



WISCONSIN G.I. BILL —
WISCONSIN
TUITION PROGRAMS
FOR VETERANS, QUALIFYING
SPOUSES,
AND CHILDREN

Information,
Forms, and Instructions

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WISCONSIN VETERANS TUITION PROGRAMS

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM (UW)

WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM (WTCS)

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (WDVA)

Wisconsin G.I. Bill (WI GI Bill) Tuition Remission for Wisconsin Veterans

Overview. Under the Wisconsin G.I. Bill, an eligible veteran who entered active military duty as a Wisconsin resident is eligible for remission of 100% of standard academic (tuition) and segregated fees at a University of Wisconsin System (UW) institution or 100% of the program (tuition) and material fees for courses leading to an associate degree, collegiate transfer, or vocational diploma at a Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) institution. This benefit is also available to certain spouses and children of eligible veterans as well. For full understanding of who is eligible for these remissions, refer to the actual statutory language included as Appendix A in this brochure.

Eligibility Determination.

Eligibility for the WI GI Bill is a two-part process. WDVA certifies the veteran is eligible, and the post secondary educational institution determines the student (be it veteran, spouse, or child of a veteran) as eligible for the tuition remission based upon the statutory requirements for eligibility outlined in the WI GI Bill legislation.

Limits. If you are also eligible for Federal Post-9/11GI Bill/Chapter 33 Federal Education Benefits, please get more information to understand

the complex relationship between the WI GI Bill tuition remission and Chapter 33. Go to www.WisVets.com/WisGIBill#WIGI for information on the coordination of federal and state benefits. Students should understand how these benefits conflict or work together when planning their education goals.

The Wisconsin G.I. Bill may be used at Wisconsin public higher educational institutions (i.e., University of Wisconsin institutions and Wisconsin Technical Colleges) by eligible veterans, spouses, unmarried surviving spouses, and children for a total of up to 8 semesters or 128 credits, whichever is greater. Any credits taken using the federal Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) at Wisconsin's public higher educational institutions will not reduce (not count against) a student's WI GI Bill 128 credit or 8 semester allotment. However, if you are eligible for federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits you are required, with few exceptions, to apply for those benefits before accessing Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits.

Effective Date. The Wisconsin G.I. Bill first became effective on July 7, 2005, and was amended in 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2013

2.0 Cumulative GPA Requirement.

Beginning in January 2014, any student using the Wisconsin G.I. Bill, whether it be the veteran, the spouse or the child of a veteran, must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher in order to remain eligible for the Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits. Should a student using the Wisconsin G.I. Bill have a cumulative GPA that falls below the threshold of 2.0 at the end of a term, the student may still enroll the following term; however, they will not be able to use the Wisconsin G.I. Bill at that time. Should the student get their cumulative GPA back to a 2.0 or higher at the end of an unqualifying term, the student will be re-certified for the subsequent term **by the institution/school.**

Know What Is Covered

You are urged to check with the School Veterans Certifying Official (SVCO) at the campus you plan to attend to obtain specific information about eligibility and costs. Many factors can impact eligibility and some costs and/or academic programs may not be covered by the Wisconsin G.I. Bill tuition remission. A link to SVCOs is included in this booklet for your convenience.

You will be assessed and be responsible to pay any fees not covered by the Wisconsin G.I. Bill tuition remission. Once the certification and eligibility processes are completed, you will be provided a bill indicating the fees that are due and payable and the date by which they must be paid.

For the most current information on using the WI GI Bill, go to <http://gibill.wisconsin.edu>.

Fees Not Covered at UW

Institutions. The Wisconsin G.I. Bill tuition remission program does not apply to the following programs of study:

- **Study Abroad.** Academic fees charged by a UW institution for study abroad programs where the fees collected are subsequently paid by the UW institution to a non-Wisconsin institution are not covered. Also not covered are any non-instructional fees charged in connection with a study abroad program such as for travel or living expenses.
- **Continuing Education.** Fees at UW institutions charged for continuing education courses (where continuing education units—CEUs—are granted) are not covered. The Wisconsin G.I. Bill applies only to tuition remissions for eligible individuals enrolled in academic, college-credit courses.
- **Other Costs Not Covered.** Other costs at UW institutions that are

assessed in addition to academic student fees and segregated fees are not covered. Examples of costs that are not covered by the remission include, but are not limited to, travel, books, supplies, meals, parking, textbook rental, laptop rental, and other miscellaneous expenses. The excess credits surcharge, the United Council assessment and housing and meals plans are also not covered by the remission. Special course fees, such as laboratory fees, may also not be covered by the remission depending on the purpose of the special course fee.

Fees Not Covered in the WTCS.

Fees and charges at Wisconsin Technical Colleges assessed in addition to program fees (tuition) and material fees are not covered. As an example, the \$10.00 online course fee is not covered.

Changes enacted by the Legislature through the 2011-13 budget bill limit the remission of program fees to only those courses leading to an associate degree, collegiate transfer, or vocational diploma. Courses that are not part of a degree or diploma program are no longer eligible for remission, including continuing education, non-postsecondary, and a vocational/community service courses.

Federal Direct Payments

The Wisconsin G.I. Bill tuition remission applies AFTER any tuition and fees that are paid directly to the school by the federal government, such as for the Post-9/11GI Bill (Chapter 33), ROTC scholarships [10 USC 2107 (c)] and federal VA Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation [38 USC 3104 (a) (7) (A)]. The Wisconsin G.I. Bill tuition remission will be applied to the remaining balance of eligible tuition and fees payable by the student.

Eligibility for Veterans

The Wisconsin G.I. Bill sets no income limits, delimiting periods

following military service during which the benefit must be used, or limits on the level of study (e.g., vocational, undergraduate, graduate, professional). A veteran must either have previously submitted an Eligibility Determination form (WDVA 0001) for Wisconsin veterans' benefits previously or must do so at the time of application for Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits. This is normally done by completing a WDVA 0001 form with the assistance of the County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO). A copy of the WDVA 0001 form and a listing of CVSOs are included in this brochure for your convenience.

In addition, for students enrolling in a University of Wisconsin System institution, an eligible veteran who entered active military duty as a Wisconsin resident but who is nonetheless considered a non-resident for tuition purposes is entitled to a 100% remission of non-resident fees as provided for in Wis. Stats. 36.27(2)(b). (The remission of non-resident fees does not apply to WTCS because eligible veterans in the WTCS are granted statutory residency status.)

Expanded Eligibility for Veterans Under the Five Year Residency Requirement

Beginning in the Fall Semester of 2013, veterans who have established and maintained status as a Wisconsin resident for at least 5 consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the student registers at an institution may qualify, even if they were not residents of Wisconsin at the time of entry into a qualified period of "Active Duty" under Title 10 orders. NOTE: This benefit does not extend to the spouse or children—in order to extend the benefit to the spouse or children the veteran must have entered a qualifying period

of Active Duty Service under Title 10 Orders as a Wisconsin Resident. Please see Requirements for Children and Spouses below for more information.

The statutory language expanding this benefit can be found in Wisconsin Act 20 at the following links:

UW System: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/acts/20/598/1> and **Wisconsin Technical College System:** <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/acts/20/629>.

Members of the Wisconsin National Guard (NG)

A Drilling Guardsman (either Army or Air) who is not a commissioned officer and does not have a Bachelor's Degree may be eligible for the Wisconsin NG Tuition Reimbursement Grant. *It may be more beneficial to use the NG Grant along with federal education benefits rather than the Wisconsin GI Bill.* For more information, contact your Battalion Retention NCO or the Education Office at Joint Forces HQ at (608) 242-3447.

Requirements for Children and Spouses to be Eligible

For the spouse or child of a veteran to be eligible for the Wisconsin G.I. Bill, the veteran must have met certain statutory requirements as a veteran, must have been a Wisconsin resident at the time of entry into active military duty, have a disability rating determination of 30% or greater, and, if deceased, must have been a Wisconsin resident at the time of death.

The veteran must either have previously submitted a WDVA 0001, Eligibility Determination, if eligibility for benefits has not been established since 2005, or information needs to be updated in WDVA's records management system—VBATS at the time of

application for Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits. If the veteran is deceased, the spouse or child may apply on the veteran's behalf. This is done by completing a WDVA 0001. (NOTE: If a form WDVA 0001 has not been completed and submitted to WDVA since 2005, a new one must be completed.) A copy of the WDVA 0001 form is included in this brochure.

NOTE: This is a TWO step process. The WDVA certifies the veteran as eligible and the UW or WTC System School approves the "student" be it veteran, eligible child or eligible spouse for the tuition remission based on statutory requirements.

Children and Spouses of Deceased Veterans. Under the Wisconsin G.I. Bill, the qualifying children and the unremarried surviving spouse of a Wisconsin veteran who dies either in the line of duty or as a result of a service-connected disability are eligible, during specific periods of time, for the waiver of 100% of standard academic fees (tuition) and segregated fees at a University of Wisconsin System institution or of 100% of the program (tuition) and material fees at a Wisconsin Technical College System institution.

Children and Spouses of Service-Connected Disabled Veterans. A qualifying spouse and the children of a Wisconsin veteran who has a service-connected disability or disabilities with a combined rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of 30% or greater are also eligible for a waiver of 100% of standard academic (tuition) and segregated fees at a University of Wisconsin System institution or of 100% of the program (tuition) and material fees at a Wisconsin Technical College System institution for set time periods.

Eligibility for Children. For purposes of these benefits, a child is defined in s. 45.01(4) as any

biological child, any adopted child, any stepchild, or any other child who is a member of the veteran's household, or any non-marital child if the veteran acknowledges paternity or paternity has been otherwise established.

Children eligible for the Wisconsin G.I. Bill must be at least age 17 but less than age 26, regardless of the date of the veteran's death or initial service-connected disability rating determination of 30% or greater.

Additionally, the child must be a resident for tuition purposes.

Eligibility for Spouses. Qualifying spouses must be residents for tuition purposes.

Eligibility for Unremarried Surviving Spouses. Qualifying unremarried surviving spouses must be residents for tuition purposes.

Residency for Tuition Purposes for Children and Spouses. In addition to meeting the Wisconsin G.I. Bill eligibility requirements listed above, children and spouses must also be classified as Wisconsin residents for tuition purposes in order to receive Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits based upon the statutory requirements for eligibility outlined in the WI GI Bill legislation. **Children and spouses who are not residents for tuition purposes are not eligible to receive Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits.** In most cases a very important factor in being determined a resident for tuition purposes is that a child or spouse (of an otherwise eligible veteran) be a resident of Wisconsin for a year prior to applying to an institution. In Wisconsin the basis for determination of residency for tuition purposes is set forth by Wisconsin Statutes 36.27(2). Campus residency advisors determine eligibility for resident tuition based on Wisconsin law. Additional detail about residency for tuition purposes is available in a UW System brochure available online at: <http://www.wisconsin.edu/acss/residency>.

For specific questions about your own residency status contact a campus residency advisor located on each campus in the Office of Admissions or the Office of the Registrar.

Statutory References

The statutes establishing the Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits for veterans is in Wis. Stats. s.36.27(3p) for UW System provisions and Wis. Stats. s.38.24(8) for Wisconsin Technical College System. The statutes establishing Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits for the spouse, surviving spouse, and children of certain veterans, is provided for in Wis. Stats. s.36.27(3n) for the UW System and Wis. Stats. s.38.24(7) for Wisconsin Technical Colleges.

Additional Info

For additional information, contact the Veteran Certifying Official listed for your campus in this brochure. For assistance in completing Wisconsin G.I. Bill application forms and the WDVA 0001 form, contact your County Veterans Service Officer. A copy of the WDVA 0001 form and a list of CVSOs are included in this brochure for your convenience. CVSOs are also listed on the WDVA website at www.WisVets.com/CVSO.

Applying

To apply, complete applicable forms in this brochure and submit as described on checklists for forms WDVA 2029 and WDVA 2030 that are in this brochure. Be sure to provide all required documentation as described! Additional copies of these forms may be downloaded from the WDVA website www.WisVets.com/Forms.

Apply Early! To ensure that other financial aid can be determined accurately and to prevent receiving an overpayment that would need to

be repaid to the institution, application should be submitted to UW or WTCS within the timelines listed on form WDVA 2029. The timely processing of your certification and application materials will be delayed if you have not submitted early and if you do not provide the necessary documentation as described on “checklists” later in this brochure.

Veterans Education (VetEd) Reimbursement Grant Program

www.WisVets.com/VetEd

Wisconsin veterans may also be eligible for the Wisconsin Veterans Education (VetEd) Reimbursement Grant Program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

Eligibility. VetEd statutory residency requirements may be met by entering active duty as a Wisconsin resident or by living in Wisconsin for a set period of time following entry into active duty, currently 12 months. Military service eligibility for the program is based on the character and the duration of active duty military service.

NOTE: Veterans who have been discharged from active duty for ten or more years may only be reimbursed for part-time study as defined in s. 45.20(1)(c), Stats.

Reimbursement. The VetEd program provides reimbursement of tuition following successful completion of full-time or part-time coursework at a UW institution, a Wisconsin Technical College, or a private institution of higher education in Wisconsin or Minnesota (under the reciprocity agreement administered under s. 39.47, Stats.).

Individuals seeking reimbursement under VetEd must first apply for all other educational benefits, including

the Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits if they are eligible for them. Reimbursement will not be made to students for payment amounts for tuition for which they are eligible under other programs including the Wisconsin G.I. Bill.

Application. Applications must be received by the Department within 60 days of the start of the class, term, or semester for which reimbursement is sought.

TIP: To speed the process, reduce waiting times for reimbursement checks, avoid the possibility of being lost in the mail, and ensure the mandatory deadlines are met, veterans should submit applications online at the beginning of the semester or course at <https://services.dva.state.wi.us> or online with the assistance of a CVSO. You'll need your username and password, or can sign-up for a WDVA online account if you don't yet have one. WDVA forms can also be printed and submitted in hardcopy and are available online at www.WisVets.com/Forms.

Successful Course Completion Required. You must receive a 2.0 or “C” average for the semester or course(s) in order to qualify for a VetEd reimbursement grant.

Eligible Schools/Courses. The school must award academic credit. The program or course must be approved by WDVA's State Approving Agency (<http://saa.dva.state.wi.us>) or the state's Educational Approval Board (<http://eab.state.wi.us/resources/schoolsprogram.asp>). Courses offered under clock-hour standards are not eligible for VetEd reimbursement grants. Out-of-state, tuition reciprocity, high school, and correspondence study are limited by law—contact WDVA for more information.

Maximum Income. The annual income of the veteran and his or her

spouse cannot exceed \$50,000 plus \$1,000 for each dependent in excess of two (2) dependents. Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from the current tax return is used to verify income.

Other Grants/Scholarships. A veteran may not receive reimbursement under the VetEd grant program for any semester in which he or she is eligible for or received a grant under Wis. Stats. s. 21.49 (the *National Guard Tuition Grant*), 10 USC 2007 (*Reserve Tuition Assistance*), or the state level Wisconsin G.I. Bill tuition remission program, regardless of whether he or she applies. To determine the relationship with VetEd and the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, see www.WisVets.com/Education.

Undergraduates Only. The veteran must be enrolled as an undergraduate. A veteran is not eligible for the VetEd program if he or she has an undergraduate degree from any institution of higher education.

Full-Time Benefits. The maximum amount of study for which an otherwise eligible veteran (see *VetEd–Eligibility*) may be eligible for VetEd grant reimbursement is based on the aggregate length of the veteran's qualifying active duty military service (except service on active duty for training purposes) **for the first 10 years following separation**, as follows:

- At least 90 days, but less than 181 days of total federal active duty: 30 credits or 2 semesters or the equivalent.
- Between 181 days and 2 years of federal active duty: 60 credits or 4 semesters or the equivalent.
- More than 2 years of federal active duty: 120 credits or 8 semesters or the equivalent.

Part-Time Benefits. For the first 10 years following discharge, credits and semesters are accrued

and used for study as noted above. After the first 10 years following discharge, WDVA will “bank” any unused earned credits, up to a maximum of 60, for additional part-time classroom study with no delimiting date. Part-time study is defined as 11 or fewer credits per semester (or the equivalent trimester or quarter), except during a summer semester or term.

Maximum Reimbursement. The amount that can be reimbursed as a VetEd grant is the reimbursable costs multiplied by the current or applicable reimbursement rate.

Reimbursable costs are the lesser of: a) the total amount of eligible tuition and fees actually paid by the veteran, not including tuition or fees remitted under the Wisconsin G.I. Bill or paid by scholarships or other grant programs; or, b) the equivalent UW-Madison tuition and fee cost for the same number of credits. In all cases, reimbursement can be no more than the actual payment made by the veteran. For qualified disabled veterans with at least a 30% VA service-connected disability rating, the *reimbursement rate* is statutorily fixed at 100%. For other eligible veterans, the current *reimbursement rate* is 100% of reimbursable costs, which may be reduced, or applications denied based on the order received, if the appropriation for the program is exceeded.

Additional Information. For additional information, see the WDVA website at www.WisVets.com/Education, or contact your CVSO.

Other Federal & State Veterans Education Benefits

Additional WDVA, VA, or other state or federal educational programs may be available. Veterans and veterans' dependents should see the VA website at www.va.gov, the WDVA website at www.WisVets.com/Education, or their County Veterans Service Officers for additional information or to apply.

School Veterans Certifying Officials

University of Wisconsin System

For a current list of *UW Veterans Contacts*, and more veterans' higher education information, please visit the **Veterans Wisconsin Education Portal** (<http://veterans.wisconsin.edu>).

Wisconsin Technical College System

For a current list of *WTCS Veterans Certifying Officials*, and more veterans' higher education information, please visit the **Veterans Wisconsin Education Portal** (<http://veterans.wisconsin.edu>).

County Veterans Service Offices

For the current contact information and email addresses, go to www.WisVets.com/CSVSO.

Tribal Veterans Service Offices

For the current contact information and email addresses, go to www.WisVets.com/CSVSO-TVSO.asp.



APPLICATION FOR WISCONSIN G.I. BILL

Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s.15.04(1)(m)].

APPLY EARLY!

Applications for the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) should be submitted to the district Veterans Certifying Official and WDVA by the fourteenth (14th) calendar day of the semester (WTCS Date of Record).

Applications for University of Wisconsin institutions should be submitted to the educational institution and the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) within fourteen (14) calendar days from the official start of the term for the fall or spring term, by June 1st for summer terms, and by the due date for term fees for interim terms.

Applying within the suggested timeline allows for financial aid to be accurately determined and reduces the risk of students receiving an overpayment that would need to be repaid to the institution.

THIS FORM IS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Please note: Eligibility for the WI GI Bill is *a two part process*. WDVA certifies the veteran is eligible, and UW/WTCS determines the student (veteran, spouse, or child) is eligible for the tuition remission based on state law.

Student Name (Print)

Date of Birth

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Address

Telephone Number

City, State, Zip Code

Social Security Number

Email Address

Campus Student ID Number

I am applying for the Wisconsin G.I. Bill Benefits/Tuition Remission based on my status as (*check as many as apply*):

Veteran (Myself)

Spouse of

Unremarried Surviving Spouse of _____ Full Name of Veteran

Veteran's Date of Birth

Child of

I will attend (*check one*):

University of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Technical College _____
Print Full Name of Campus (NO ABBREVIATIONS)

Beginning (mo/yr)

Fall

Spring

Summer

Other

20 _____

I have received Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits previously, and I most recently attended the following UW or Wisconsin Technical College institution:

Name of Campus

From (mo/yr)

To (mo/yr)

I am or will be receiving (*check all that apply*):

Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship benefits [10 USC 2107(c)]

Federal VA Ch. 31 Vocational Rehabilitation benefits [38 USC 3104(a)(7)(A)]

YOU MUST CHECK ONE BOX UNDER EACH QUESTION

1. If you plan to use Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits, please check one and initial:

I declare that I have no active-duty military service following Sept. 10, 2001.

**Please do not include basic training, initial job training and drill obligations as active-duty.*

I declare that I have active-duty military service following Sept. 10, 2001.

- I have applied or will apply for federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits beginning with the indicated semester/term:
- I understand that I must provide either my Certificate of Eligibility for federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits or a federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits rejection notice from the federal VA to my school certifying official within **two weeks** of receiving it.

I declare that I have 12 months or less of a federal military benefit remaining, and I plan to exhaust it before applying for the federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill in the following semester/term:

- I understand that I may only continue to use the Wisconsin G.I. Bill as a veteran if I have 12 or fewer months of federal benefits remaining under Chapter 30, 1606, or 1607.
- I understand that I may only continue to use the Wisconsin G.I. Bill as a child or spouse if I have 12 or fewer months of federal benefits remaining under Chapter 35, 1606, or 1607.
- I understand I must provide a copy of my Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) report or most current federal VA award letter showing months used and months remaining for Chapter 30, 35, 1606, or 1607 benefits.

I declare I have fully exhausted my federal Post-9/11 benefits.

Initials of Applicant

Semester Year

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2. Have you transferred any federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to a family member?

I declare that I have not transferred federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to a child or spouse.

I declare that I have transferred federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to a child or spouse.

Initials of Applicant

Initials of Applicant

3. Have any federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits been transferred to you by a parent or spouse?

I declare that my parent or spouse has not transferred federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to me.

I declare that my parent or spouse has transferred federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits to me.

- I understand that I must provide either my Certificate of Eligibility for federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits or a federal Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits rejection notice from the federal VA to my school certifying official within **two weeks** of receiving it.

Initials of Applicant

Initials of Applicant

My signature below, affirms that I understand and agree to the following:

1. My application for Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits is not complete until I also request and obtain certification of veteran status from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs; and
2. The Wisconsin Technical College System and the University of Wisconsin System require my social security number for verification by the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board for program eligibility, for federal and state reporting requirements, and for program evaluation purposes; and
3. The sharing of information contained in this form and any related information for the purposes of processing my application and implementing this program, with and among UW institutions, WTCS institutions, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, and the State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board.
4. Under penalty of law, I further attest that all of the information provided on this and related documents is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. **I agree to inform my school certifying official of any change in the circumstances upon which this application is based before the beginning of the next term/semester.**

Signature of Applicant

Date

HOW TO COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR THE WISCONSIN GIBILL (WDVA 2029)

Instructions:

1. All applicants must complete the form WDVA 2029 in full and submit it and the items listed below, as appropriate, to the School Veterans Certifying Official at the address listed at <http://veterans.wisconsin.edu>.
2. When you submit this application to the educational institution, you must also submit the Request for Certification (form WDVA 2030) to the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. **For timely consideration, applications for University of Wisconsin institutions** should be submitted to the institution and WDVA within fourteen (14) calendar days from the official start of the fall or spring term, by June 1st for the summer term, and by the term fees' due date for interim terms.
4. **For timely consideration, applications for the Wisconsin Technical Colleges (WTC)** should be submitted to the district Veterans Certifying Official and WDVA by the fourteenth (14th) calendar day of the semester (WTCS Date of Record).

Completion Checklist for Documents to Submit to College:

1. **Application (WDVA 2029)** (included in this packet). Fillable forms are available on our website at www.WisVets.com/Forms#WDVA2029.
2. If Student Is Applying As Child of Eligible Veteran, provide documentation as follows:
 - a. **For Biological Child:** A photocopy of the student's Birth Certificate or similar official documents that identify parentage.
 - b. **For Adopted Child:** A photocopy of the student's Adoption Certificate.
 - c. **For Stepchild:** A photocopy of the student's Birth Certificate and Marriage License that demonstrates the eligible veteran has married a biological parent of the student, or a copy of the Certificate of Eligibility for Federal VA benefits that indicates recognition as a stepchild.
 - d. **For Other Child Who is a Member of the Veteran's Household:** A photocopy of the veteran's most recent state and federal income taxes where the student is listed as a dependent and the student's permanent address is the same as the veteran's household address.
 - e. **For Non-marital Child:** A photocopy of a Certificate of Paternity.
3. **If Student is Applying as Spouse of a Veteran:**
 - a. A photocopy of the Marriage Certificate showing the spouse's marriage to the certified veteran.
4. **If Student is Applying as Unremarried Surviving Spouse:**
 - a. A photocopy of the Marriage Certificate showing the spouse's marriage to the certified veteran.
 - b. A photocopy of the latest federal and state tax returns for the unremarried surviving spouse.
 - c. A photocopy of the Birth Certificate or adoption papers for the youngest child born to or adopted by the remarried surviving spouse and the certified veteran.
5. **If Using Federal Post-9/11 GI Bill—Documents Needed to Assess Eligibility for Supplemental Payment:**
 - a. Federal VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for the Post-9/11 GI Bill -OR- Current Federal VA Award Letter for Post-9/11 GI Bill.
 - b. Most recent DD-214.
 - c. Papers documenting "kicker" entitlements.
 - d. Papers or receipts documenting "buy-up" contracts.
6. **If Using Federal Post-9/11 GI Bill—Documents Needed to Demonstrate 12 or Fewer Remaining Months of Federal Benefit**
 - a. Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) form showing remaining benefit eligibility.

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION FOR WISCONSIN G.I. BILL

Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s.15.04(1)(m)].

NOTE: Once application is received and/or base file is established, you may go to https://services.dva.state.wi.us for online access to the Veterans Benefits and Applications Tracking System (VBATS) and to view current status. You may also check with your local County Veterans Service Office or School Veterans Certifying Official. You may also call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) and ask for the Wisconsin G.I. Bill Program Coordinator. Once your application has been reviewed, we will send you the results of that review.

Instructions: All applicants must complete this form in full and attach required documentation as follows: 1) DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (for all applicants); 2) WDVA 0001, Eligibility Determination (if the veteran has not previously established eligibility for benefits); 3) death certificate (if the veteran is deceased); 4) Initial Federal VA service-connected disability rating notification letter (if claiming eligibility based on service-connected disability). Mail this application and the appropriate supporting documents to: Wisconsin Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Wisconsin G.I. Bill Eligibility, 201 W. Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 7843, Madison, WI 53707-7843.

THIS FORM IS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (WDVA)

NOTE: This is a two-step process. The WDVA only certifies the veteran as eligible. It is up to the school to approve the student for the tuition remission be it veteran, eligible child or eligible spouse.

Veteran's Name (Print)

Veteran's Date of Birth

Veteran's Social Security No.

Veteran's Address *

Veteran's Email Address *

City, State, Zip Code

Veteran's Telephone No. *

*If Veteran is deceased, see #2 under the Completion Checklist section of the instructions on the reverse side of this form.

I am requesting certification based on my status as (check as many as apply):

- Veteran (Myself)
Spouse of
Un-remarried Surviving Spouse of
Child of

Student's Full Name

Student's Date of Birth

Student's Social Security No. (required for Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board credit tracking)

Student's Campus ID No.

I will attend (check one):

- University of Wisconsin
Wisconsin Technical College

Full Name of Campus (NO ABBREVIATIONS)

Beginning (mo/yr)

My signature below, affirms that I understand and agree to the following:

- 1. I must also apply for Wisconsin G.I. Bill benefits to the UW System or Wisconsin Technical College System institution that I wish to attend and that failure to apply will prevent me from receiving any benefits to which I might otherwise have been entitled; and
2. The Wisconsin Technical College System and the UW System require my social security number for verification by the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) for program eligibility, for federal and state reporting requirements, and for program evaluation purposes; and
3. The sharing of information contained in this form and any related information for the purposes of processing my application and implementing this program, with and among UW institutions, WTCS institutions, the WDVA, and the HEAB.
4. Under penalty of law, I further attest that all of the information provided on this and related documents is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to inform the school(s) named above of any change in the circumstances upon which this application is based.

Applicant's Signature (Veteran if still living and legally competent)

Date

Student's Signature (if different from Applicant)

Date

HOW TO COMPLETE REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE WISCONSIN GI BILL (WDVA 2030)

Instructions:

1. All applicants must submit the form WDVA 2030 and documents as described below to:

Wisconsin Dept. of Veterans Affairs
Attn: Wisconsin GI Bill Eligibility
201 W. Washington Ave., P.O. Box 7843
Madison, WI 53707-7843

2. When you submit this certification request to the WDVA, you must also submit the Application for the WI GI Bill (form WDVA 2029) to the Higher Educational Institution (UW or WTC) you plan to attend.

Completion Checklist for Documents to Submit to WDVA:

Include all necessary forms or documentation as follows:

1. Be certain to have Veteran (if still alive) and applicant sign all forms!
2. If the veteran is deceased and the student is at least 18 years of age, in the places for Veteran's Address, Veteran's Email Address, and Veteran's Telephone Number, insert those of the student's. WDVA must have the veteran's date of birth and social security number. If the student is not yet 18, then list the guardian's.
3. WDVA 0001, Eligibility Determination (if eligibility for benefits has not been established since 2005 or information must be updated in WDVA's records management system–VBATS).
4. WDVA 1805, Veteran's Residency Affidavit. For veterans who do not have a Home of Record at Time of Entry listed on their DD Form 214, they may use the WDVA 1805 to verify their resident status when they entered active duty if there is **NO CONTRAVENING EVIDENCE**. If so then proof of filing Wisconsin State Income taxes for the year of entry will have to be submitted.
5. WDVA 1805, Veteran's Residency Affidavit. For veterans who have been residents for 5-continuous years prior to application and there is **NO CONTRAVENING EVIDENCE, statement must be sworn to and signature must be witnessed and notarized by a notary public**. Original documents must be mailed to WDVA.
6. WDVA 2030 (included in this packet). Fillable forms are available on our website at <http://www.wisvets.com/Forms#WDVA2030>
7. DD Form 214, copy #4 or #6 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty).
NOTE on how to verify Home of Record: Some veterans discharged between 1978-89 may not have "home of record at time of entry on to active duty" on their DD-214. **SEE ABOVE**
8. Death Certificate or Casualty Report if the veteran is deceased.
9. Initial Federal VA Service-Connected Disability (SCD) Rating Notification Letter showing 30% or more SCD rating if claiming eligibility based on service-connected disability. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs will send a completed certification of veteran status and eligibility to your school Veterans Certifying Official.



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File No.	_____
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ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION

Personal information you provide may be used for secondary purposes [Privacy Law, s.15.04(1)(m)].

The provision of your social security number is voluntary. Failure to provide your social security number may result in an information processing delay.

Complete and transmit this form with a copy of veteran's report of separation for a qualifying term of military service to the local county veterans service officer or to the address at the top of this form.

1. Mr. _____ Social Security # _____
 Ms. (Veteran's Last Name) (Full First Name) (Full Middle Name)

Name of Applicant _____ S.S.# _____
 (if different) (Last Name) (Full First Name) (Full Middle Name)

Permanent and Legal Address _____
 (# and Street) (City) (County) (State) (Zip)

Present Address (if different) _____
 (# and Street) (City) (County) (State) (Zip)

2. Veteran's Place of Birth _____ Veteran's Date of Birth _____
 (City) (State or Foreign Country)

3. Record of all active service, copied from separation reports: (use extra sheet if necessary)

4. Name Used in Service.
 If name is different than what is on military separation, provide documentation that shows how your name changed. This could be a marriage certificate, divorce decree, or legal court document.

Entered Service		Separation from Service	
Date	Place	Date	Place

5. Veteran was a legal resident of _____ on _____
 (Name of State) (Date of Entry or Reentry into Active Military Service)

If veteran claimed residence in Wisconsin in #5, answer 6 and 7. All veterans need to sign and date the application.

6. Address of the dwellings occupied by veteran during the 12 months prior to date of entry or reentry: (use extra sheet if necessary)

# and Street	City	County	State	From: Mo. / Yr.	To: Mo. / Day / Yr.

Employment during the same 12 months:

Schools attended during the same 12 months:

Name of Employer	City and State of Employment	From: Mo. / Yr.	To: Mo. / Yr.	Name, City and State of School	From: Mo. / Yr.	To: Mo. / Yr.

7. Answer the following if veteran was under 21 years of age on date of entry into active service and date of entry was prior to March 23, 1972 or if veteran was under 18 years of age and date of entry was after March 22, 1972.

Veteran's Parent having legal custody was _____
 or (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

Non-parental legal guardian was _____
 (First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

The parent or guardian occupied a dwelling at _____ on _____
 (# and Street) (City) (State) (Date of Entry)

I understand all questions and answers in this determination of eligibility form and the answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date _____ Applicant's Signature _____
 Home Phone # _____ Email Address _____

WARNING: If you knowingly make any false statement of any material fact or submit fraudulent evidence in or in connection with this application, you are subject to severe penalties provided by law including fine or imprisonment or both, and suspension of all veterans' benefits from the department.