



# Minnesota GI Bill

## Online Eligibility Determination for MDVA HEVP Regional Coordinators

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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## Agenda

- Minnesota GI Bill
  - Overview of Program Eligibility Requirements
  - Review of Online Process (Student and School)
  - Questions

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## MN GI Bill Overview Eligibility



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- Student Eligibility – All students must:
  - Be a Minnesota resident for state financial aid purposes
  - Have completed a FAFSA for the financial aid year
  - Be enrolled at a participating institution located in Minnesota
    - undergraduate or graduate student
    - enrolled in an education program leading to a certificate, diploma or degree
  - Be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by the institution for students participating in federal Title IV programs

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- Student Eligibility – All students must (continued):
  - Be in compliance with child support payment requirements under section 136A.121, subdivision 2, clause (5)
  - Not be eligible for benefits under section 135A.52, which means a person who has reached 62 years of age before the beginning of any term, semester or quarter in which a course of study is pursued
    - Changed from 62 to 66 in 2010 legislative session
    - Changed back to 62 in 2011 legislative session effective July 1, 2011

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- Student Eligibility – All students must meet one of three eligible military service definitions:
  - Eligible Veteran
  - Eligible Non-Veteran
  - Eligible Dependent or Spouse of Service Member
- Service Members (Student, Spouse or Parent) must:
  - Be serving or have served honorably in any branch or unit of the United States armed forces at any time; and
  - If not currently serving, been discharged (released from active duty) under honorable conditions (any conditions other than dishonorable)

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- Veteran
  - Meet the definition in Minnesota Statutes 197.447; or
  - Served on active duty for 90 days or more in a foreign country during a ‘time of hostilities’ in that country; or
  - Been awarded any of the following medals: Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, any other campaign medal authorized for service after September 11, 2001; or
  - Received a service related medical discharge during any period of service in a foreign country during a ‘time of hostilities’.

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- Non-Veteran
  - He or she is a non-veteran who has served honorably for a total of five years or more cumulatively as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or any other active or reserve component of the United States armed forces and any part of that service occurred on or after September 11, 2001

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- Eligible Dependent or Spouse
  - Dependent or spouse of service member who has served at any time; and
    - who has died as a direct result of that military service; or
    - who has a total and permanent service-connected disability as rated by the United States Veterans Administration
  - Dependent or spouse must be eligible to receive Chapter 35 or Chapter 33 (as a dependent or spouse) federal education benefits
    - Does not have to be currently receiving Chapter 35 or Chapter 33

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## MN GI Bill Overview Application Process

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- Student Application
  - Available online and in paper form
  - Paper application submitted to financial aid office, MDVA Regional Coordinator or National Guard Education Office can be submitted online on behalf of student but must be retained
- Complete Application includes:
  - Application (online or paper)
  - Verification of military service requirement met
  - FAFSA completed and verification completed, if necessary

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- Deadline – Student must have applied before end of term to receive benefit in that term
  - If application becomes complete later, can receive benefits retroactively back to the term in which the student applied

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- Website and username and password will be sent in a separate notice

MDVA Access

**MDVA Access**

Username:

Password:

Log-In

Enter username and password then, click on 'Log-In'

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## MN GI Bill Online Process – MDVA

Applications View

Show applications...

between  
February 12 2008 and August 12 2013

by aid year  
2014

by last name optional  
 [enter one or more letters]

by ssn optional  
 [enter one or more digits, no hyphen]

by specific institution optional  
All Institutions

Go Log Out

Search for applications by Application Date, Application (Aid) Year, Name, SSN or Institution  
**Note:** Search by MDVA Region will be available in next update

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# MN GI Bill Online Process – MDVA

To update Military Service Requirement Verification, Click on 'go' next to student's name

Student	SSN	DOB	Instr	Date App Submitted	Student is a...	Required Documentation Reviewed by	Lifetime Benefit Disbursed
<input type="button" value="bio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> CROTTEAU / JACKIE M			ALEXANDRIA TECH & COM COL	7/22/2013	Pending...	Pending	\$0
<input type="button" value="bio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> EUBANKS / DAVE			ALEXANDRIA TECH & COM COL	2/17/2013	Veteran	Institution	\$500
<input type="button" value="bio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> LAHR / DAVID A			ALEXANDRIA TECH & COM COL	8/6/2013	Pending...	Pending	\$0
<input type="button" value="bio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> LIEBL / JEFFEY S			ALEXANDRIA TECH & COM COL	4/27/2011	Veteran	Pending	\$0
<input type="button" value="bio"/> <input type="button" value="go"/> YUNGBAUER / COLE J			ALEXANDRIA TECH & COM COL	4/3/2013	Pending...	Pending	\$0

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**Applicants who applied prior to 2013-2014:**  
 'Student is a...' field is pre-populated with status identified by student on application

**Applicants who applied and received disbursement prior to 2013-2014:**  
 the 'Student is a...' and 'Required Documentation Reviewed by' fields have been pre-populated

**All others:** require determination of eligible military service status by MDVA

**Note:** The list of applications report can be copied and pasted in to a spreadsheet or document for review, if needed

# MN GI Bill Online Process – MDVA

Biographic page of applicant provides contact information

**MDVA Biographic**

LAHR, DAVID A • 7/20/1989

Institution: ALEXANDRIA TECH & COM COL Date App Added: 8/6/2013

Address:  
 723 18th ave east  
 Alexandria MN 56308

Phone: 320 293 1325 Email: dlahr02@gmail.com

Student is a...  
 pending  
**Veteran**  
 Non-Veteran  
 Spouse  
 Dependent

Required Documentation Reviewed by: pending

Lifetime Benefit Disbursed: \$0

(1)  
 If military service verification is 'Pending', select appropriate status from drop down box after reviewing documentation



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Alexandria MN 56308

Phone: 320 293 - 1325 Email: dlahr02@gmail.com

Student is a...: pending

Required Documentation Reviewed by: pending

Lifetime Benefit Disbursed: \$0

Buttons: Save, Back to List, Menu, Log Out

(3)  
Click on 'Save' to ensure information is available for institutions to view

(2)  
Select MDVA from Required Documentation Reviewed by section

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MDVA Biographic

**Saved**

LAHR, DAVID A • 7/20/1989

Institution: ALEXANDRIA TECH & COM COL Date App Added: 8/6/2013

Address:  
723 18th ave east  
Alexandria MN 56308

Phone: 320 293 - 1325 Email: dlahr02@gmail.com

Student is a...: Veteran

Required Documentation Reviewed by: MDVA

Lifetime Benefit Disbursed: \$0

Buttons: Save, Back to List, Menu, Log Out

Saved info is viewable to institutions allowing application to be processed for financial eligibility

To update contact information, change address, phone number or email address Then, click on 'Save' button

If other application information (Name, SSN, DOB or Institution) needs to be changed, contact OHE

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