

# Veterans Affairs

## Student Affairs

### Office of Veterans Affairs

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The Office of Veterans Affairs (O.V.A.) at CSU, Fresno is a federally funded program that provides a variety of services to veterans. The O.V.A. is your liaison with the Veterans Administration and the State Department of Veterans Affairs, and with the local and state Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and other related agencies for the student population of the campus.

## Eligibility

Most veterans who are honorably discharged are eligible for educational benefits if they have served a minimum of 181 days of active duty after January 31, 1955, but before January 1, 1977.

Veterans transferring to CSU, Fresno from other institutions are strongly urged to contact the O.V.A. and file a request for a Change of Place Training (VA 22-1995) at least two months prior to the beginning of the semester. Students who have never used the G.I. Bill should also apply through the O.V.A. 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 people 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 O.V.A. for detailed information and assistance in establishing your claims.

## How to Apply for Benefits

You may contact the Office of Veterans Affairs by telephone, letter, or better yet, in person. The staff will give you all the necessary application forms. The educational assistance programs for which you may apply are:

*G.I. Bill Educational Training* for veterans of the post-Korean Conflict period and Vietnam Era, and service personnel.

*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, 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* 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. Contact the campus Veterans Office for more information.

## Services Provided by Office of Veterans Affairs

- Processing veterans application 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 tutorial forms
- Processing of fee waivers
- Inquiries
- Academic advising
- Personal counseling
- Work-Study Program