

How to Proceed

- 1. APPLY** - You can find information on admission to the University of Iowa and an online application at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/admissions/apply.htm>
- 2. Submit your Military Transcripts** - Your military experience may be worth college credit. You can find links to official military transcripts for all services at: <http://admissions.uiowa.edu/undergraduate-programs/credit-military-service>
Have them mailed by your military service directly to the Admissions Office in 108 Calvin Hall, Iowa City, IA. 52242
- 3. Complete the FAFSA** - (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> For more information on financial aid, go to: <http://www.uiowa.edu/homepage/students/financial-aid.html>
- 4. Apply for Education Benefits** - Please come to the Veterans Services Office at 201D Communications Center and let us help you determine which type of education benefit is right for you. There are several varieties of GI Bill and your usage of one may take away eligibility for other programs. Apply for your federal GI Bill education benefits online at: <http://gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/application/> Once you complete your application, the VA will issue you a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) that shows the educational benefits you are entitled to. You will need to bring this into the Veterans Services Office. Transfer students and returning students need only notify the Veterans Services Office to re-enroll in benefits.
- 5. Submit Information** – To complete the application process submit a certified copy of your form DD-214, the Veterans Worksheet, and COE to the Veterans Services Office at 201 D Communications Center (319) 335-0226. The process can be started without the COE but we eventually will need a copy of it. The Veterans Worksheet can be found here <http://www.registrar.uiowa.edu/gi-bill>
You will receive your first benefit check approximately six weeks after the first day of class. You must resubmit the worksheet before every school year in order to continue receiving your GI Bill benefits.
- 6. Submit the UI Verification Form** - (IVF) to the Office of Financial Aid. Within 4 weeks of your FAFSA submission, the Office of Financial Aid (208 Calvin Hall) will send you a post card telling you to print your UI Verification Form (IVF) from ISIS. Be sure to note loss of employment due to separation from military service. This will affect the amount of your financial aid.
- 7. Register for Medical Benefits** - Iowa City has its own VA Medical Center. (319) 338-0581 OIF/OEF Veterans are eligible for enhanced enrollment health benefits for 5 years after their date of their most recent discharge from active duty. Submit online at: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>
- 8. Apply for Disability Compensation & Benefits** Apply to get Disability Compensation and Benefits, if applicable. Apply online at: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>. It is recommended that Veterans obtain assistance with their application from a Veterans Service Organization (VSO)
- 9. Student Disability Services** – Record your disability with the University of Iowa for accommodations and support. 319 335 1465 <https://sds.studentlife.uiowa.edu/>
- 10. Apply for other Scholarship / Grant Opportunities.** Information can be found at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/homepage/students/financial-aid.html>
- 11. Find Housing** - Information on finding housing both on and off campus in the Iowa City/Coralville area is available at: <http://housing.uiowa.edu>
- 12. Get a Job** - Find information on employment opportunities here <http://www.careers.uiowa.edu/hireahawk>
- 13. Unemployment Benefits** – Recently discharged Veterans are eligible for up to 39 weeks of unemployment insurance. For more information go to: <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/>
- 14. Questions for the VA** – If you have questions for the VA regarding GI Bill Education Benefits, go to <http://www.gibill.va.gov/> and click on the “Submit a Question” button
- 15. Additional Credit** – Additional credit hours (up to 6) can be awarded for service by Army/Air Force ROTC, by appointment: Army: (319) 335-9187/9192, Air Force: (319) 335-9222
- 16. To arrange Direct Deposit for your benefits**
Call 1-877-838-2778 and provide your financial institution’s routing number, your account number and the type of account (checking or savings).
- 17. eBenefits** Your Gateway to Benefit Information this is the only way to view your GI Bill Benefits and health care. All things VA. <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>

All GI Bill processing for Iowa Colleges and Universities is done by:

VA Regional Office
PO Box 66830
St Louis, MO 63166-6830

Montgomery GI Bill Mandatory Verification

All students who are receiving either the **Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty** or **Selected Reserve** must now verify their enrollments monthly to receive payments. This verification can be done either by using the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) which can be found at: <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>, or by using the automated telephone system (IVR) at 1-877-823-2378 (follow the prompts).

To verify your remaining Montgomery GI Bill benefits

Call 1-888-442-4551

When message begins, press 1.

When message begins again, press 3.

Enter vet’s SSN, system will verify, press 1 if ok.

Enter vet’s DOB (MMDDYYYY), system will verify, press 1 if ok.

There are now 4 options:

Option 1—date/amount of last payment

Option 2-date last monthly (self-) certification sent

Option 3—date last certification processed

Option 4—general info (current award amount, certification period, attendance status, remaining entitlement period, ending time for benefits)

Quick Contacts

University of Iowa GI Bill Services Office

Room 201D Communications Center
17 North Clinton St. Iowa City, Iowa 52242
Office: (319) 335-0226 / (319) 335-3895
Fax: (319) 335-3761

registrar-vets-office@uiowa.edu

<http://registrar.uiowa.edu/gi-bill>

Montgomery GI Bill Monthly Verification (WAVE)

<https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>

(877) 823-2378

The University of Iowa Veterans Association

Find out information regarding Veteran related activities on and around

campus. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/uiiva1>

studorg-veterans-association@uiowa.edu

Military & Veteran Student Services

111 Communications Center
116 South Madison St.
(319) 384 2613

VA Medical Center

601 Highway 6 West, Iowa City, IA 52246
Phone: (319) 338-0581

Des Moines Regional VA Office

210 Walnut Street Des Moines, IA 50309
(800) 827-1000

Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs

7105 NW 70th Ave. Camp Dodge, Bldg. A6A
Johnston, IA 50131-1824

<https://va.iowa.gov/>

Johnson County Veterans Affairs

855 S. Dubuque Street
Iowa City, IA 52240
Phone: (319) 356-6049

http://www.johnson-county.com/dept_vets.aspx?id=115

Veterans of Foreign Wars

<http://www.vfw.org>

The American Legion

<http://www.legion.org>

Disabled American Veterans

<http://www.dav.org>

Military & Veteran Student Services

This office is home to the University of Iowa Veterans Association (UIVA), which serves as liaison between the University and student veterans, and works to address issues specific to student veterans.

We are generally open 8:00-4:30 Monday through Friday, but calling ahead is advisable (319) 384-2613, .

The UIVA is a student organization geared toward providing opportunities for veterans, Guard and Reservists, as well as Military Brats and spouses/permanent roommates that attend the University of Iowa. Here at Iowa we take a holistic approach to providing information to those transiting from the military, those who have been out for a while and those who are still serving. The programming we have here at Iowa takes into consideration our skills, background, diversity and is run for and by those who serve -- and continue to do so. We have a rich legacy of service here -- with 3 buildings being named after veterans here on campus. The organization is focused on building strong sense of esprit de corps and community as well as promoting the benefits of service and how that knowledge helps our community here on Iowa's campus.

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<http://veterans.org.uiowa.edu/about-uiva>



The University of Iowa
Office of the Registrar
Veterans Services

**A Veteran's Guide to the
University of Iowa**

**Making the Transition
from Military Service to
Campus Life**