



## How do I pay for college?

[ ] **Apply for Financial Aid** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

This is not a step in using your GI Bill but many Veteran students qualify and benefit greatly from Financial Aid. For assistance go to the Financial Aid Lab in Building 1700. For questions call the Financial Aid Office at (760) 355-6266.

[ ] **Tuition Assistance (TA)**

TA is offered to eligible active duty military personnel to assist in the cost of tuition.

Students must be attending an approved institution of higher education. TA is not available for off-duty voluntary education.

Complete and submit TA application at least 30 days in advance of term start date (up to 60 days in advance for USMC). Your installations education/college center should provide TA application process.

Provide TA Authorization Form (voucher) to the IVC Business Office in Building 10 to process payment. This form will be provided by your installations Education Center.

For a course that has already started all courses must be approved during the term start date. In addition, TA does not cover tuition education costs such as fees, e-books, books, supplies etc.

*Students are responsible for any fees not paid by TA.*

## VA Educational Benefits

Visit [www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply](http://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply) website or call the VA Education and Training department at 1-888-442-4551. You will need a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) in the mail from your installation in order to process. You please make an appointment to complete intake with the VA Certifying Official.

[ ] **Get a Certificate of Eligibility (COE)**

Upload the following to our online

Page four of the DD-214 or NOBE {NG or Reservist}

Certificate of Eligibility from the VA, and

[www.va.gov/education/how](http://www.va.gov/education/how)