



Wisconsin G.I. Bill Tuition Remission Program



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contact the Wisconsin Department of
Veterans Affairs (WDVA)
Veterans Benefits Resource Center (VBRC)
at 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)
or visit www.WisVets.com or
contact your County Veterans Service Office
<http://wicvso.org/locate-your-cvso/>

What is it?

The Wisconsin GI Bill is a state of Wisconsin veterans benefit program that provides tuition remission for qualifying Wisconsin veterans and certain children and spouses at Wisconsin public post-secondary educational institutions. The Wisconsin GI Bill provides tuition remission for 128 credits or 8 semesters, whichever is longer. The tuition remission is for the combined total credits and semesters attended at all University of Wisconsin (UW) and Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) institutions.

Eligible veteran:

An eligible veteran is a current Wisconsin resident who was either a Wisconsin resident at the time of entry into service or an individual who has been a Wisconsin resident for at least 5 consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which they register at a qualifying institution.

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.



A person must have served on active duty under honorable conditions in the U.S. armed forces or forces incorporated in the U.S. armed forces and they must meet one of the following requirements:

Requirements

- Served on active duty 90 days or more during a war period.
- Served on active duty two continuous years or more or the full period of his or her initial service obligation.
- Served for any period under Section 1 of Executive Order 10957 dated August 10, 1961.
- Served in a crisis zone.
- The person received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, established by executive order 10977 on December 4, 1961, the Vietnam Service Medal established by executive order 11231 on July 8, 1965, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, or an equivalent expeditionary or service medal.
- The person was honorably discharged due to a service-connected disability, for a disability subsequently adjudicated to have been service connected, for reasons of hardship, or due to a reduction in the U.S. armed forces.

Spouse or dependent

In order for an eligible dependent or spouse to use this benefit, the veteran must have been a resident of Wisconsin at the time of entry into service. In addition, the veteran must have been awarded a service connected disability rating of at least 30% by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

The spouse or dependent must also be considered a resident for tuition purposes. Check with the school veteran certifying official to see if the spouse or dependent meets this requirement.

How to apply

Register for a MyWisVets account at www.MyWisVets.com.

Upload or fax copies of your discharge(s) and any other documents you may have that are listed under Document View on the Upload Documents tab.

Check your eligibility Matrix to see if you are eligible to apply.

If eligible, click the “Apply Online Now” to complete the application process.

If you are also eligible for Federal Post-9/11 GI 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.