The Wisconsin GI Bill

The Wisconsin GI Bill is a State of Wisconsin Veterans benefit that enables qualifying Wisconsin Veterans and certain children and spouses to attend Wisconsin public post-secondary educational institutions tuition-free.

The Wisconsin GI Bill provides tuition remission for 128 credits or 8 semesters, whichever is longer. The tuition remission is for the combined total credits and semesters attended at all University of Wisconsin (UW) and Wisconsin Technical College System institutions, including graduate programs.

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VETERANS FORWARD

Eligibility

Qualifying Veteran

A qualifying Veteran is a current Wisconsin resident who was either:

- A Wisconsin resident at the time of entry into active military service.
- A Wisconsin resident for at least five consecutive years preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which he or she registers at a qualifying institution.

Determining eligibility is a two-step process:

1. The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs certifies the individual is a qualified Veteran.
2. The educational institution determines the student's eligibility for tuition remission.

Important to Note: Due to legal terms of use, individuals eligible for the federal Post-9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, or any other federal educational benefits, should contact the school's Veteran Certifying Official to financially plan their education. Go to **WisVets.com** and click on the Benefits Tab, Education and choose the Wisconsin GI Bill for more information.

Eligible Family Member

A qualifying Veteran's spouse or child may use this benefit if the Veteran has been awarded a service connected disability rating of at least 30% by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or died in the line of duty or as a result of a service connected disability.

The spouse or child must meet the same residency requirements as the Veteran.

Military Service Requirements

The individual upon whom eligibility is based (qualifying Veteran) must meet one of the following:

- ☑ Served on active duty 90 days or more during a war period
- ☑ Served on active duty at least two continuous years or full initial service obligation during peacetime
- ☑ Regardless of length of active duty, was honorably discharged due to:
  - o Service-connected disability
  - o Disability subsequently adjudicated to have been service connected
  - o Reduction in the U.S. armed forces
- ☑ Served in a designated crisis zone
- ☑ Received the:
  - o Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
  - o Vietnam Service Medal
  - o Navy Expeditionary Medal
  - o Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
  - o An expeditionary or service medal equivalent to those above
- ☑ Served for any period under Section 1 of Executive Order 10957 dated August 10, 1961

How to Apply

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs provides an online portal where you can quickly obtain an eligibility decison related to various state Veterans Benefits.

- Visit **MyWisVets.com** and create an account.
- Enter required information and complete the Privacy Agreement.
- Upload your DD214 and other documents.
- Review your eligibility matrix that identifies the individual benefits for which you qualify.
- If you are eligible for the Wisconsin GI Bill, click ***Apply Online Now*** to obtain the certificate of eligibility.
- Complete your application for the Wisconsin GI Bill though your University of Wisconsin or Wisconsin Technical College System institution.