



## Veterans Programs & Information

Southwest Tech is approved by the Wisconsin State Approving Agency for training of qualified veterans under the Veterans Educational Benefits Act (GI Bill), and for the training of eligible dependents of deceased or disabled veterans. More information can be obtained from Veterans Service Office, located in the Financial Aid Office or from the local County Veterans Service Officer or the Department of Veterans Affairs. Please note that Southwest Tech does not and cannot determine eligibility for veterans, benefits; the VA determines all eligibility. Veterans benefits DO NOT exclude you from receiving financial aid or scholarships.

### FEDERAL PROGRAMS

A variety of federal programs are available if you have participated in the Montgomery GI Bill program while serving in the military. You may also be eligible for Reserve benefits if you are currently an active member of the Reserves or National Guard. Dependents of disabled or deceased veterans may be eligible for benefits also.

- **Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)**  
The Post-9/11 GI Bill is for individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The Post-9/11 GI Bill will become effective for training on or after August 1, 2009.
- **Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30)**  
Generally this applies to active duty enlistees who entered service after June 30, 1985, who contributed \$100 for the first 12 months of service.
- **Service-Connected Disabled Veterans (Chapter 31)**  
Benefits for service members and veterans with a 20 percent, or greater, service-connected disability.
- **Survivors and Dependents (Chapter 35)**  
For spouses and children of 100 percent service-connected disabled or deceased Veterans.
- **Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)**  
For members who enlist or re-enlist in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard Reserves, the Army National Guard and the Air Guard.
- **Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) (Chapter 1607)**  
REAP is a new benefit providing educational assistance to members of the reserve components - Selected Reserve (Sel Res) and Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) - who are called or ordered to active service in response to a war or national emergency, as declared by the President or Congress.

Please visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website for detailed information regarding the Federal GI Bill Education Benefits, see your local County Veterans Service Officer, or stop in the Veterans Service Office located in the Financial Aid Office.

### STATE PROGRAMS

State programs in the form of tuition and fee reimbursement and part-time study grants may be available for Wisconsin veterans. National Guard members may be eligible for the National Guard Tuition Grant.

- **Wisconsin GI Bill**

The Wisconsin G.I. Bill provides a full waiver (“remission”) of tuition and fees for eligible veterans and their dependents for up to 8 full-time semesters or 128 credits at any University of Wisconsin System or Wisconsin Technical College System institution for continuing education, or for study at the undergraduate or graduate level.

- **Veterans Education (VetEd) Reimbursement Grant**

Veterans who did not enlist from the state of WI may apply for VetEd through their County Veterans Service Officer, apply online, or download an application, WDVA 2200. Applications must be submitted within 60 days of the start of the term. As this is a reimbursement grant, students must pay tuition in full by the due date.

- **Wisconsin National Guard Tuition Grant**

The Wisconsin National Guard Tuition Grant is a reimbursement grant, which means the student must pay their tuition in full by the due date. For additional information on this grant, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs at [dma.wi.gov](http://dma.wi.gov). The grant form must be submitted to Southwest Tech Veteran Services at the start of each term or within 60 days of the end of the term.

For more information on any of these benefits visit the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs website, see your local County Veterans Service Officer, or stop in the Veterans Service Office located in the Financial Aid Office.