

Veterans Affairs

The Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) at California State University, Fresno is a federally funded program that provides a variety of services to veterans. The OVA is your liaison with the Veterans Administration and the State Department of Veterans Affairs, and other related agencies for the veteran population of the campus.

Veterans transferring to Fresno State from other institutions are strongly urged to contact the OVA and file a request for a Change of Place Training (VA 22-1995) at least two months prior to the beginning of the semester. Qualified students who have never used the G.I. Bill should also apply through the OVA at least eight weeks in advance. All enrollments must be certified by the Veterans Administration before any benefit checks are issued.

Veterans are not the only students eligible for G.I. benefits. Dependents of deceased or disabled

veterans, and certain dependents of California veterans may qualify for benefits. Eligibility is established on a case-by-case basis. Contact the OVA for detailed information and assistance in establishing your claims.

To apply for benefits, contact the OVA by telephone, letter, or in person. The staff will give you all the necessary application forms. The educational assistance programs for which you may apply:

- **Contributory Educational Assistance Program** for veterans and service persons entering active duty on or after January 1, 1977
- **Vocational Rehabilitation** for disabled veterans of World War II, the Korean Conflict, the post-Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Era, and certain peacetime veterans
- **Survivors and Dependents Education** for children, spouses, and survivors of

veterans whose deaths or permanent total disabilities were service-connected, and for spouses and children of service persons missing in action or prisoners of war

Chapter 106. Educational Assistance is available for members of the Selected Reserve, effective July 1, 1985. Chapter 106, Educational Assistance for members of the Selected Reserve is also referred to as the Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program.

Chapter 30. The Veteran's Educational Assistance Act of 1984 (Montgomery G.I. Bill) is geared toward new recruits (who enlisted after June 30, 1985) and members of the military (who enlisted prior to January 1, 1977, and have continuous service after July 1, 1985). Additional information on either Chapter 106 or Chapter 30 is available in the Veterans Office.

The following services are provided by the OVA:

- processing veterans' applications for educational benefits
- processing and forwarding certification forms
- processing application for advance pay
- processing enrollment status, i.e., dropping of units, changing of majors, withdrawals, etc.
- processing of fee waivers
- inquiries
- academic advising
- personal counseling
- Work-Study Program 



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