



## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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If you're a full-time or  $\frac{3}{4}$ -time student in a college degree program, or a vocational or professional program, you can “earn while you learn” with a VA work-study allowance.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The VA work-study allowance is available to students training under the following programs:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill--(38 U.S.C. chapter 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill--Active Duty (38 U.S.C. chapter 30)
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (10 U.S.C. chapter 1607)
- Montgomery GI Bill--Selected Reserve (10 U.S.C. chapter 1606)
- Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (38 U.S.C. chapter 32)
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (38 U.S.C. chapter 35)
- Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (38 U.S.C. chapter 31)

VA will select students for the work-study program based on:

- Ability of the student to complete the work-study contract before the end of his or her eligibility to education benefits
- Job availability within normal commuting distance to the student
- Availability of VA-related work in the area

Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



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VA will give the highest priority to a Veteran who has a service-connected disability or disabilities rated by VA at 30% or more.

### **How Much Will I Earn?**

You'll earn an hourly wage equal to the Federal minimum wage or your State minimum wage, whichever is greater. If you're in a work-study job at a college or university your school may pay you the difference between the amount VA pays and the amount the school normally pays other work-study students doing the same job as you.

You may work during or between periods of enrollment. You can arrange with VA to work any number of hours you want during your enrollment. The total number of hours you work can't be more than 25 times the number of weeks in your enrollment period.

### **How Do I Get Paid?**

You may elect to be paid in advance for 40 percent of the number of hours in your work-study agreement, or for 50 hours, whichever is less. After you've completed the hours covered by your first payment, VA will pay you each time you:

1. complete 50 hours of service, or
2. once a month, whichever comes first

The supervisor of the work-study student should submit a time card to the VA to report the hours worked. The final time card may be for less than 50 hours if less than 50 hours remain to complete the contract, or if the claimant stops performing services before the completion of the contract.

### **What Type of Work May I Do?**

Services you perform under a VA work-study program must be related to VA work.

Examples of acceptable work are:

- Processing VA paperwork at schools
- Any activity at a VA facility
- An activity at a State Veterans agency

The work you actually do will depend on your interests and the type of work available.



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## How Do I Apply?

[You can download a copy of the application form HERE.](#)

You can also contact the Regional Processing Office which handles your claim.

[To locate your Regional Processing Office click here.](#)

For More Information, Call Toll-Free 1-800-827-1000 or Visit Our Web Site at <http://www.va.gov>

