



Lamar University | LIT

Veterans Benefits

POST 9/11 GI BILL® – CH. 33



Process for applying to Lamar University or LIT

1. Apply for admission to Lamar University or Lamar Institute of Technology at the ApplyTexas website: <https://www.applytexas.org>
2. Once accepted to the school, enroll in classes through the University Advising Center (if a freshman or sophomore) or through the department for the degree being sought
NOTE: The University Advising Center telephone number is: 409-880-8822 (Lamar University students ONLY)
3. Submit OFFICIAL school transcripts from high school and/or all colleges attended
4. Submit placement test scores as required (SAT, ACT, ACCUplacer, THEA, Compass)
5. Submit OFFICIAL military transcripts to Admissions
6. Submit a copy of the DD-214 (Member-4 copy) to Admissions

Process for using Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits

1. Apply for the GI Bill on the eBenefits website: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>
NOTE: The Department of VA does not recognize LIT as a separate institution from Lamar University. If attending LIT, choose Lamar University as the school to be attending
2. Turn in the paperwork below to the VA Office at Lamar University to be certified for classes

Required Paperwork (All documents MUST be turned into VA Office at Lamar)

VA Letter of Eligibility (LOE)

This letter is mailed to the student after application has been processed by the Department of VA

NOTE: We can also accept a printout of the VA eligibility from the eBenefits website located at:

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>

Degree Plan

This is provided by the student's advisor at time of enrollment into classes

NOTE: All transfer and prior credits MUST be posted to the degree plan

Class Schedule

Advise the VA Office at Lamar of registration for the upcoming semester

DD-214 (Member-4 copy)

This form is provided to the veteran after separation/retirement or for Reserve/Guard members after deactivation from active duty and must show character of service (Honorable) as well as length of service

Military Transcripts

Military transcripts can be obtained from the following:

For Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, visit: <https://jst.doded.mil>

For Air Force, visit <https://www.credentials-inc.com/cgi-bin/DVCGITP.pgm?ALUMTRO012308>

Worksheet (This packet)

Additional Paperwork

Request for Change of Place of Training (If Applicable)

This form is filled out online through the eBenefits website (<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>) if transferring from another college

Worksheet

Student Information

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Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ SSN/VA#: _____

Email: _____

Academic Information

Major: _____ Minor: _____

NOTE: All courses of study require an updated degree plan and all classes must be specifically listed in the degree plan

Record of Enrollment (FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

Semester	Year	Hours	Semester	Year	Hours
Fall			Fall		
Winter Mini			Winter Mini		
Spring			Spring		
May Mini			May Mini		
Summer I			Summer I		
Summer II			Summer II		
Summer III			Summer III		
Fall			Fall		
Winter Mini			Winter Mini		
Spring			Spring		
May Mini			May Mini		
Summer I			Summer I		
Summer II			Summer II		
Summer III			Summer III		
Fall			Fall		
Winter Mini			Winter Mini		
Spring			Spring		
May Mini			May Mini		
Summer I			Summer I		
Summer II			Summer II		
Summer III			Summer III		
Fall			Fall		
Winter Mini			Winter Mini		
Spring			Spring		
May Mini			May Mini		
Summer I			Summer I		
Summer II			Summer II		
Summer III			Summer III		

Statement of Student Responsibilities

All students using Veteran Educational benefits must abide by regulations set forth by the United States Department of VA and this institution. Please review and initial each statement in acknowledgement of your responsibilities as a student receiving Veterans Educational Benefits.

_____ I understand that in order to continue to receive my benefits I must request to be certified EVERY semester that I am enrolled at this institution.

_____ I understand that all courses that I am enrolled in MUST be on my degree plan that is on file with this office. I understand that by registering for courses that are NOT on my degree plan, my VA payment will be delayed and I may not receive reimbursement for these courses.

_____ I understand that the VA will pay for college readiness classes if deemed necessary by my placement test scores. However, the VA will NOT pay for these courses to be taken online. A copy of the test scores must be on file with the VA office.

_____ I understand that I must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA to continue to receive my VA benefits. IF I receive a failing grade in a course, I understand that the VA will pay for me to re-take the course only ONCE.

_____ I understand that my paperwork will NOT be submitted to the VA for payment until my file is complete and I have turned in ALL requested documents to the VA Office.

_____ I understand that the VA Office processes files in the order they are received each semester. The VA Office will begin certifying paperwork as soon as registration opens for each term.

_____ I understand that if I make changes to my schedule, I MUST notify the VA Office ASAP. If changes are made to my schedule after I request to be certified, I understand that my payments may be delayed and may result in an overpayment and a debt to the VA.

_____ I understand it is my responsibility to view my student account on myLamar (<http://my.lamar.edu>) to ensure benefits are applied. It is also my responsibility to pay any outstanding balances not covered by the VA.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I AGREE TO THE AFOREMENTIONED STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREE TO UPHOLD MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STUDENT USING VETERAN EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS.

Student Name (Print)

Signature

Date

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Authorization File Completed on (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Staff Initials: _____

POST 9/11 GI BILL - BOOK STIPEND

Please review the following:

- A book stipend will be paid to the student at the rate of \$47.61 per credit hour multiplied by the eligibility rating in order to **help** pay for textbooks required for classes, but cannot exceed \$1000.00 per year (Fall through Summer semesters).

Calculation: \$47.61 x (# of credit hours) x (% in LOE)

POST 9/11 GI BILL - BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING (BAH)

Please review the following:

- After applying for Post 9/11 benefits, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility that will state your eligibility percentage (based on service time and honorable discharge). This percentage determines the amount of tuition and fees paid to the school on your behalf as well as the amount of BAH and book allowance you will receive.
- The housing rate you will receive is based on Lamar's zip code (77710) for an E-5 with dependents. The current rate, effective August 1, 2014, is **\$1488.00 per month**.
- The BAH listed above is the amount paid monthly to students awarded an eligibility percentage of 100% (based on his or her time of service) and enrolled as a full-time student.
- Monthly housing payments are paid at the first of the month for the previous month.
- The BAH is paid from the start date of the term through the end date of the term. If the term begins on the 20th, your first monthly payment will be from the 20th through the end of the month.
- No pay is awarded in between terms.
- Student **MUST** be **MORE THAN** half-time status to receive any BAH.

BAH is awarded based on your rate of pursuit (i.e. the hours you are enrolled in each term). In order to receive **100%** of **BAH** students must be enrolled **FULL-TIME**. If you fall below full-time status, your BAH will be reduced to reflect your rate of pursuit.

LONG SEMESTERS	SHORT SEMESTERS	
FALL OR SPRING	SUMMER I	MAY MINI
12+ hrs = 100%	4 hrs = 100%	3 hrs = 100%
11 hrs = 90%		
9-10 hrs = 80%	SUMMER II	WINTER MINI
8 hrs = 70%	4 hrs = 100%	3 hrs = 100%
7 hrs = 60%		
6 hrs or less = NO HOUSING	SUMMER III	
	7 hrs = 100%	

ONLINE COURSES

Individuals **enrolled only in online courses** will be eligible for a monthly BAH equal to 50% of the national average BAH. Rates will be reduced if the student falls below full-time status. The current rate for an online only student with 100% eligibility and full-time status is **\$684.00 per month**.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST NOTIFY THE VA OFFICE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGES TO MY SCHEDULE (INCLUDING DROPS AND WITHDRAWALS) AS THIS WILL AFFECT MY TUITION, BOOK STIPEND, AND BAH.

Student Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Useful Contact Information:

Lamar University and LIT Admissions Office:

Admissions

John Gray Center

Office Hours: M-F 8am – 5pm

admissions@lamar.edu | 409-880-8888 (LU) | 409-880-8321 (LIT)

Lamar University and LIT Veterans Affairs Office:

Veterans Affairs Office

Wimberly Building, Rm 101

Office Hours: M-F 8am – 5pm

va@lamar.edu | 409-880-7198 | 409-880-7341 (FAX)

Eric Matthews, Certifying Official – 409-880-8437

Norma Cumbaa, Certifying Official/Coordinator – 409-880-8998

Department of the VA Regional Office: 888-442-4551 – www.gibill.va.gov

LU Financial Aid:

Julie Walker – 409-880-7282 – julie.walker@lamar.edu

www.FAFSA.ed.gov

Tuition Assistance:

Ashley Sheehan – 409-880-7796 – ashley.sheehan@lamar.edu