

Veterans' Benefits

In addition to the traditional forms of financial aid, students who are military veterans, members of the Reserves or National Guard may be eligible for education benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veteran's Certification Representative at CCC is available to assist you in the application and payment process. The Department of Veterans Affairs provides educational assistance allowance to veterans eligible for:

- Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty (Ch. 30)
- Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve (Ch. 1606)
- Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) – eligible veterans receive housing allowance, book stipend and tuition benefit.

If you are currently active duty you may be eligible for the Department of Defense Tuition Assistance Program. All branches of service have their own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application process and restrictions.

Please consult the GI Bill® Website (benefits.va.gov/gibill) for application procedures, eligibility requirements, payment rates, and additional information regarding VA benefits. You may also contact the VA School Certifying Official by phone at 607-962-9433 or email bauman@corning-cc.edu.

Disabled Veterans with at least a 20 percent service connected disability may be eligible for Veteran Readiness and Employment. Interested veterans should visit benefits.va.gov for additional information and application.

Veteran Dependents may be eligible for the following benefits please consult the GI Bill® website (www.benefits.va.gov/gibill) for application procedures, eligibility requirements and payment rates.

- Post-9/11 GI Bill® Transfer of Entitlement: Veterans may be eligible to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill® Benefits to their children and/or spouse.
- Post-9/11 GI Bill®: Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship: Children of an active duty member of the Armed Forces who had died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001, are eligible for this benefit. A child may be married or over 23 and still be eligible.
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Ch. 35): Spouse/Widow or Child of a veteran who is permanently and totally disabled or died as a result of a service connected disability may be eligible.

In accordance with Title 38 US Code subsection (e), this school adopts the following additional provisions for any student using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch.33) or Veteran Readiness and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. This school will not prevent nor delay the student's enrollment, assess a late penalty fee to the student, require the student to secure alternative or additional funding and will not deny the student access to any resources available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution, including but not limited to access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities. However, to qualify for this provision, such students will be required to produce the Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class.

New York State residents may qualify for the Veterans Tuition Award: Eligible students are those who are New York State residents discharged under honorable conditions from the U.S. Armed forces and who are: Vietnam Veterans who served in Indochina between December 22, 1961 and May 7, 1975. Persian Gulf Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf from August 2, 1990. Afghanistan Veterans who served in Afghanistan during hostilities on or after September 11, 2001. Veterans of the armed forces of the United States who served in hostilities that occurred after February 28, 1961 as evidenced by receipt of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy Expeditionary Medal or a Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal. Amounts: Awards are 100% of tuition. If the veteran also receives TAP, the combination of the two awards cannot exceed tuition.

Students should complete the New York State Veterans Tuition Award (VTA) Application, the FAFSA and the NYS Student Aid Payment Application. The VTA form is available at www.hesc.ny.gov. Additional state aid includes Military Service Recognition Scholarship (Child/Spouse), Regents Awards for Children of Deceased & Disabled Veterans. Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (Army & Air National Guard, and Naval Militia). For more information regarding eligibility for these programs visit hesc.ny.gov.

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