



## Getting Started as a Student Veteran at Lewis and Clark

*The following recommendations are designed to help students complete the initial steps necessary to receive VA Educational Benefits. Please contact our VA Certifying Official, Sarah Albright, at [salbright@lc.edu](mailto:salbright@lc.edu) or (618) 468-5312, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your VA Education Benefits.*

**STEP 1:** Apply for your VA Educational benefits at <https://www.va.gov/education/>

For **GI Bill®** specific questions, please call the VA Education Division directly at:  
**1-888-GI-BILL-1 (or 1-888-442-4551)**

**STEP 2:** Complete a **FAFSA** (Federal Application for Federal Student Aid) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Veteran students who are eligible for Federal Financial Aid can also receive the VA benefits.

**STEP 3:** Complete an LC application at: <https://www.lc.edu/prospective-students/index.html> and clicking “Apply to L&C”.

**STEP 4:** If you have attended any other schools, submit official school transcripts to:  
**Lewis & Clark Community College**  
**Enrollment Center, BA 1450**  
**5800 Godfrey Rd**  
**Godfrey, IL 62035**

If applicable, request military transcripts through the Joint Service Transcript System at  
<https://jst.doded.mil/official.html>

**STEP 5:** Schedule an appointment for **Advising and Orientation** by contacting Lewis and Clark’s Enrollment Center at (618) 468-2222 or [enroll@lc.edu](mailto:enroll@lc.edu).

**STEP 6:** Complete the required paperwork to start using your **VA Educational Benefits** on the Veterans Education Benefits webpage: [www.lc.edu/vet-benefits](http://www.lc.edu/vet-benefits)

If eligible for the **Illinois Veterans Grant** or the **Illinois National Guard Grant**, complete the application online by selecting “Program Applications & Status Checks” at: <https://studentportal.isac.org/>. Turn in your Eligibility Letter by uploading through the **Required Documents for New LC Veterans link** (located here: [www.lc.edu/vet-benefits](http://www.lc.edu/vet-benefits)) once received.

If you are a dependent and eligible for the State of Illinois **MIAPOW Scholarship**, please apply here: <https://studentportal.isac.org/>. Turn in your Eligibility Letter by uploading through the **Required Documents for New LC Veterans link** ([www.lc.edu/vet-benefits](http://www.lc.edu/vet-benefits)) once received.

**The required documents for NEW LC Veterans & Dependents are:**

- Service Member's DD214 *Member 4*
- Your VA Certificate of Eligibility Letter
- IVG / ING / MIAPOW Eligibility Letter/Card (if applicable)
- Notice of Basic Eligibility (***for those in the National Guard and Reservists only***)
- [Signed Veteran's Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards Form](#)
- [Previous Education Form](#)
- [Certification Request Form \(Must submit every semester\)](#)
- [IVG Responsibility Form \(IVG only\)](#)
- Proof of Illinois Residency (**IVG only**)
- Your Semester Schedule (Must submit every semester)
- Change in Place of Training or Program Form (if applicable)

**VA education benefit related forms can be submitted electronically on the Veterans Education Benefits webpage ([www.lc.edu/vet-benefits](http://www.lc.edu/vet-benefits)) or paper forms are available in the Financial Aid Office, Baldwin 2450.**

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