VA Benefits

Benefits can be awarded to veterans, reservists, spouses, children of veterans, National Guard, etc. Please contact Veteran Services or your Unit for more details.

Applications

1. VA Education Benefits
   Complete application for education benefits using VONAPP found at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp


Reservists and Active Duty Veterans

Members must also present:

1. Kicker Contract
   An additional amount of money that increases their monthly Montgomery GI Bill. Members should obtain their Kicker Contract from their Unit of Assignment.

2. Discharge Papers and Separation Documents -DD-214
   A report of separation is generally issued when a service member performs ACTIVE DUTY for at least 90 consecutive days of active duty training.

3. Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)
   Fill out VA Form DD-2284-1 to determine entitlement by eligible members of Selective Reserve and National Guard to receive Montgomery GI Bill Education Assistance Benefits (M Gib). Members should obtain NOBE from the Unit of Assignment.

Once all documents are completed and you have met with Dean Smith or Ms. Kissinger, a profile will be created on www.gibill.va.gov for enrollment verification and payment of the MGIB.

National Recognition

Shippensburg University has been recognized for being Military Friendly and for being a Best College for Veterans.

In the 2016 edition of U.S. News & World Report’s “Best Colleges,” Shippensburg University tied for 66th among all regional universities in the North for “Best Colleges for Veterans.” This category ranks schools participating in federal initiatives that help veterans and active-duty service members pay for their degrees.

Shippensburg was also recognized among the top public regional universities in the North in this annual ranking of colleges.

Shippensburg University is a member of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education and an equal opportunity educational institution. Direct requests for disability accommodations and other inquiries to the Office of Disability Services, Horton Hall Suite 324, Shippensburg University, 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg PA 17257-2299, (717) 477-1329, ods@ship.edu.

www.ship.edu/veterans
Student Veterans of America

Ensuring the Heroes of Yesterday are the Leaders of Tomorrow.

Serving Veterans
The Student Veterans of America (SVA) ensures that veteran students attending Shippensburg University receive all benefits entitled to them. This includes non-veteran students who are current active duty personnel, reservists, as well as ROTC undergraduate students. SVA also provides a fellowship of like-minded individuals for professional leadership development through a network of students and successful alumni.

Its goal is to provide a healthy environment for veterans attending Shippensburg University by promoting communication and interaction among veterans at Ship.

Creating Community
SVA is empowered by an inherent need to give back to other veterans in the local community. We are open to all Ship students and sponsor such events as:

- Golf Tournaments
- Hug-A-Vet
- Wing Night
- Open House
- Renaissance Fair Outing
- Local Vet Luncheons

General Information

Fun Facts
- 260 students are using Veteran benefits (Fall 2015)
- SVA creates an annual 9/11 memorial of American flags in the academic quad to honor those who have fallen.
- SVA sends letters and packages to troops stationed overseas and those in nearby VA hospitals.
- Closest VA hospitals are in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, and Martinsburg, Virginia

ROTC
ROTC is not a part of the Veterans Service's Office. If you have any questions related to ROTC or the Raider Battalion, please contact the ROTC Enrollment Office.

- Dr. Joseph Hasper
- Wright Hall 207
- (717) 477-1896

Learning Assistance
At one time or another, many students find they need academic help. The Learning Center is available to all students and provides tutoring, workshops, and resources that can help you improve academic performance, writing proficiency, and learning ability.

The Learning Center is located in Ezra Lehman Library. Stop by to make an appointment, call (717) 477-1420, or visit www.ship.edu/learning.

Email: shipsva@ship.edu

Veteran Resources at Ship

- Associate Dean of Students, Veterans Services
  - Robert Smith
  - (717) 477-1164 or RESmit@ship.edu
- Certifying Official, Veterans Services
  - Erin Kissinger
  - (717) 477-1164 or EFKiss@ship.edu
- Assistant Dean of Admissions
  - Damian Morales
  - (717) 477-1231 or DMorales@ship.edu
- Fiscal Assistant, Student Accounts
  - Georg Taylor
  - (717) 477-1211 or GHTaylor@ship.edu
- Veterans Resource Center (CUB 235)
  - A place to hang out, study, eat, etc.
  - Enjoy lounge furniture, snacks, a microwave, and more
  - Hours vary and are posted in the door