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Getting Started as a Student Veteran at Lewis & Clark

*The following recommendations are designed to help students complete the initial steps necessary to receive Veterans Education Benefits. **Please feel free to contact our VA Certifying Official if you have any questions or concerns at (618) 468-5312 or salbright@lc.edu.***

STEP 1: Apply for your VA Education benefits at <https://www.vets.gov/education/apply/>. If you have trouble determining what GI Bill to use, 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 <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. Veteran students who are eligible for Federal Financial Aid can also receive the VA benefits.

STEP 3: Complete an LC application at <http://www.lc.edu/applying/>, by clicking "Apply Online."

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>. If in the Air Force, requests transcripts from the Community College of the Air Force at <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/>)*

STEP 5: Schedule an appointment for Placement Testing and Orientation by calling Lewis & Clark's Enrollment Center, 618-468-2222. The Enrollment Center is located in Baldwin Hall, Room 1450. More information can be found at; https://www.lc.edu/New_Student_Checklist/.

STEP 6: Visit the Financial Aid Office located in Baldwin 2450 to complete and/or turn in required paperwork to start using your VA Educational Benefits. Office forms can be emailed to finaid@lc.edu or faxed to 618-468-2210.

The required documents for NEW LC veterans & dependents are:

The following documents can be completed, signed and/or submitted electronically through [Required Documents for New VA Recipients](#).

- Service Member's DD214 if discharged from Active Duty
- Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) (Reserves and/or National Guard)
- VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) Letter
 - *You will receive your COE from the VA after your application for VA Educational Benefits has been processed.*
- Semester Schedule (submit every semester)

The following forms can be completed, signed and submitted electronically through the DocuSign links below:

- [Signed Veteran's Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards Form](#)
- [Previous Education Form](#)
- [Certification Request Form](#) (complete and submit every semester)
- [Change in Place of Training or Program Form 22-1995](#) (if transferring from a different school.)
- [Dependent of Veteran Change in Place of Training or Program Form 22-5495](#) (if transferring from a different school.)

If eligible, apply for State of Illinois grants for Veterans, National Guard, and Dependents (*has specific eligibility requirements*) through the links below:

Submit your Eligibility Letters to our VA School Certifying Official in the Financial Aid office, BA 2450. Eligibility Letters can also be emailed to finaid@lc.edu or faxed to (618) 468-2210.

Illinois Veterans Grant (IVG)

New IVG recipients please complete and submit the IVG Responsibility Form electronically through the DocuSign link below:

- [IVG Responsibility Form](#)

Illinois National Guard Grant (ING)

- [National Guard Annual Eligibility Letter](#)

Illinois MIA/POW Scholarship

For Dependents of veterans with service related injuries; see specific guidelines and the application process through the link below.

<https://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/benefits/Pages/education.aspx>