



## 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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## 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.

For more information go to **WisVets.com** and click on *Benefits > Education* then choose *Wisconsin GI Bill*.

### 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:
  - Service-connected disability
  - Disability subsequently adjudicated to have been service connected
  - Reduction in the U.S. armed forces
- ☒ Served in a designated crisis zone
- ☒ Received:
  - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
  - Vietnam Service Medal
  - Navy Expeditionary Medal
  - Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
  - 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 decision 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 through your University of Wisconsin or Wisconsin Technical College System institution.

