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**April 8, 2024**

I hope everyone is having a great spring 2024 term! We have some very important information to pass on from the VA this month regarding payment and enrollment certifications.

This month's Hot Topic: "VA Education Benefits Payment Information."

If you have not notified our office that you wish to use your VA education benefits for the Spring 2024 term yet, you can do so through your MyIvy. We do not automatically submit your enrollment to the VA – this includes VR&E (CH31) as well. You can view instructions on how to fill out the form [here](#).

- Search "Veteran"
  - Select Veteran Benefit Request Form (add to your favorites)
  - Fill out required sections
  - Submit

### **Mark Your Calendar: Important Dates**

**March 18** Summer and Fall 2024 Registration Began

**March 18** 8-Week Spring Session #2 Started

**April 1** Montgomery GI Bill® (CH1606, CH30), [verify attendance](#) with the VA

Post 9/11 GI Bill® [verify attendance](#) via text with

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**April 8** Total Solar Eclipse (College Open Virtually)

**June 3** 8-week Summer Class Session Begins

*GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.*

**Important notice for CH33 Post 9/11 and VRRAP students and Ivy+ Books**  
Since students can now opt out of Ivy+ Textbooks, the VA will not pay this fee for CH33 & VRRAP students.

- You are financially responsible to pay Ivy Tech for the fee
  - The VA does send you \$41.67/credit in book money directly (not to exceed \$1000 in a year – and adjusted for your percentage eligibility)
  - At 50% Post 9/11 eligibility the VA sends \$20.84/credit
  - Ivy+ Textbooks is \$17/credit hour
- Although you will be using VA education benefits, you will still see a balance due on your account for Ivy+ Textbooks, as well as any licensing or certification exam fees.
- **THREE WAYS TO MAKE AN IMMEDIATE ONLINE PAYMENT**
  - **MyIvy**—Online through MyIvy, Ivy Tech's online student portal. Once logged in, you will be rerouted to IvyPay where you can pay your balance in full or set up a payment plan.
  - **IvyPay**—Parents or other authorized users with granted access can pay online via IvyPay on a student's behalf.
  - **TransferMate**—This option provides international students a way to reduce additional bank fees when making payments.
- You may also qualify for Financial Aid to help defray the cost. Apply for [the FAFSA](#) online with Ivy Tech's federal school code **009917**.

We have created a checklist to help with any questions you may have regarding your VA education benefits [here](#).

## Monthly Hot Topic



### VA Education Benefits Payment Information

Last month we sent out a notice about the VA modernizing their payment system. Be sure that your direct deposit information is updated according to the instructions below by **April 20, 2024!**

#### Post 9/11 GI Bill Recipients

As a part of VA's efforts to protect Veterans against fraud, modernize our payment systems, and ensure timely and accurate payments, VA is requiring all Veterans and beneficiaries who receive GI Bill® payments and other benefit payments across multiple banking accounts to select one account by April 20. For example, if a Veteran receives GI Bill® payments to one of their bank accounts and disability compensation payments to another, they will need to **select one account** for all

payments by April 20.

The easiest way to make this change is for students to log on to [Change Your VA Direct Deposit Information | Veterans Affairs](#). When they get to the pay information, there will be a box for the bank account information of their education benefit, and a box for the bank account information for the other benefit they receive. The beneficiary should then update the bank account information to use the same account for all benefits.

GI Bill® beneficiaries can receive step-by-step instructions on how to update deposit information online at [va.gov/resources/how-to-change-direct-deposit-information-for-va-benefits/](https://va.gov/resources/how-to-change-direct-deposit-information-for-va-benefits/).

During this transition period the VA system will be shut down from April 24 – May 6. This means your MHA payments will arrive early this month, and you will not have to verify your attendance.

#### All VA Education Beneficiaries

Monthly stipends for CH1606, CH30, CH31, and CH35 should all be delivered normally. However, this also means that our office is unable to submit any new enrollments to the VA during this shut down period. If you have not requested to use your VA education benefits for the spring term yet be sure to do so now by **Monday April 22** through your MyIvy. If you submit your enrollment to our office after April 22, then we will submit your enrollment to the VA after the VA is back online.

If you have questions or need additional assistance, see your [VMBS!](#)

## Cybersecurity Internship Opportunity



Ivy Tech has partnered with the Indiana Commission on Higher Education and iQ4 Corporation, a technology company that provides mentor-based virtual internship projects in cybersecurity, to create a unique opportunity for our students. If you are active duty military, veteran, or spouse transitioning to information technology or cybersecurity degree programs, we invite you to apply for Indiana [Service2Cyber](#).

In this 12-week immersive learning internship that begins on June 4, participants will be placed into cybersecurity job roles and work on teams that present their deliverables to subject matter expert mentors. The purpose of this internship is to provide participants with skills that will increase their awareness in cybersecurity and help them with career pathways.

There are no required prerequisites for this program, and thanks to grant funding, there is no cost to participate.

## Military Tuition Assistance



[Military Tuition Assistance](#) is available to active-duty service members, but it is also available to Air Force Reserve, Army National Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, and Marine/Navy Reservists who are on AD orders for 180 days or more – check with your unit educational services if you think you may be eligible.

If you are using Tuition Assistance (TA), be sure you have requested and been **approved** according to the chart below. Army, Air Force and MyCAA TA applicants be sure to **select your home campus** and not just Ivy Tech Community College, so we are able to invoice the military correctly.

Don't forget to **verify the term dates** you are selecting on your TA request **match** the dates for each class on **your schedule**. This may require you to submit more than one TA request per semester if you have multiple class start dates.

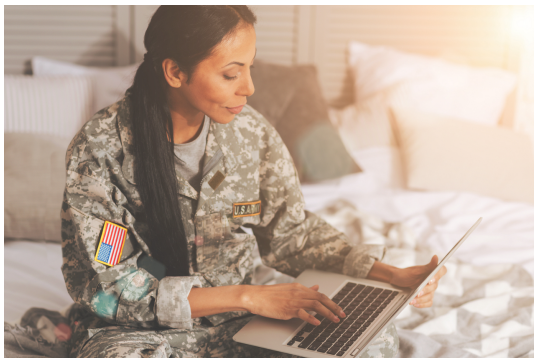
Branch	TA Request Window Opens	TA Request Window Closes	Ivy Tech needs copy of approval
Air Force	45 days prior to class start	7 days prior to class start	No
Army	60 days prior to class start	7 days prior to class start	No
Coast Guard	90 days prior to class start	14 days prior to class start	Yes
Marine Corps	60 days prior to class start	First day of class	Yes
Navy	120 days prior to class start	14 days prior to class start	Yes

All branches of the military requesting Military Tuition Assistance must upload an EDP to avoid a “block” on their account that stops them from being approved for TA.

To find your Degree Completion Tracker to upload for your military EDP:

- Log into your MyIvy
- By the QUICKLINKS, click "See all"
- Search for Degree Completion Tracker

Be sure to add this to your favorites for easy access next time.



**Quick links to get started:**

Air Force: [Military Tuition Assistance](#)

Army: [ArmyIgnitED](#)

Coast Guard: [Tuition Assistance](#)

Marine Corps: [Marine Corps Community](#)

Navy: [Tuition Assistance / NCPACE](#)

## Your Veteran and Military Benefits Specialist



Each campus has a Veteran & Military Benefit Specialist (VMBS). You probably call them your Vet Rep. They are your local campus contact for all things veteran and military related.



- Have a question about how to use your benefits? Contact your VMBS.
- Need to request your benefits? Contact your VMBS
- Have to stop classes because of an active duty deployment or annual training? Contact your VMBS

They are your subject matter experts for all things veteran/military related. When in doubt, start with them and they will either send you where you need to go or reach out to the appropriate person for you. You can find them here by clicking the button below. Just scroll to the bottom of the page and select your campus.

[Locate Your VMBS](#)

## Resources



Did you know that even if you just take classes virtually or online, you are always welcome to come to campus for access to a computer with free Wi-Fi? As an Ivy Tech student, you have access to a plethora of free resources available online and on-campus, including access to campus computer labs, Wi-Fi, and on-campus study lounges. Check out the quick links below:

[Military Family Relief Fund](#)

[Disabled Veterans Rights](#)



Caring Assistance Resources for Every Student

## Ivy Cares

- Emergency Funds
- Transportation
- Food Insecurity
- Mental Health
- IvyAssist
- Technology Access
- Child Care

Financial assistance, food pantries, medical care, and other free or reduced-cost help. Visit [findhelp.org](http://findhelp.org) for more information.

## Family and Social Services Administration

### IDVA Veteran Resource Hub

Easterseals Crossroads: Easterseals Crossroads recognizes the urgent needs facing military families and veterans as they reintegrate into their communities after serving our country.

Dress for Success Indianapolis: The mission of Dress for Success Indianapolis is to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

INVETS: INVets is a nonprofit organization founded by veterans that helps former service members transition to civilian life by connecting them with Indiana employers and providing career-building resources.

Soldier & Family Readiness Center: SFRCs offer reliable information and referrals. These services are structured to include service members of any branch or component, Family Members, Veterans, as well as DoD Civilians.

#VetResources is a weekly newsletter for Veterans, their Families, Caregivers, and Survivors.

## **Volunteer Opportunities:** VNA Hospice NWI

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**Thank You!**

Thank you for reading VMB News. This monthly newsletter was created with you - the veteran/military benefit student - in mind. We hope to keep you apprised of developments regarding your benefits, provide you with reminders for requirements for your certifications, and give you important college updates throughout the year. We are excited to be a part of your educational experience!



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