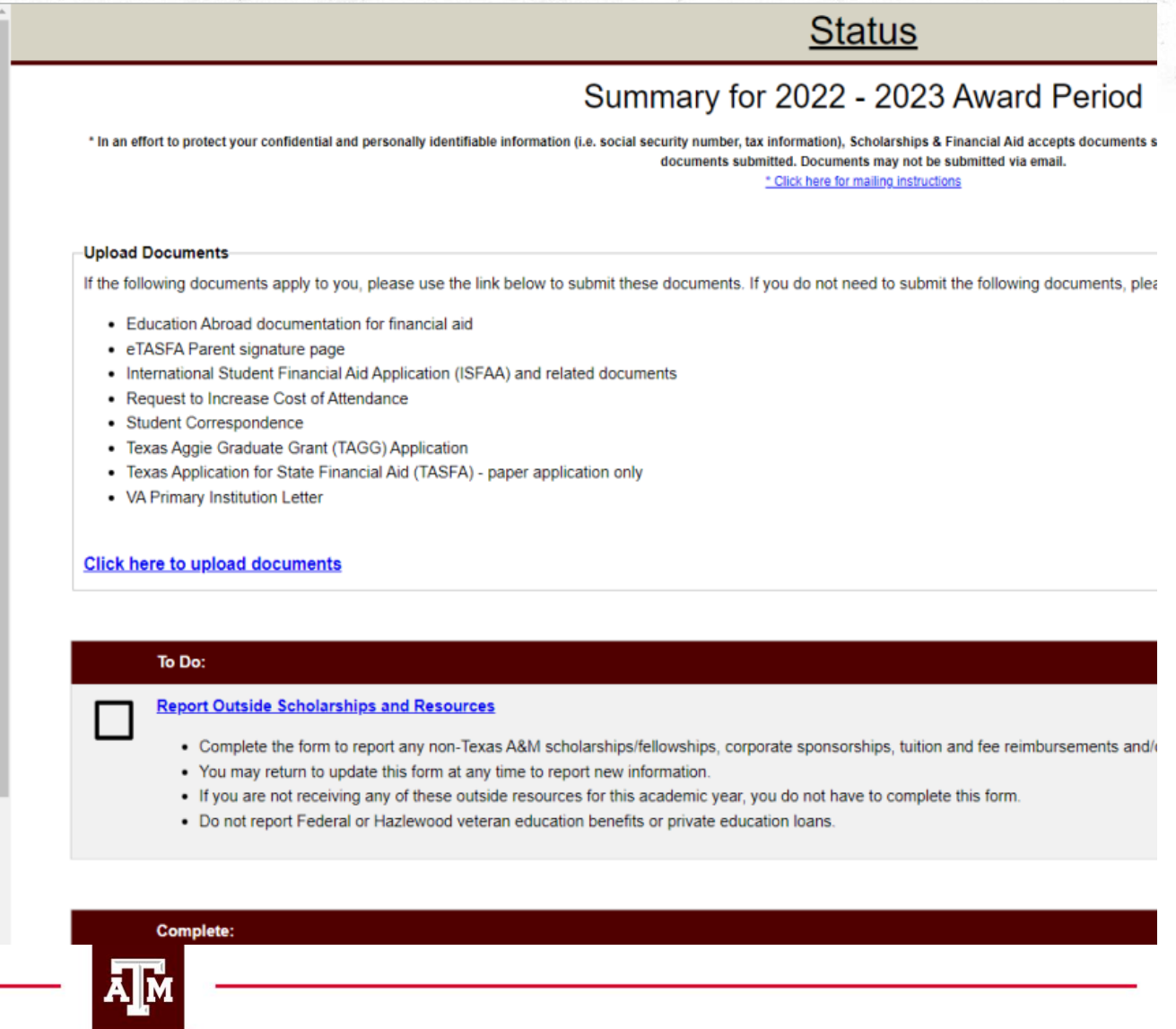




# HOW TO REQUEST BENEFITS

- Log into the HOWDY portal at [howdy.tamu.edu](http://howdy.tamu.edu)

- Click the Financial Aid Portal icon

A dark red sidebar for the Financial Aid Portal. At the top is the white "ATM" logo. Below it is the text "Financial Aid Portal" in white. Further down is the word "Howdy" in white. A yellow oval highlights a dropdown menu showing "Academic Year 2022-2023". Below that are the words "Status", "Awards", and "Helpful Links" in white. Another yellow oval highlights the "Helpful Links" section, which contains the text "First Time Military Education Benefit Request" in white. At the bottom, there are two more white links: "My FAFSA information has changed" and "My Loan Debt".The main content area of the Financial Aid Portal. At the top is a light beige header with the word "Status" in a dark red serif font. Below this is a section titled "Summary for 2022 - 2023 Award Period" in a dark red serif font. A small disclaimer in a light gray font states: "\* In an effort to protect your confidential and personally identifiable information (i.e. social security number, tax information), Scholarships & Financial Aid accepts documents submitted. Documents may not be submitted via email." Below this is a link: "\* Click here for mailing instructions". A section titled "Upload Documents" in a dark red serif font follows. It contains a paragraph: "If the following documents apply to you, please use the link below to submit these documents. If you do not need to submit the following documents, please". Below this is a list of document types: Education Abroad documentation for financial aid, eTASFA Parent signature page, International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA) and related documents, Request to Increase Cost of Attendance, Student Correspondence, Texas Aggie Graduate Grant (TAGG) Application, Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) - paper application only, and VA Primary Institution Letter. A link "Click here to upload documents" is provided. Below this is a section titled "To Do:" in a dark red serif font. It contains a checkbox and a link "Report Outside Scholarships and Resources". Below this is a list of instructions: "Complete the form to report any non-Texas A&M scholarships/fellowships, corporate sponsorships, tuition and fee reimbursements and/or", "You may return to update this form at any time to report new information.", "If you are not receiving any of these outside resources for this academic year, you do not have to complete this form.", and "Do not report Federal or Hazlewood veteran education benefits or private education loans." At the bottom is a section titled "Complete:" in a dark red serif font. The "ATM" logo is at the very bottom.

# APPLYING FOR BENEFITS

## Take Note:

- All courses are run through a degree audit and must count towards CURRENT degree plan on file in order to be certified for VA benefits
- Benefit renewal must be requested **each** semester
- Priority Deadlines:
  - Spring- December 1
  - Summer- May 1
  - Fall- August 1

The screenshot shows a web interface for a student profile. At the top, a tab labeled "Student Profile" is highlighted in yellow. Below it, a dark bar contains "Overall Hours:" and "Overall GPA:". The main content area has a sidebar with links: "STUDENT INFORMATION", "DEGREE PROGRESS", "CURRICULUM, HOURS & GPA", and "REGISTERED COURSES". The main section has tabs for "Graphic Schedule" (selected) and "Schedule", with buttons for "Show all buildings on map" and "Review/Order Books". A status bar at the bottom shows "Registered Hrs: 11 | Registered Time Status: 3Q - 3/4 Time | Max Hrs: 19 | Min Hrs: 0 | Billing Hrs: 11" and "FAID Hrs: 11 | FAID Time Status: 3Q - 3/4 Time", with the latter highlighted in yellow. A "Details" dropdown is also visible.

Overall Hours:	Overall GPA:
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DEGREE PROGRESS	
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Details ▼	

FAID Eligible Hrs and Time Status may differ from Registered Hrs and Time Status. View [financialaid.tamu.edu](https://financialaid.tamu.edu) for additional information.



# MIL EDUCATION BENEFITS

## Additional Information:

- If you have not yet completed your application for education benefits through <https://www.va.gov/>, do it TODAY
- VA Tutorial Assistance
  - VA Form 22-1990t
  - Form available at <https://aggie.tamu.edu/resources/forms-and-media>
- Military In Texas Non-Resident Tuition Waiver\*
  - Available for Veterans, Dependents, Active duty, and Reservists
  - Requires and Intent to Establish Residency in Texas
  - Visit <https://aggie.tamu.edu/> for details
- TVC Deferment (HB846)\*
  - Delays the due date for tuition and fees up to 90 days to allow time for benefits to process
  - Complete form if benefits are not processed by end of first week of classes
  - Can be used for delays in GI Bill, Hazlewood, VR&E, Fry Scholarship, etc.

\*These are processed by Student Business Services. For questions, email [sbs@tamu.edu](mailto:sbs@tamu.edu).





# FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

- You *CAN* receive military education benefits, financial aid, and scholarships at the same time!
- FAFSA (Financial Aid Application)
  - <https://studentaid.gov/>
  - Opens every October 1 for the *next* academic year
- University Scholarship Application
  - <https://uwide.tamu.edu>
  - Opens every October 15 for the *next* academic year
  - Closes on February 1
  - Be sure to check the veteran indicator and answer all necessary military related questions!



# FINANCIAL AID ADVISING

## Aggie One Stop

General Services Complex, First Floor  
750 Agronomy Road  
College Station, TX 77843-0200

**Bus Route**

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