

# MILITARY/VETERAN CHECKLIST GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

[gvsu.edu/veterans](https://gvsu.edu/veterans)

## We're here to help you complete your degree.

The Center for Adult and Continuing Studies and the Veterans Network are ready to help you transition from veteran/military service to being a successful student.

If you're unsure about your major or career choice, contact us to meet with an advisor to discuss general academic requirements, understanding new college policies, and degree options to fit your goals. Follow these steps to get started.

## Apply for Admission

- Apply for admission\* at [gvsu.edu/admissions/](https://gvsu.edu/admissions/).
- If needed, request DD-214 Separation papers from the Official Military Personnel File (OMPF).
- Pay the \$30 application fee, or call us to discuss options.
- Request official copies of transcripts from all previous colleges and/or universities attended. High school transcripts are not required if you have 30 college credits or more. Have transcripts sent to the GVSU Admissions Office, 1 Campus Drive, Allendale, MI 49401.
- Request your official military transcripts using the Joint Service Transcripts at <https://jst.doded.mil>. Air Force members can request an official transcript from Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) at [www.airuniversity.af.mil](http://www.airuniversity.af.mil).
- Explore on-campus housing options at [gvsu.edu/livelaker](https://gvsu.edu/livelaker) or call Alison Slusarczyk at (616) 331-2120.

\*If you are a former GVSU student, call the records office at (616) 331-3327 and explain you need to complete a re-entry form. There is no fee.

## Apply for Military and Veteran Benefits

- Apply for the GI Bill benefits online at [ebenefits.va.gov](https://ebenefits.va.gov). Contact the GVSU records office certifying official at [vetrec@gvsu.edu](mailto:vetrec@gvsu.edu) with any questions.
- Visit [military.com](https://military.com) for information on military tuition assistance.
- Call the Michigan National Guard at (517) 481-7640 or email [MINGSTAP@michigan.gov](mailto:MINGSTAP@michigan.gov) for information regarding the state tuition assistance program.
- Contact the Department of Veteran Affairs (888) 442-4551 if you need any additional assistance.
- Contact Cheryl Lillibridge in student accounts, [lillibr@gvsu.edu](mailto:lillibr@gvsu.edu), (616) 331-2209 for questions about federal or Michigan tuition assistance or vocational rehabilitation programs.
- Complete the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) every academic year at [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). If awarded, the Pell Grant will be added to your GI Bill giving you additional money – GVSU school code is 002268.
- Apply for scholarships at [gvsu.edu/scholarships/](https://gvsu.edu/scholarships/).

Grand Valley State University is led by President Thomas J. Haas, a retired United States Coast Guard captain. In addition, GVSU received a gold status from the Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency's Veteran-Friendly School program.

Contact the Center for Adult and Continuing Studies at (616) 331-7180 or [ceinfo@gvsu.edu](mailto:ceinfo@gvsu.edu) for more information.

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