Applying for Benefits at TAMU-CC
All students, new or current, are required to apply for their benefits and re-apply each semester to maintain their benefits. Certain terms and conditions apply as benefits vary. Applicants are subject to verification of qualification criteria. Detailed checklists and forms are available online at vets.tamucc.edu and in the Veterans Affairs Office.

New Student (or first time benefit applicant)

Hazlewood Act Exemption:
1. Apply for admissions or be registered for classes
2. Provide DD214 (original or certified copy)
3. Fill out the application form
4. Supporting documents
   (See Hazlewood Checklist online or pick up a copy at Veterans Affairs Office)

Federal Benefits:
(MGIB, VOCATIONAL REHAB, POST 9/11
GI BILL®, REAP, DEA)
1. Apply for admissions or be registered for classes
2. Provide the Certificate of Eligibility (award letter)
3. Provide DD214 (or proof of active duty service)
4. Fill out Request for Certification and Disclaimer Form

Current Student
1. Fill out a Continued Enrollment Form (Hazlewood applicants) and/or
2. Fill out a Request for Certification Form (Federal benefits applicants)

Contact the Office of Veterans Affairs
vets.tamucc.edu
veterans.affairs@tamucc.edu

Mailing Address
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
6300 Ocean Dr, Unit 5775
Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5775

Veterans Affairs Regional Processing Center
P.O. Box 8888
Muskogee, OK 74402-8888
888-GIBILL1 (888.442.4551)
7 a.m. – 7 p.m. CT/ Monday - Friday

Services Offered:
State of Texas Hazlewood Act Exemption Certification
Department of Veterans Affairs Education Programs
Montgomery GI BILL® CH 30
Vocational Rehabilitation
Post - 9/11 GI BILL® CH 33
Survivors’ and Dependent Assistance CH 35
REAP CH 1606
Tuition Assistance Top Up

Student Services Center, 1st Floor
6300 Ocean Dr, Unit 5775
Corpus Christi, TX 78412-5775
Phone: 361.825.2331
Fax: 361.825.2533
vets.tamucc.edu
**Hazelwood Act Exemption**

A veteran must:

- At the time of entry into active duty have designated Texas as Home of Record or entered the service in Texas.
- Have received an honorable discharge or separation or a general discharge under honorable conditions as indicated on the DD214.
- Have served at least 181 days of active duty service (excluding training).
- Have no federal veteran's education benefits dedicated to the payment of tuition and fees only (such as Chapter 33 or 31), for term or semester enrolled that do not exceed the value of Hazelwood benefits.
- Not be in default on a student loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas.
- Enroll in classes for which the college receives tax support.
- Meet the GPA requirement of the institution's satisfactory academic progress policy in a degree or certificate program as determined by the institution's financial aid policy, and as an undergraduate student, not be considered to have attempted an excessive amount of credit hours.

**Legacy Act (child)**

Eligible veterans may assign unused hours of exemption eligibility to a child under certain conditions.

A child (legacy recipient) must:

- Be classified by the institution as a Texas resident.
- Be the biological child, stepchild, adopted child, or claimed as a dependent in the current or previous tax year.
- Be 25 years old or younger on the first day of the semester or term for which the exemption is claimed.
- Meet the GPA requirement of the institution's satisfactory academic progress policy in a degree or certificate program as determined by the institution's financial aid policy, and as an undergraduate student, not be considered to have attempted an excessive amount of credit hours.
- Only one child will use Hazelwood Legacy benefits at a time.
- Spouses and dependent children of eligible Active Duty, Reserve, and Texas National Guard who died in the line of duty or as a result of injury or illness directly related to military service, are missing in action, or who became totally disabled for purposes of employability as a result of a service-related injury or illness are entitled to each receive 150 credit hours exemption.

**About the Office of Veterans Affairs**

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s Office of Veterans Affairs is proud to serve our veterans and their families. Our mission is to provide information and resources that assist in meeting students’ educational goals. We certify enrollment to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for veterans and family members using their educational benefits in conjunction with the State of Texas Hazelwood Act Exemption.

**Campus Resources**

Students have access to a variety of resources that suit needs from academia to fitness. While not all-inclusive, below you will find TAMU-CC campus resources to assist you.

- **Islander Transition Center**
  Faculty Center suites 134-149

- **Business Office**
  Student Services Center first floor

- **Registrar**
  Student Services Center first floor

- **Academic Student Financial Assistance**
  Student Services Center first floor

- **Center for Academic Student Achievement**
  Glasscock Center (CASA room 101 E)

- **Disability Services**
  Corpus Christi Hall room 116

- **University Counseling Center**
  Driftwood Building After Hours Crisis: 361.825.2703 (press 2 for emergency counselor)

**Post - 9/11 GI Bill®**

For approved programs, the Post-9/11 GI Bill® provides up to 36 months of education benefits, generally payable for 15 years following your release from active duty. The following payments may also be available:

- Monthly housing allowance
- Annual books and supplies stipend
- One-time rural benefit payment

Some service members may also transfer unused GI Bill® benefits to their dependents. The Department of Defense (DoD) determines whether or not you can transfer benefits to your family. Once the DoD approves benefits for transfer, the new beneficiaries apply for them at VA.

**Fry Scholarship**

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) provides Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits to the children and surviving spouses of service members who died in the line of duty while on active duty after September 10, 2001.

**Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance**

The Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance (DEA) program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, or of veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

**Applying for a federal benefit**

1. Apply online today at: [www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/default.asp](http://www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/default.asp)
2. Visit your nearest VA regional office to apply in person
3. Mail in your official application to VA Regional Processing Center in Muskogee, OK

**Non-Resident Waivers**

The office of Veterans Affairs can grant a non-resident tuition waiver. Forms must be completed prior to the beginning of the first semester of enrollment. A residency questionnaire form and supporting documentation must be submitted to Admissions in order to determine residency classification for subsequent enrollment terms. All waivers and questionnaires are due to the respective office on or before the universities census date (12th class date) of full fall or spring term.