

Veteran Educational Benefit Request Form

Southwestern Illinois College

Office of Financial Aid, Veteran Services and Student Employment

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This form is authorizing Southwestern Illinois College to certify your enrollment to the Department of Veteran Affairs and therefore authorizing the usage of your veteran educational benefits for the requested term. All students must submit a new request form each term they intend to utilize veteran educational benefits.

A. STUDENT'S INFORMATION

Name _____

SWIC Student ID Number _____

Street Address (include apt. no.) _____

Date of Birth _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

B. FEDERAL VETERAN EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT

Please select the federal benefit you are requesting to use. Only select one benefit.

Chapter Benefit: Check One	Description
Chapter 33	Post 9-11 GI Bill- tuition and fees paid directly to school, monthly housing allowance and book stipend to student.
Chapter 30	Montgomery GI Bill- monthly allowance directly to student- payment to school required
Chapter 31	Vocational Rehabilitation- tuition and fees paid directly to school, monthly housing allowance and book stipend to student.
Chapter 1606	Montgomery GI Reserve- monthly allowance directly to student- payment to school required
Chapter 35	Survivors' and Dependents Assistance- monthly allowance directly to student- payment to school required
None	Not receiving federal benefits

C. STATE VETERAN EDUCATIONAL BENEFIT

Please select the state benefit you are requesting to use. Only select one benefit.

State Benefit: Check One	Description
Illinois Veterans Grant	State funded program that pays eligible tuition and mandatory fees. Maximum eligible units 120.
Illinois National Guard Grant	State funded program that pays eligible tuition and mandatory fees. Only eligible while in active drilling status.
MIA POW Scholarship	State funded program that pays eligible tuition and mandatory fees. Maximum eligible units 120.
None	Not receiving state benefits

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D. SEMESTER AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

<p style="text-align: center;">SEMESTER</p> <p>Please select the semester you wish to utilize your benefits.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This request must be completed for each semester.</p>	<p>FALL</p> <p>SPRING</p> <p>SUMMER</p>		YEAR
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<p style="text-align: center;">PROGRAM OF STUDY</p> <p>You will only be paid for those courses that meet degree/certificate requirements. If you have change your program of study please notify your school official.</p>	
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E. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- I must report registration and any changes in my enrollment to the Financial Aid, Veteran Services and Student Employment Office. I understand failure to report enrollment changes may result in benefit reduction or loss.
- I must be enrolled in an approved program of study that leads to a standard degree or certificate and have all prior official transcripts evaluated with Enrollment Services.
- I understand I must maintain satisfactory academic progress to be eligible for my benefits. The minimum cumulative GPA is 2.00.
- I will notify the Financial Aid, Veteran Services and Student Employment Office if my benefits are denied, revoked or exhausted. I understand it is my responsibility to be aware of benefit eligibility.
- I understand the Department of Veteran Affairs determines eligibility and payment in all cases. The amount requested is not guaranteed payment and I am responsible for any outstanding balances on my SWIC student account.

F. STUDENT INFORMATION & RESOURCES

- Chapter 30, 1606 and 35(pursuing certificates) must verify continued enrollment at the end of each month online <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do> or by phone 1-877-823-2378.
- Terms with non-standard term date may be paid at a different rate. This will be determined by the Department of Veteran Affairs and is based on the length of the course and number of credit hours.
- SWIC is a part of the VetSuccess on Campus (VSOC) program with the Department of Veteran Affairs. The VSOC counselor, Armando De La Garza can assist students with academic and vocational guidance as well as connect with additional VA benefits such as health care and mental services. Location: Belleville Financial Aid, Veteran Services and Student Employment Office. Appointments are preferred. He's available 618-222-5554 or via email Armando.delagarza@va.gov.
- Disability and Access Center- provides individualized accommodations and support services for student veterans with disabilities. Schedule an individual intake appointment via phone 618-222-2700 or disabilityandaccesscenter@swic.edu.
- VA Work Study Program- student employment program paid through the Department of Veteran Affairs. For more information visit the Financial Aid, Veteran Services and Student Employment Office.
- Veterans' Lounge area specific for veteran students to study and connect with other veteran students. Location Belleville MC 1245.

G. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I authorize SWIC to certify my enrollment and therefore authorize use of my benefit for the above stated term. To my best knowledge, I do have remaining entitlement on my benefit(s). I have read and understand the student responsibilities listed above. I was provided a copy of this form to verify completion of request for certification. Please retain copy for your records.

Print Name (Required)

Signature (Required)

Date