

State of Wisconsin



Veterans Benefits

ELIGIBILITY

To obtain education benefits from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), veterans must meet military service requirements and state residency requirements established by the state Legislature.

Generally, the service requirement is 90 days regular active duty (not for training) including activated Guard or reserve duty.

In addition, vets must either have entered service from Wisconsin or have lived in the state for 12 consecutive months after entering the military.

Note: It does not matter that the UW considers you a non-resident for tuition purposes.

There are numerous exceptions to these general rules and requirements vary from one program to the next. Check with the County Veterans Service Office for specific details.

Grant programs have income limits of about \$50,000.

VetEd Grant

Tuition and fee reimbursement

Most undergraduate Wisconsin veterans are eligible for reimbursement of 100 percent of tuition and fees paid if they have been out of service for less than ten years. After 10 years students may use the program only if attending part time or in summer school. A 2.0 GPA is required.

Students eligible for National Guard grants, Army Tuition Assistance or the Wisconsin GI Bill must use those programs instead.

A “pre-application” is required at the start of the semester along with the full application at the end of the term.

VetEd grant application process:

- Call the Dane County Veteran Service Office to set up an appointment, 266-4158. They will help you establish or confirm your eligibility and give you the application forms. A representative from that office is available for walk-ins at Vets for Vets on most Thursdays.
- Students who have received the grant before may apply online at <https://services.dva.state.wi.us/WDVALogin.aspx>
- Fill out the final application at the end of the semester. The best time to apply is during the last month of classes. Submit that form to UW Student Veteran Services, Room 7207 at 21 N. Park St.. At the end of the school term, Student Veteran Services will automatically confirm your grades and forward your application to the WDVA.
- Checks will be mailed directly to your home.

For more information contact the
Dane County Veteran Service Office
(608) 266-4158

PERSONAL LOAN PROGRAM

Veterans may borrow up to \$5,000 with a guarantor (cosigner) or \$25,000 with a mortgage. Interest begins accruing immediately but repayment on a loan up to \$5,000 may be deferred until the student leaves school.

HEALTH CARE AID

Financial aid for dental care (\$2,500 maximum), vision care (\$500), and hearing care (\$1,500 per ear) is available. The veteran’s household income must be low and liquid assets must be below \$1,000.

OTHER WISCONSIN BENEFITS

- Home Loans
- Home Improvement Loans
- Subsistence Grants
- Wisconsin Veterans Home
- Civil Service Preference for State Jobs

Details on the web: dva.state.wi.us



CONTACTS

DANE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

266-4158
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way
Madison, WI 53713

For assistance with eligibility for Wisconsin veteran benefits and application for all programs. Also handles disability claims and all federal VA programs except GI Bill. Appointments are recommended.

For the convenience of UW students and staff, a representative from the County Veteran Service Office is available for appointments or walk-ins at Vets for Vets on most Thursdays.

STUDENT VETERAN SERVICES

265-4628
Room 7207
21 N. Park St.
GI Bill and tutoring benefits

VETS FOR VETS

263-3456
714 University Ave.
Madison, WI 53715
vets@rso.wisc.edu

Visit our web site at:
vets.studentorg.wisc.edu

Vets for Vets
Guide to

Wisconsin Veterans Benefits

at the UW-Madison

SAVE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE



FREE TUITION

Wisconsin Veterans who were state residents when they entered active duty get FREE tuition at any UW or Wisconsin technical college. Graduate and even Ph.D. students are eligible. There is no income limit and no time limit for veterans.

Dependents of veterans with 30 percent service-connected disabilities attend free. Children must be under age 26. Spouses have at least 10 years from the date of the disability rating.

For more details and the application forms, go to:
dva.state.wi.us/PA_brochures.asp
and download brochure WDVA B0105
or visit your County Veterans Service Office.