

Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. To apply for admission, please visit [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org). Admission requirements can be found on our web site at <http://admissions.tamucc.edu>.

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 and Post-9/11 GI Bill** benefits and eligibility.

The new GI Bill, the **Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008**, will be effective August 1, 2009. Applications for Chapter 33 are being accepted at this time. For more information, please see: [http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH33/CH33\\_Pamphlet.pdf](http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH33/CH33_Pamphlet.pdf)

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)). Prior to applying, please read the latest update on the **Post-9/11 GI Bill** and contact the **Department of Veterans Affairs (1.888.442.4551, prompts 1 then 0)** to discuss your eligibility. **The election of CH 33 is irrevocable**; the service member or veteran will need to make the best decision on which program benefits them most - staying with the Montgomery GI Bill or electing the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Representatives with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Muskogee, OK are available to counsel members on a comparison of both program benefits. Under a new ruling, it may be possible for members that exhaust the full 36 months of Montgomery GI Bill benefits to qualify for the new GI Bill and receive **up to 12 additional months of benefits, for a total of 48 months**. Please discuss your potential eligibility with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

After submitting your application electronically, you will need to mail your **DD-214 (member 4 copy)** if discharged or retired to: **VA Regional Processing Office, P.O. Box 8888, Muskogee, OK 74402**. **Supporting documentation** may also be submitted, including evidence of an additional MGIB contribution (the extra \$600 contribution made while on active duty) if remaining under Montgomery GI Bill benefits. Please note that the new GI Bill does not pay the buy-up or additional contribution benefit. Reservists should send a **Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) form obtained from the ESO of the unit**. You may also send the **enlistment contract with evidence of a kicker** you may be entitled to. For activated reservists that may be eligible **for REAP, a copy of the NOBE, activation orders, and DD-214, member 4 for periods of active duty** should be submitted. The Department of Veterans Affairs will issue a **Certificate of Eligibility** to the member stating eligibility for the Montgomery or Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits; a copy is needed for your veteran file.

During the application process to A&M-Corpus Christi, you will order transcripts from all schools previously attended. Military transcripts are transmitted to the University electronically, downloaded, and reviewed by the Admissions evaluators for transfer credit. Discharge papers, DD-214, the member 4 copy is also a requirement for the veteran file. Please include your **military transcript** for coursework and military experience that may translate into transfer credits. To request your military transcripts, please specify Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi on the applicable web site:

- 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 **Veteran Intent to Enroll Form** (located online via our web site 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-Corpus Christi 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 **United Student Veteran Organization (USVO)**, a chartered student organization, was formed in the Fall 2008 semester. Veteran students have come together to help veterans transition from military to academic life. Please visit the Veterans Affairs Office to join the organization or contact USVO student members by e-mail on our web site for more information.

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

Thank you for all that you do and for your service to our country,



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