

TSTC Veteran's Affair – Educational Benefits Checklist

Follow these guidelines when applying for VA benefits at Texas State Technical College Harlingen

Eligibility

Students must be eligible under one of the following programs:

1. Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill
2. Chapter 31 - VA Vocational Rehabilitation
3. Chapter 32 - Post Vietnam Era VA benefits
4. Chapter 35 - Survivors/Dependents education benefits
5. Chapter 1606 - Selected Reserve Montgomery GI Bill
6. Hazelwood - Texas veterans (eligibility for the above programs must have been exhausted)

Documents Needed

Chapter 30 requires:

application must be complete, VA form 22-1990
copy of DD-214, member 4

TASP/Accuplacer scores along with English/math placement form (if applicable)

Parent Institution Letter - Students that are taking their basics under the EA Core or their prerequisites for a medical program not offered at TSTC must get their courses approved each semester by the university or college they will be transferring to.

If you attend another university and/or used VA benefits a 22-1995 change of program form is needed and a transfer evaluation form. Both are available at the financial aid office.

Chapter 31 requires:

Contact the veteran's counselor at the McAllen office, (956) 668-0372. The VA counselor will determine your eligibility.

Prior to registration notification of your eligibility will be sent to TSTC Harlingen.

Copy of your degree plan (see your advisor)

TASP/Accuplacer scores along with English/math placement form (if applicable)

Chapter 32 requires:

complete VA form 22-1990

copy of DD-214, member 4

TASP/Accuplacer scores along with English/math placement form (if applicable)

Copy of your degree plan (see your advisor)

If you attend another university and used VA benefits, a 22-1995 change of program form are needed. (if applicable)

Transfer evaluation form (if applicable)

Chapter 35 requires:

complete application, VA form 22-5490

copy of birth certificate or marriage license

date when 100 percent disability rating began

TASP/Accuplacer scores along with English/math placement form (if applicable)

Copy of your degree plan (see your advisor)

Parent Institution Letter - Students that are taking their basics under the EA Core or their prerequisites for a medical program not offered at TSTC must get their courses approved each semester by the university or college they will be transferring to.

If you are changing place of training, 22-5495 change of program form

Copy of veteran's DD-214

Chapter 1606 requires:

completed VA form 22-1990

VA form DD-2384, basic eligibility. This is obtained for your unit commander.

TASP/Accuplacer scores along with English/math placement form (if applicable)

Parent Institution Letter - Students that are taking their basics under the EA Core or their prerequisites for a medical program not offered at TSTC must get their courses approved each semester by the university or college they will be transferring to. A transfer evaluation form (if applicable)

If you are changing place of training, 22-1995 change of program form

Hazelwood benefits will be available for a maximum of 150 credit hours (for credit courses only)

must be a Texas veteran

copy of DD-214

application of veteran for exemption from the payment of tuition.

VA form 27-12 (obtain form by calling (956) 618-7104, if discharge date is not over 10 years)

apply for financial assistance using the FAFSA form

must not be on default on a student loan

Total exemptions will equal tuition and applicable fees.

If You Have Drawn VA Benefits At Another Institution:

Instead of the VA application form listed above, you will need to complete a VA form 22-1995 or 22-5495 (change of program or place of training) and a transfer evaluation form.

If you are currently enrolled at Texas State Technical College but we are not your primary institution (you are not seeking a degree from TSTC, but rather from another institution), you will need a letter from your primary institution that states the following:

1. The chapter under which you are eligible
2. Your declared major
3. The courses approval by that institution to be taken at TSTC

Registration Information

1. Verify that all courses selected are on your degree plan and approved by the VA.
2. Register with Admission Office
3. All veterans MUST apply for financial aid.