

Thank you for your interest in Texas A&M University-San Antonio. To apply for admission, please visit [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org). The admission requirements can be found on our web site at [www.tamuk.edu/sanantonio](http://www.tamuk.edu/sanantonio).

As the Veterans Affairs Certifying Official, I would be happy to assist you with questions you may have on veteran's educational benefits. The Department of Veterans Affairs web site at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) provides a summary of **Montgomery GI Bill** benefits and the chapter type you will be applying for.

To apply for veterans educational benefits online, search for the **VONAPP** (Veterans Online Application) on the Dept. of Veterans Affairs web site ([www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)).

You are also able to apply for benefits by completing **VA Form 22-1990 – Application for VA Educational Benefits**. This form can be obtained online via our website or in-person at the Veterans Affairs Office on campus in the Welcome Center. We will mail any paperwork to the Dept. of Veterans Affairs for you. To prevent delays in determination of eligibility and awarding of benefits, please apply for benefits as soon as possible.

**Supporting documentation** may also be submitted, including evidence of an additional MGIB contribution (extra \$600 contribution made while on active duty), and enlistment contract with evidence of a kicker you may be entitled to. For activated reservists, a copy of the NOBE (Notice of Basic Eligibility), activation orders and DD-214 (member 4 copy) for periods of active duty should be submitted. Please contact the Education Services Officer (ESO) of your unit to obtain the NOBE form. The Department of Veterans Affairs will mail a **Certificate of Eligibility** (a copy of this letter is needed for your veteran file).

During the application process to A&M-San Antonio you will order transcripts from all schools previously attended. Please include your military transcript for coursework and military experience that may translate into transfer credits. Students need to request official military transcripts to be submitted to the VA Coordinator and the Admission evaluators for transfer credit. To request applicable military transcript please specify Texas A&M University-San Antonio on the applicable web site. Military transcripts can be obtained at the following websites:

- Air Force: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/index.htm>
- Army: <http://aarts.army.mil>
- Coast Guard: <http://www.uscg.mil>
- Navy and Marine Corps: <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil>

Once admitted to the University, you will need to make an appointment with your **academic advisor** to receive a **degree plan** listing all courses required towards completion of your degree. A copy of your degree plan is required for your veteran file prior to certification. Once you have

registered for courses, please complete the **Pre-authorization Form** (located online via our website or in-person at the Veterans Affairs Office). An **enrollment certification** will be submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs on your behalf for the number of credit hours authorized towards completion of degree. For questions on **veteran training time**, or enrollment status please contact the Veterans Affairs Office. An undergraduate student would receive maximum monthly entitlement with full time status of 12 credit hours or more for Fall or Spring semester. Monthly rate information is available in the Veterans Affairs Office.

If you are beginning at A&M-San Antonio while still on **active duty** or terminal leave, or are attending less than half time, you would be reimbursed for tuition and fees while attending. While active duty, you may be eligible for **tuition assistance**. **Reservists may also be eligible for tuition assistance**. Please request more information on this from your unit's Education Services Officer. Once discharged, we would send in a copy of DD Form 214 to the Department of Veterans Affairs to change your rate from tuition and fee reimbursement to the monthly entitlement discharged members qualify for.

The New GI Bill, **Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008**, will be effective August 1, 2009. Information is available on the Dept. of Veterans Affairs website. You can view an information pamphlet online at:

[https://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH33/CH33\\_Pamphlet.pdf](https://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH33/CH33_Pamphlet.pdf).

Please let me know of any questions you might have on veterans educational benefits.