



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

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Benefits & Programs Overview

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The mission of the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs is to work on behalf of Wisconsin's veterans community — veterans, their families and their survivors — in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our state and nation.





Veterans Benefits

- WisDOT Veteran Identifier
- Wisconsin GI Bill
- Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant
- Disabled Veterans & Unremarried Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit
- Professional/Occupational License Fee Waiver
- WisDNR Returning Service Members Voucher
- Veteran-Owned Business Certifications
- Veterans Assistance Grant
- Veterans Employment Grant
- Entrepreneurship Grant
- Nonprofit Grant
- VetEd (Veterans Education) Reimbursement Grant
- Retraining Grant
- VSO, CVSO, TVSO Grants
- County Transportation Grant





Programs & Services

Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program

Veterans Housing and Recovery Program (King, Union Grove, Chippewa Falls)

State Approving Agency

Bureau of Claims

Veterans Homes (King, Union Grove, Chippewa Falls)

Veterans Cemeteries (King, Union Grove Spooner)

Military Funeral Honors Program





Wisconsin G.I. Bill

- Remits 100% of eligible tuition and fees up to 128 credits or 8 semesters (whichever ends up being greater).
- University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System Institutions.
- For qualifying Wisconsin veterans, spouses, and dependent children.
- No income limits.
- No delimiting period during which benefit may be used.
- No limits on level of study
- WDVA determines veteran's eligibility, while UWS and WTCS administer the benefit.





Wisconsin G.I. Bill - Limits

- **2.0 Cumulative GPA Limit**
- **Age Limit for Dependent Children**
 - May only be certified for and use the benefit between the ages of 17 and 26.
- **Generally must use USDVA Educational Benefits First**
 - **Exceptions:** **Apprenticeships with Federal GI Bill**
 Partial Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits



Wisconsin G.I. Bill - Eligibility

- **Service requirement**
 - **For veteran students:**
 - 90 days of active duty during wartime
 - Two consecutive years of active duty during peacetime
 - Exceptions for a discharge due to a service-connected disability, reasons of hardship, or reduction in forces
 - Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge
 - **For spouse & dependent students:**
 - One day of active duty
 - Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge



Wisconsin G.I. Bill - Eligibility

- **Residency requirement**
 - **Veteran, spouse, & dependent students MUST be current Wisconsin residents, AND one of the following must be met:**
 - **Veteran was a resident of Wisconsin at time of entry or re-entry into active service (Home of Record of Wisconsin).**
- OR
 - **Veteran has held 5 consecutive years of Wisconsin residency immediately preceding the beginning of the semester/session.**



Wisconsin G.I. Bill - Eligibility

- **Disability Requirement**

- Veteran must have been awarded at least a 30% disability rating by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA).

***Only Applies to Dependent and Spouse Applications**



Wisconsin G.I. Bill – Application Process

- **Wisconsin G.I. Bill applications may be submitted in one of two ways:**
 - **Complete WDVA Form 2030 (Request for Certification for Wisconsin GI Bill)**
- OR**
- **Apply by using myWisVets**
 - **Dependent and Spouse applications may be submitted via myWisVets**

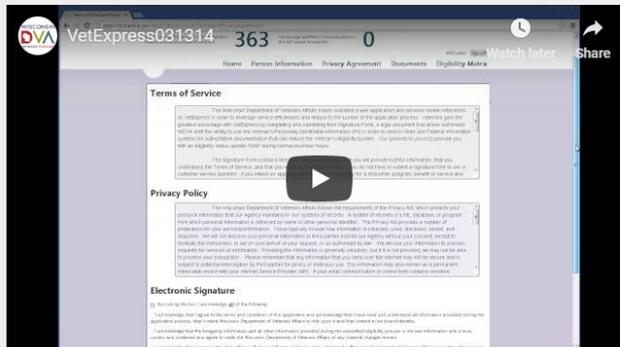


myWisVets

- Go to myWisVets.com.
- If a veteran does not yet have a myWisVets account, click “Register”.
- If a veteran already has a myWisVets account, click “Login”.
- Dependents & spouses should NOT register on myWisVets. Veteran must create account and add their dependents after their eligibility has been evaluated.

myWisVets

[REGISTER](#) [LOGIN](#)



Veterans:

Please use **Chrome** or **Firefox**.



Welcome to myWisVets, your tool for expedited WDVA eligibility processing. To begin using this service, please use the Login link above. New users, please start by reviewing the video to the left and then register using the Register link above.

If you have questions regarding this service, please contact us at:

1-800-WIS-VETS (1-800-947-8387)

WisVets@dva.wisconsin.gov



myWisVets

- **Veteran creates Username & Password, and enters email address:**

REGISTER ✕

User name*

Email address*

Password*

Confirm password*

[Already registered ? Log in here](#)

- **Veteran then receives email with a confirmation link they must click on in order to activate their account.**



myWisVets

- Veteran inputs personal information:

Profile Information

First Name*	Middle Name	Last Name*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Gender*	Date of Birth*	Social Security Number*
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Male	<input type="text" value="MM/DD/YYYY"/>	<input type="text" value="___-__-__"/>

Contact Information

Email Address*	Home/Mobile Phone Number*	Alternate Phone Number
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="() ___-__"/>	<input type="text" value="() ___-__"/>

Address Information

Mailing Address*	Mailing Address (cont)		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>		
City*	State*	Zip Code*	County*
<input type="text"/>	Wisconsin	<input type="text"/>	Select County



myWisVets

- **Veteran completes Privacy Agreement and submits Electronic Signature:**

Terms of Service

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs makes available a web application and services herein referred to as myWisVets in order to leverage service efficiencies and reduce to the burden of the application process. Veterans gain the greatest advantage with myWisVets by completing and submitting their Signature Form, a legal document that allows authorized WDVA staff the ability to use the Veteran's Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in order to search State and Federal information systems for authoritative documentation that can reduce the Veteran's eligibility burden. Our promise to you is to provide you with an eligibility status update ASAP during normal business hours.

Privacy Policy

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs follows the requirements of the Privacy Act, which protects your personal information that our Agency maintains in our systems of records. A system of records is a file, database, or program from which personal information is retrieved by name or other personal identifier. The Privacy Act provides a number of protections for your personal information. These typically include how information is collected, used, disclosed, stored, and disposed. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties outside our Agency without your consent, except to facilitate the transaction, to act on your behalf at your request, or as authorized by law. We will use your information to process

- I acknowledge that I agree to the terms and conditions of this application and acknowledge that I have read and understood all information provided during the application process, that I intend Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs to rely upon it and that I intend to be bound thereby.
- I acknowledge that the foregoing information and all other information provided during the expedited eligibility process is my own information and is true, correct and unaltered and agree to notify the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs of any material changes therein.
- I acknowledge that I agree to the above Privacy Policy and Terms of Service and authorize the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs to confirm the accuracy of the information as it deems necessary.

By clicking the box I acknowledge **all** of the above

Acknowledge



myWisVets

- Veteran uploads documents to support an eligibility determination:
 - e.g. DD-214, DD-215, Proof of WI Residency, Proof of VA disability

My Documents

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs requires that relevant documents be uploaded and verified by Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs Veteran Benefit Specialists before you are able to apply for Veteran Benefits. You will be notified via e-mail once your uploaded documents have been verified.

Instructions: Upload relevant documents to have your Wisconsin veteran eligibility status reviewed by WDVA Veteran Benefit Specialists. To get started, click 'ADD FILES' (green). If you have multiple documents, use the 'Start Upload' (blue) button after selecting them.

Here are a list of documents that may be needed:

- DD Form 214 (All) Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- DD Form 215 (All) Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- NGB Form 22 (All) National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service
- Title 10 Orders Provides proof of federal service for members of the national guard
- USDVA Award Letter listing effective date of disability Provides proof of disability rating
- Commander's Letter or other document that indicates that applicant is currently serving on Active Military duty/assignment.
- Current Valid Wisconsin driver's license or Govt. Issued Photo I.D. Proof of Wisconsin residency if DD-214/DD-215 does not list Wisconsin as the veterans Home Of Record
- Copies of Wisconsin income taxes issued by the WI Dept. of Revenue Proof of Wisconsin residency if DD-214/DD-215 does not list Wisconsin as the veterans Home Of Record

Note: Additional documentation may be acceptable, and additional documentation may be required. Needed documents can also be emailed as attachments to EE@dva.wi.gov or via Fax: 1-888-237-9926

Please upload your documents in PDF format. Maximum 20 MB size limit.

ADD PDF FILES Upload one or more pdf files

Cancel upload Start Upload

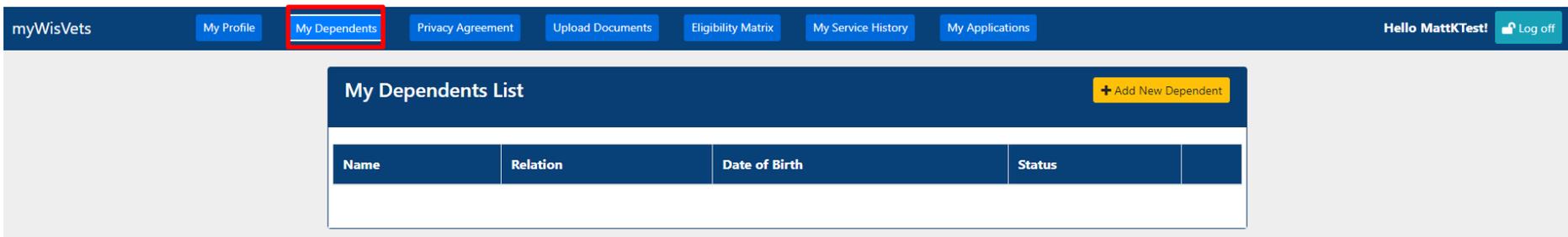


myWisVets

- **Veterans Benefits Resource Center (VBRC) staff will review the submission within 1 business day, and veteran will receive an email informing them their Eligibility Matrix has been updated.**
- **Veterans cannot add dependents until after VBRC staff has reviewed the submission and made an initial evaluation of eligibility.**

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- Veterans can then click on “My Dependents” and add family members.
 - Proof of relationship to the veteran must be uploaded (for purposes of database integrity).
 - VBRC staff will then either approve the addition of the dependent or request further proof from the veteran.



myWisVets My Profile **My Dependents** Privacy Agreement Upload Documents Eligibility Matrix My Service History My Applications Hello MattKTest! Log off

My Dependents List + Add New Dependent

Name	Relation	Date of Birth	Status



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– Veteran enters dependent’s information.

1 Profile 2 Contact 3 Address 4 Documents 5 Review & Submit

Profile Information

Dependent First Name*	Dependent Middle Name	Dependent Last Name*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Gender <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Male	Date of Birth* <input type="text" value="MM/DD/YYYY"/>	Social Security Number* <input type="text" value="__-__-____"/>
Relation Type* <input type="text"/>	Is this Dependent a Veteran? <input type="checkbox"/>	

Next



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– Veteran uploads proof of relationship.

1 Profile 2 Contact 3 Address 4 Documents 5 Review & Submit

Upload Dependent Documents

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs requires that relevant documents be uploaded and verified by Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Benefit Specialists. You will be notified via e-mail once your uploaded documents have been verified.

Suggested Documents to verify your Dependents:

- Marriage Certificate
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Adoption Certificate

Drop files here or click to upload.

Back Next

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- After the addition of the dependent(s) is approved:
 - Veteran will receive email informing them dependent is added.
 - Go to the “Eligibility Matrix”.
 - Click “Apply Online Now” for WI G.I. Bill.

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Application Date of 10/09/2019

DMV - Veteran Driver's License

WI G.I. Bill - Veterans

WI G.I. Bill - Dependents

Property Tax Credit

Veterans Education Grant

Professional / Occupational License Fee Waiver Program

Benefit Expiration Date of 01/01/1994

Health Care Aid (Dental, Vision)

Your eligibility to apply for WI G.I. Bill - Veterans

Remits full tuition and segregated/district fees for eligible veterans up to eight semesters or 128 credits at any University of Wisconsin or Wisconsin Technical College System school. To be eligible, the veteran must have at least one qualifying term of active service under honorable conditions and either entered active service as a Wisconsin resident or resided in Wisconsin for at least five consecutive years immediately preceding application. The veteran must also be a current Wisconsin resident.

Character of Service	Term of Service	Type of Service	Current Residency Status	Program Residency
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Apply Online Now

Close



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- Choose the appropriate school from the dropdown menu.
- Choose the appropriate applicant from the dropdown menu.
 - Any dependents approved by VBRC staff would be available to choose from the dropdown.
 - Only qualifying spouses and dependents between 17 and 26 will be certified however.

Wisconsin GI Bill - Submit New Application

Wisconsin Schools

Select Applicant

-- Select College --

-- Select Applicant --

Cancel

Save



Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant

- Provides a tuition grant for up to 128 credits or 8 semesters (whichever is longer).
- Private non-profit educational institutions that are members of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU).
 - <https://www.waicu.org/about/our-members>
- For qualifying Wisconsin veterans, spouses, and dependent children.
- No income limits.
- No delimiting period during which benefit may be used.
- For bachelor's or graduate level programs
- WDVA determines veteran's eligibility, while Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) administers the benefit.



Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant - Eligibility

- **Service & Residency requirements apply to veteran, spouse, and dependent child applicants.**
- **If veteran's Home of Record was not Wisconsin, the veteran must have 5+ years of Wisconsin residency immediately preceding application.**
- **Disability requirement of 30% VA rating applies ONLY to spouse or dependent child applicants.**



Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant - Limits

- **Credit/semester pool is shared between Wisconsin GI Bill & Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant**
 - Tuition grants may be made for up to 128 credits or 8 semesters minus the number of credits or semesters utilized for tuition remission under the Wisconsin GI Bill.
- **Age limit for dependent children**
 - May only be certified for and use the benefit between the ages of 17 and 26.
- **2.0 cumulative GPA limit**
- **Generally must exhaust U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs educational benefits first**



Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant - Resources

- **How to Apply:**

- Complete and submit [WDVA Form 2059](#) to WDVA.

Note: There is currently no online application process through myWisVets for the Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant.

- Complete the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board's (HEAB) [Wisconsin Veterans Grant for Private Non-Profit Schools form](#) and submit to HEAB.

- **Resources:**

- [Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant Website](#)



VetEd (Veterans Education) Grant

- Tuition Reimbursement based on a credit-bank system that is determined by the length of active duty service.
- Only for veterans who have not yet received a Bachelor's Degree.
- Reimbursement issued following successful course completion at a UWS, WTCS, or approved private institution.
- Income requirement





Retraining Grant

- **Recently unemployed or underemployed veterans may receive up to \$3,000 per year (for a maximum of 2 years) while being retrained for employment.**
- **Must be enrolled in technical college or on-the-job training (OJT) program expected to lead to employment.**
- **For technical education, reimbursement goes to veteran.**
- **For OJT, benefit is paid to employers to offset wages during training period.**



Questions?

- **First Point of Contact for eligibility questions is the Veterans Benefits Resource Center (VBRC).**
 - (800) WIS-VETS (947-8387)
 - WisVets@dva.wisconsin.gov
 - Visit WisVets.com (chat feature available)
- **For more complicated questions or issues:**
 - **Matthew Korbol, VBRC Team Lead**
 - (608) 266-1309
 - Matthew.Korbol@dva.wisconsin.gov
 - **Jeff Darby, Veterans Assistance Section Supervisor**
 - (608) 267-1782
 - Jeff.Darby@dva.wisconsin.gov



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