

# VETERAN BENEFITS INFORMATION FORM

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST MIDDLE INIT. LAST

2. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

4. VA File Number: \_\_\_\_\_ [← If a veteran, this is just your SSN]

5. Student's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Which of these describes you?  Veteran  Veteran's Family Member

9. Please list all previous colleges or technical schools that you have attended:

*NOTE: Do **not** check the boxes. The VA Rep will check them off once official transcripts are received.*

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10. Which VA or DoD educational benefit program will you be using?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill®)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 35 (Dependents and Survivors)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill®)            | <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 1606 (Montgomery for reservists)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 31 (Veteran Readiness & Employment) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuition Assistance / "TA" (Active or Reserve) |

11. What major will you pursue at Texarkana College?: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Are you concurrently enrolled at another college this semester?  Yes  No

If "yes," is the **primary** degree you are pursuing at TC, or at the other college?  TC  Other college

College Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and contact info of VA Rep there (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature [type name, if emailed]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# VA BENEFIT CONDITIONS AND “QUIRKS”

By signing this sheet, you indicate that you understand the following requirements, policies, and “quirks” associated with the GI Bill® and related educational benefits through the VA.

## PAYMENT, ATTENDANCE, AND MAJORS

- The VA will **ONLY** pay for courses that apply directly to your degree plan. Anything not on your degree plan is considered an “excessive elective” and can’t count toward your certified hours. If you wish to take an excess elective and want to be paid full time (or receive full-time BAH for students receiving Ch. 33), you must take at least 12 credit hours that will apply to your degree plan that semester.
- **Dropping classes or ceasing attendance will almost always result in you owing money – to the VA, TC, or both.** The VA pays students educational benefits based on attendance. If you drop a class or stop attending, you are no longer entitled to payment, and you may owe the VA a significant debt at the end of the semester. Students using Post-9/11 GI Bill may also owe money back to Texarkana College, since we are required to repay tuition money on your behalf. If you cannot attend, you should **formally drop** in the Admissions Office and **let the VA School Certifying Official (SCO) in the TC Financial Aid Office know the circumstances.** Good communication with your SCO can reduce the likelihood of a large overpayment you will owe back.
- Students using Post-9/11 GI Bill® must attend **over half-time** (at least 7 hours in fall/spring) to receive BAH.
- All students using Post-9/11 GI Bill® students (Chapter 33), Montgomery GI Bill® (Chapter 30 or 1606), any Chapter 35 students working on a certificate program **must certify their own attendance to VA on the last day of each month.** See your VA “Certificate of Eligibility” letter or <https://va.gov> for more information.

## ONLINE & DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES

- Students attending under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® who take all of their coursework online will receive a BAH equal to half the national average. The VA looks at date ranges for in-seat participation – *not* whole semesters.
- Classes labeled as “flex” (FLX) or “hybrid” (HYB) are considered “in-seat” for purposes of BAH. Classes labeled as “web” (WEB), “online on a schedule” (OOS), or “flex” (FLX) are considered “online” for purposes of BAH.
- The VA will pay for developmental courses if testing shows you have a need for them, but **ONLY** if they are taken in-person. Online developmental classes cannot be certified.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS AND “REPEATS”

- **TRANSFER STUDENTS:** The TC Admissions Office must receive **official transcripts** from all prior colleges by the end of your first semester here, or you will not be recertified – no exceptions!
- **Once you have completed a course with a “D” or better, VA will not pay for you to re-take it.** The only exceptions are when a passing grade is absolutely required to advance in your program (ex. developmental classes, some nursing courses).

*\*\*\*I understand and agree to the requirements and policies listed above.\*\*\**

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Signature [type name, if emailed]

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Date

# Veteran/Dependent Statement of Responsibility

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that as a VA educational benefit recipient, it is my responsibility to immediately notify the TC Financial Aid & Veteran Services Office of any change to my enrollment, student status, or address.

Changes that must be reported to school certifying officials include:

- 1. Enrolling In A New Semester of Coursework**
- 2. Changing Your Class Schedule (After Initial Registration)**
- 3. Dropping a Class**
- 4. Withdrawing from Texarkana College**
- 5. Change of Major or Degree**
- 6. Change of Mailing Address**

I agree to fill out any required forms relating to these changes (as requested by TC's school certifying officials) as a condition for continued VA benefit eligibility.

I also acknowledge and understand that my eligibility to continue receiving VA educational benefits at Texarkana College is dependent on meeting the minimum **Satisfactory Academic Progress** (SAP) guidelines this college uses for financial aid. These are our SAP standards:

**Cumulative GPA:** 2.0

**Cumulative Completion:** 67%

**Time Frame (Max Credits):** Total credits attempted at Texarkana College should not exceed 150% of credits necessary to graduate under current degree plan

Failure to maintain GPA or completion standards over two consecutive semesters will result in VA benefits being suspended, and exceeding "max credits" results in immediate suspension. However, suspension appeals may be considered if the student had good cause. SAP is monitored and enforced solely by Texarkana College and cannot be appealed to VA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature [type name, if emailed]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*TC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Human Resources Director, 2500 N. Robison Rd., Texarkana, TX, 75599, (903) 823-3017, [human\\_resources@texarkanacollege.edu](mailto:human_resources@texarkanacollege.edu)