Elgin Community College

Veteran & Military Benefit Activation Form
2025-2026

Please fill out all information in black or blue ink

Name:_____ECC ID or Social Security Number: _____

Semester(check one): ☐ Summer

☐ Fall

☐ Spring

Please specify your status:

☐ New Student (I have never used veteran/military education benefits at ECC)

☐ Returning Student (I have used veteran/military education benefits at ECC in a previous term)

☐ Guest Student (I am taking classes at more than one institution concurrently and have a Parent Letter on file with ECC)

Important Information:

- This form must be submitted to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office each semester in order to activate veteran/military education benefit(s).

- Students must submit a certificate/letter of eligibility for each benefit that they wish to use.

- Students must be registered in their courses before submitting this form.

- Students using GI Bill® Chapters 1606, Chapter 30 and Chapter 35 may need to set up payment arrangements with the Student Accounts Office. These benefits are paid directly to the student and not to the institution.

- Students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to select their courses.

- Students are encouraged to apply for financial assistance at studentaid.gov.

- Students that are using the GI Bill® must contact the VA at 888-442-4551 for questions regarding deposits that are made directly by the VA (monthly payments, housing allowance, book stipends, etc.).

Request for Activation/Certification of Veteran Education Benefits

Student Information

Social Security Number: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Preferred email address: _____

Benefit Information:

Please indicate the benefit(s) that you would like to activate for this term:

Illinois State Benefits:

☐ **Illinois Veteran Grant**

☐ **Illinois National Guard Grant**

☐ **MIA/POW Scholarship**

    • MIA/POW Scholarship Card Number (Required):_____

Important: Students using ISAC grants are responsible for all non-tuition class fees (lab fees, internet fees, etc.)

GI Bill® Benefits:

Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill® - Active Duty

Chapter 31 - Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E; formerly Voc. Rehab)

Chapter 33 - Post 9/11 GI Bill®

Chapter 35 - Dependents Educational Assistance

    • VA File Number (required) _____

    • Qualifying Veteran's First and Last Name _____

Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill® - Selected Reserve

Required for GI Bill® Certification:

Are you requesting certification under a degree program or a certificate? (Please select one below):

Degree:

    Associate in Arts

    Associate in Science

    Associate in Liberal Studies

    Associate in Fine Arts

    Associate in Engineering Science

    Associate in Applied Science in: _____

Certificate/ Name of Certificate: _____:

If you have not yet selected/activated a program, please do so before submitting this form by contacting your advisor or the Registration Office

Important: GI Bill® students using CH. 1606, CH. 35, and CH. 30 may need to set up payment arrangements with the Student Accounts Office. These benefits are paid directly to the student and not to the institution.

Benefit Regulations

GI Bill® Regulations:

- Students must maintain the Financial Aid Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- The GI Bill® will not be certified for: (1) classes that are not required for the respective degree/ certificate program, (2) audited classes, (3) repeated classes for which program grade requirements have been met, (4) remedial courses taught online, (5) continuing education courses, or (6) non-credit courses.
- Students that drop (or are dropped from) a class/classes may be required to make full or partial repayment to both the school and the VA.
- All changes to schedule and cost are updated with the VA within 30 business days.
- Students are responsible for paying any amount that is not paid directly to the institution by the VA.
- Students must communicate directly with the VA about payments that are made to the student.
- Students using GI Bill® chapters that require monthly enrollment verification must verify monthly enrollment to receive payment from the VA.

State Benefit Regulations:

- State funding is not applicable to non-tuition class fees (lab fees, internet fees, instructional fees, etc.).
- The MIA/POW Scholarship covers in-district tuition.
- Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.0 or above for all credits taken at the college.
- The Illinois Veteran Grant and Illinois National Guard Grant will be charged for any courses dropped on or after the 100% refund date for the course. Grant units will be adjusted by ISAC accordingly.
- Students that are using the Illinois National Guard Grant must reapply each year and provide proof of eligibility to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

Certification and Signature

Please check the boxes below:

I have read and understand all of the information presented in this form.

I understand that I am responsible for paying any amount that is not paid directly by my educational benefit(s).

I would like to request the activation of my indicated educational benefit(s) for the respective academic term.

I certify that all of the information reported on this form is complete and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Electronic Signatures will not be accepted