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## **Office of Veteran and Military Student Services**

# Welcome to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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# Benefit Types



## VA Benefits

- Chapter 33- Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 1606- Montgomery GI Bill Selective Reserve
- Chapter 31- Veteran Readiness and Employment
- Chapter 35- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance

## Other Benefit Types

- Title 29 Dependents' Educational Assistance
- National Guard Tuition Exemption
- Military Tuition Assistance

# Getting Started

## GI Bill Benefits

- Apply for your GI Bill benefits on the VA Website: [VA.GOV](https://www.va.gov)
- Obtain your Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
- Submit COE to our office after you have registered for classes





# Getting Started

## Title 29- Dependents' Educational Assistance State issued benefit for Dependents

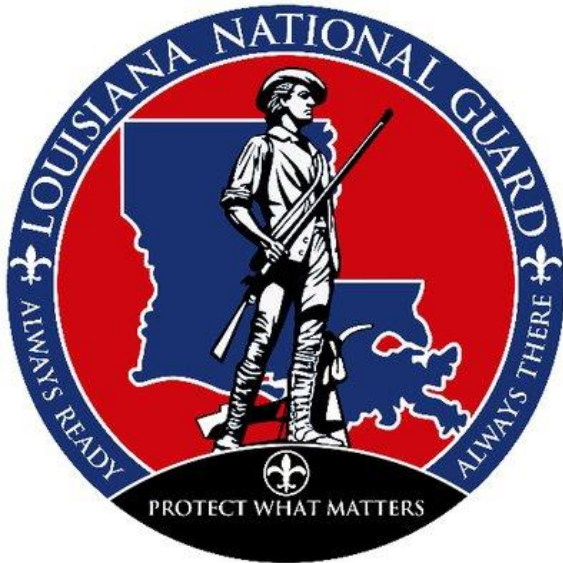


- Contact your parish VA office for an initial interview
- Once approved you will receive a certificate in the mail
- Submit a copy of the original to our office
- Make sure seal is visible
- Must be full time
- You will be responsible for remaining fees

# Getting Started

## LA National Guard Tuition Exemption

- Obtain Approval from Mr. Leonard Acker  
504-278-8273 [leonard.c.acker.civ@mail.mil](mailto:leonard.c.acker.civ@mail.mil)
- Obtain Tuition Exemption Form from our office or the Student Cashiers office
- Will need to show Drivers License or State ID
- You will be responsible for fees not covered by exemption



# Receiving VA Benefits

University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
Office of Veteran and Military Student Services  
**Enrollment Certification Form**  
Email form to Veterans@louisiana.edu

Semester/Year \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* FIRST TIME USING GI BILL AT THIS SCHOOL? \*\* You will need to turn in your Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

<b>Part 1: Student Information</b>		University ID (C00123456)							
Last Name, First Name Middle Initial		C							
Current Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code (for VA Education notices)									
Personal Email Address (Other than school email for VA Education)		Phone (Include area code)	Date of Birth / /						
Academic Level <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate	Major (Include minor/concentration if applicable)								
<b>Part 2: Benefit Program</b>									
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty		<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve							
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment ***COUNSELOR'S EMAIL:		@va.gov							
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 35 Dependents Educational Assistance *VA File Number (new students only):									
Check here if you also receive the State Title 29 Tuition Exemption: <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifying Veteran's Name:									
<input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill ***What is your percentage of eligibility? % ***Check if benefits were transferred from a parent or spouse: <input type="checkbox"/>									
**Other tuition payments you receive: <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Aid <input type="checkbox"/> National Guard Exempt <input type="checkbox"/> Military TA <input type="checkbox"/> Grad. Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Other Tuition Discount/Exemption/School									
<b>Part 3: Enrollment Certification</b>									
List registered courses to submit to VA for certification. Use check boxes to indicate short course (A or B term), online, or a repeated course. Short courses are those that only meet half of the semester (3 or 4 weeks). These courses may affect your VA monthly payment rate. ***Only courses that are required for your degree will be submitted to VA; will be verified via Degree Works and/or Advisor**									
Course (i.e. ENGL 101)	Credits	Short (A/B term)	Online	Repeat	Course	Credits	Short (A/B term)	Online	Repeat
		A ___ B ___	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			A ___ B ___	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		A ___ B ___	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			A ___ B ___	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		A ___ B ___	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			A ___ B ___	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		A ___ B ___	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			A ___ B ___	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Part 4:</b>									
<b>Carefully read and initial to confirm agreement:</b>									
_____ I am registered for the courses listed above and all courses satisfy my degree requirements and have been approved by my advisor.									
_____ I am required to attend and complete all registered courses in order to receive VA benefits.									
_____ Any changes in my enrollment (course drops, official & unofficial withdrawals) will be reported to VA and could affect my payments.									
_____ I am responsible for all debts owed to UL and/or VA resulting from any change to my enrollment.									
_____ I authorize UL Lafayette to certify my enrollment for the above semester(s) and release information to VA concerning my academic status.									
X _____		Date: _____							
Student Signature									
<b>OFFICE USE ONLY</b>									
CH. 33 LIST: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		EMAIL LIST: <input type="checkbox"/>		VA EM <input type="checkbox"/> Cert. Hours:		NOTES:			

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## Enrollment Certification Form

- Will email to you every semester
- Email back to [veterans@louisiana.edu](mailto:veterans@louisiana.edu) or drop off form in Agnes Edwards Rm M160
- Make sure to fill out form completely
- Chapter 35 include file number and Veteran Parents Name
- Chapter 33 include percentage
- List A and B term classes
- Don't Forget to Sign



# Patriot Act and Act 224



## Patriot Act

- Same Eligibility as STEP
- Covers Remaining Mandatory Fees
- Does not cover Grad School Tuition

## Act 224

- Post 9/11 at 90% or below
- Submit a Rating Decision Letter to us
- We will post after the 14<sup>th</sup> day of class



# Important Information



- Contact VA directly if you have payment questions
  - VA Education Office 1888-442-4551
  - Set up an ebenefits account to manage benefits
  - Set up Direct Deposit
- Students receiving Chapters' 33 and 1606, will need to verify attendance at the end of each month
- Notify us if you change major, schedule, or contact information
- Check your school email often
- You cannot receive benefits for:
  - Courses not in degree plan
  - Previous credit.
  - Courses you withdraw from
  - Audited courses or courses you do not complete

# Events and Services



The Office of Veteran and Military Student Services is here to assist you and advocate for you with offices and services on and off campus.



- Graduation Cording Ceremony
- Beginning and end of semester celebrations
- Veterans' week activities
- September 11 Alumni Memorial Service
- Campus and community networking for job placement and health resources
- Family events with Student Veteran Organization
- Ragin' Cajun Athletic events





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The Student Support Services Veterans Program provides opportunities for academic development, assists veteran students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate veteran students toward the successful completion of their postsecondary education. Student Support Services (SSS-V) projects also may provide grant aid to current SSS-V participants who are receiving Federal Pell Grants (#84.063). The goal of SSS-V is to increase the academic standing, college retention and graduation rates of its participants and to help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next.

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**Student Support Services  
Veterans**

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- ▶ Tutoring and Computer Lab Services
- ▶ Academic and Career Counseling
- ▶ Grant Aid for Eligible Participants
- ▶ Reading, Writing & Research Workshops
- ▶ Financial Aid and Literacy Workshops
- ▶ Math Workshops
- ▶ Study Skills Classes

## Student Support Services Veterans

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### Types of Services

Services include instruction in basic study skills; tutorial services; academic, financial, or personal counseling; assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in four-year institutions; assistance in securing admission and financial aid for enrollment in graduate and professional programs; guidance on career options; mentoring and special services for students with limited English proficiency (LEP); and college scholarships.

### Participant Eligibility for Program Services

Participants must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a program of postsecondary education at a grantee institution (UL Lafayette). Low-income students who are first-generation college students and students with disabilities evidencing academic need are eligible to participate in SSS-V projects. Participants must also have 180 active duty days completed. Two-thirds of the participants in any SSS program must be either disabled or potential first-generation college students from low-income families.

### Participant Eligibility for Grant Aid

Student Support Services Veteran participants must be active participants in the SSS-V Program who are in their first two years of postsecondary education. In addition, such participants must be receiving Federal Pell Grants. Grant aid may be offered to students who have completed their first two years of postsecondary education and are receiving Federal Pell Grants. In such cases the institution would demonstrate that participants are at high risk of dropping out and have first met the needs of all eligible first and second-year students.



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# Get Involved

## Student Veteran Organization



**MILITARY APPRECIATION BASEBALL GAME**

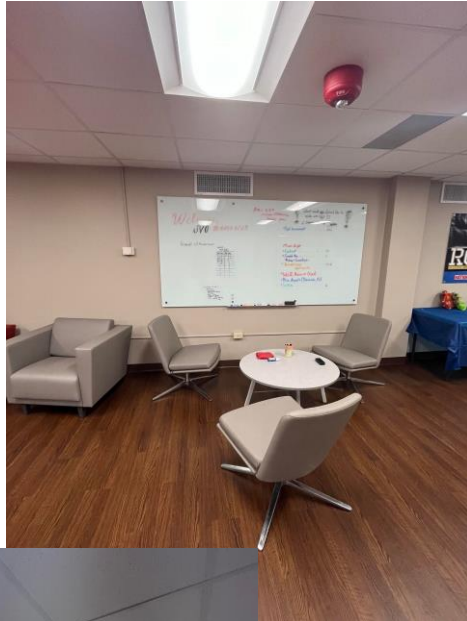
Sunday, April 28th | 01:00 p.m.

@M.L. 'Tigue' Moore Field at Russo Park  
Half price tickets with Military ID  
-Free drinks and popcorn for Veterans-

A graphic of a baseball is located at the bottom right of the poster.



# Vet Center is Now Open



Questions????

# Contact Information

## Main office

**Agnes Edwards Hall Rm 160**

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