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# Financial Aid for Veterans

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## ***Receiving Benefits in a Timely Manner*** [top](#)

Students attending Buffalo State may use their Chapter 35, 33, 31, 30, 1607 or 1606 benefits. Depending on the student's situation, the benefits may be paid to the college or student directly. Students that do not complete the necessary paperwork every semester will have their benefits delayed. This delay may result in their benefits not displaying on the student's bill as a deferment, leaving a larger unpaid balance. This, in turn, may affect their ability to obtain a book deferment or refunds.

***How you can help:*** Remind students that they must complete a [Veterans Attendance Form](#) each semester and submit it to the Veteran's Certification Office, Cleveland Hall 210. The information on the attendance form is then transmitted to the VA ONCE website to process/certify the student's benefits.

## ***Registration Changes*** [top](#)

Students receiving veteran benefits may have their benefits increased or decreased during the semester as a result of registration changes. Unlike other aid programs that may "lock" the student's enrollment at a particular point in the semester, some military benefits require the college to monitor daily changes (e.g., withdrawals, late drops, late additions) in a student's registration which will then impact their eligibility for benefits.

### ***How you can help:***

- Recommend that students considering changing their registration (from what they submitted on the attendance form) contact the Veteran's Office to determine if this will affect them.
- In instances of overpayment, the student has to repay the Veterans Affairs Office for the money they received; resulting in a large financial burden on the student.

## ***Deployment*** [top](#)

Members of the Armed Services that are deployed during a semester should immediately contact the Veterans and Military Services Office. The office will assist the student in completing the necessary college paperwork and refund the student for college charges as appropriate. If the veteran has existing student loans, they must also take steps to apply for a [deferment](#) to temporarily stop making payments while not in school.

### ***How you can help:***

- Refer the Student to the Military Services Office.
- Inform the student that if they have student loans, they must request from their lender(s) a military deferment. Students can determine who their lenders are using the [National Student Loan Database System](#). Students that need assistance should be referred to the Financial Aid Office.

- Share with students the [For Members of the U.S. Armed Forces](#) guide, published by the U.S. Department of Education.

### ***Applying for Federal and State Aid*** [top](#)

While a student's veteran benefits may cover all their tuition and fees, they may also qualify for additional federal and state aid. Students should file the [FAFSA](#) and [TAP](#) Applications even if they do not believe they will qualify for funding. Additionally, veterans may need to supply additional documentation to the Financial Aid Office or Albany (for TAP) to verify their veteran status.

### ***How you can help:***

- Recommend that students file the [FAFSA](#) and [TAP](#) applications. These applications become available on October 1 for the upcoming fall semester and spring semesters.
- Students should be encouraged to monitor their [Banner account](#) (Financial Aid → Eligibility Requirements) to see if additional documents, like their DD-214 (Member 4 Copy), need to be submitted.