

## Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

Popular choice for on-line or out-of-state accredited schools.

16 semester hours (SH) per fiscal year (FY) with a \$250 per SH or \$4,000 per FY cap.

- Up to 130 SH for a bachelor's degree
- Up to 39 SH for a master's degree
- Up to 21 SH for a certificate (doesn't count against 130 undergrad or 39 graduate SH)

Soldiers **MUST** apply for FTA funding for each separate course no later than five business days prior to class start date.

Officers incur a four years service obligation.

Other eligibility requirements based on previous education level attained along with time-in-service OR specific pre-requisite military professional training completed.

## Credentialing Assistance (Army COOL)

\$4,000 per FY towards a credential or license. (<https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/>)

Pays for training, materials, books, fees, test/exam costs.

Officers incur a four years service obligation for a new certification, but don't incur a service obligation for recertification or testing. Capped at \$2K on their last year of service. AGR capped at \$1K for aviation certs.

[ArmyIgnitEd.com](http://ArmyIgnitEd.com)

## Apply for Chapter 1606 GI Bill

**Step 1:**  
Apply at [VA.GOV](http://VA.GOV) for your certificate of eligibility for your GI Bill. 8 part application that includes your banking information, service history, and some school info.

**Step 2:**  
Receive the approval letter in the mail. (Denial letters go to our office to resolve)

**Step 3:**  
Give the approval letter to your Veterans certifying official at your school.

**Step 4:**  
Create your wave account at: <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>

**Step 5:**  
Wait until the end of the month and log into your wave account to certify your payment. Repeat this step each month on the website or by phone at 1-877-823-2378.

\*\*\*Apply for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill by completing steps 1-3 only.\*\*\*

## GI Bill Kicker

GI Bill kickers are contracted during enlistment or reenlistment and only apply to specific MOSs and units. Must score a 50 on ASVAB. They can increase your monthly GI Bill by up to \$350. They supplement your remaining months of GI BILL payments.

[va.gov](http://va.gov)

## Education Benefits Guide



## Wisconsin Education Office

### Contact Us:

Education Officer: 608.242.3447  
Incentives Manager: 608.242.3448  
GI Bill Manager: 608.242.3449  
Student Loan Repayment: 608.242.3423

Group email:  
[ngwi.edu@mail.mil](mailto:ngwi.edu@mail.mil)

## WING Tuition Grant

Tuition reimbursement for 8 semesters/120 credits (up to UW–Madison rate) at qualifying Wisconsin schools and schools w/ reciprocity.

- Actively drilling WI Guard members only
- First bachelor's degree only
- Enlisted and Warrants only
- SM must submit a DMA Form 189 to campus VA rep w/i 90 days of each semester end date

\*\*\*Using this benefit first will help maximize your education benefits.\*\*\*

[dma.wi.gov/DMA/support/education](http://dma.wi.gov/DMA/support/education)

## Wisconsin GI Bill

Remits/waives tuition and segregated fees for eligible veterans for up to 8 semesters/128 credits at any UW or Wis. Tech. College System.

## Wisconsin Veteran Student Assistance Grant

\$2,000 grant up to 8 semesters/128 credits for eligible veterans at many private nonprofit schools in Wisconsin.

**Eligible Veterans = Wisconsin residents**  
DD214 must list Wisconsin as home of record. (exceptions apply)

- Must exhaust Post 9/11 (exceptions apply)
- Officers or Enlisted
- Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate Degree
- During military service or after service

Dependents may qualify if SM has a service connected disability rating of 30% or more.

[WisVets.com](http://WisVets.com)  
1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387)

## Federal GI Bill Benefits

The two most common are Chapter 1606 for National Guard Service and Chapter 33 Post 9/11 for Active Duty Service.

If you have eligibility for more than one Federal GI Bill benefit remember that you can have 36 months of any one program, but only 48 months combined of all GI Bill programs.

## Chapter 1606 Select Reserve

Monthly stipend for six year service obligation (6x2 contract). Approximately \$400 per month (rates change annually).

## Chapter 33 POST 9/11

Must have qualifying Active Duty Service such as a deployment. Basic training doesn't qualify. Qualifying time is cumulative. Payment is prorated for qualifying service.

90 days = 50%	24 months = 80%
6 months = 60%	30 months = 90%
18 months = 70%	36 months = 100%

- \$1000 dollar a year book stipend
- Percentage of tuition based off yearly max
- Percentage of BAH of E5 with dependent

Tuition paid to school and monthly stipend paid to Soldier.

You can transfer to dependents in MilConnect if currently serving, no flags, six years of service complete and four years remaining.

Combine with Tuition Grant, Wisconsin GI Bill, or Federal Tuition Assistance if less than 100%.

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)  
1-888-GI BILL 1 (442-4551)

## How to combine Benefits

### #1 Grant & Federal GI Bill (1606 or 33)

Saves Wisconsin GI Bill for master's degree. More than just UW schools qualify.

### #2 Wisconsin GI Bill & Federal GI Bill (1606 or 33)

This is a popular choice for service members getting a master's degree.

### #3 Chapter 33 Post 9/11 & Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), Grant, or WI GI Bill

If you have less than a 100% Post 9/11 rating or you attend a private school, you can combine these benefits.

### #4 FTA & Federal GI Bill (1606 or 33)

Effective 05/04/2021, SMs enrolled in a half-time or more program of study may now receive their Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and MGIB-SR 1606 benefits simultaneously for the same course.

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