

# STUDENT VETERAN CHECKLIST

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**Mission:** This guide was designed to assist you in your transition from military service to the New York Film Academy. Please ensure that you carefully review this checklist and address each item.

## I. VA Education Benefits:

Contact the VA Education Office at 1-888-442-4551 to understand which VA educational benefit programs you are eligible for, and which suit your specific needs.

The following items listed below on this checklist need to be completed to ensure the proper processing of your VA GI Bill benefits.

- Complete the application for Education Benefits (VA Form 22-1990) or (VA Form 22-1990e) if you are applying to use Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferred benefits. This form can be completed online at [www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov](http://www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov) (Please print a copy of the application for your records)
- Apply for admission to the New York Film Academy
  - **Please note that any veteran or eligible persons not fully covered by 100% of the Post-9/11 GI Bill will receive a 15% tuition discount.**
  - At the Los Angeles campus, most degree courses, programs and workshops are approved for GI Bill benefits. The LA campus also participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program if you are 100% eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.
  - **Please see all admissions requirements and applications: <http://www.nyfa.edu/downloads/>**
- Complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA): [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). **\*NYFA's school code is: "041188"** For questions regarding financial aid please contact our financial aid team at 818 295 2020 or [financialaid@nyfa.edu](mailto:financialaid@nyfa.edu).
- Upon admission to the New York Film Academy (CA), please submit your DD 214, Certificate of Eligibility (COE), and if applicable, your Change of Place of Training Form if you are transferring your benefits from another school (22-1995 veterans, 22-5495 dependents).
- You will have a mandatory "veterans" orientation prior to starting your program. Please submit the Veterans Certification Worksheet (see Registrars office) to the Office of Veterans Services indicating that you would like to use your GI Bill benefits. **This form must be submitted each term you are enrolled, your GI BILL benefits will not be certified to VA until this form is submitted.**
- **IMPORTANT**
  - Contact the NYFA Veterans Office immediately if there are any changes in your enrollment status, including adding courses, dropping courses, withdrawing or receiving incomplete grades to not incur personal charges
  - If using Chapters 30, 1606, 1607 you need to verify attendance every month, which can be done by phone (877) 823-2378 or online: <https://www.gibill.va.gov/>
  - **If you are on Active Duty when you apply for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, please make sure to mail/fax the VA a copy of your DD214 when you separate from the military.**

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## II. Health Care:

We recommend that all student-veterans have some form of health care. The VA provides enhanced enrollment opportunity and **five years of cost-free health care** to veterans who served in a theater of combat operations, for any injury or illness associated with this service (you must be discharged/separated).

- **VA Treatment of Non-Combat Related Conditions:** Veterans who experience non-service connected illness/injuries post deployment may be charged a co-pay at VA for treatment of these conditions ie: flu, colds, auto accident.
- **Non-Combat Veterans:** Veterans who have not deployed to a Combat Theatre of Operations may be eligible to enroll in VA Health Care and should contact the VA for more info.
- **Here is some helpful information to get you started:**
  - **General VA healthcare info:** <http://www.va.gov/health/aca/NonEnrolledVeterans.asp>
  - **Health Benefits Explorer** – see what you rate: [http://hbexplorer.vacloud.us/?utm\\_campaign=Health-Benefits-Explorer&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_source=ACA](http://hbexplorer.vacloud.us/?utm_campaign=Health-Benefits-Explorer&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=ACA)
  - **Apply for Benefits:** <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov>
  - **Los Angeles Area VA Medical Center**  
11301 Wilshire Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90073  
Phone: (310) 478-3711

## III. Financial Wellness:

A critical life-skill that many student veterans struggle with is financial literacy and wellness. This can be a serious stress and has caused student veterans to drop out of school, or graduate with too much debt. While you can always find resources through the Veterans Services Office, you can also find help here:

- Free Online Financial Courses from Wells Fargo: <http://www.handsonbanking.org/financial-education/hands-on-banking-for-adults/>
- <http://www.veteransplus.org>
- <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/pfm>

## IV. Making the Transition:

Often times the transition to college can present a wide range of issues for veterans. To get a better idea of the most common transition issues with student vets:

- <http://counseling.uoregon.edu/dnn/SelfhelpResources/VeteranStudents/IssuesFacedwhenTransitioningtoCampus/tabid/355/Default.aspx>

Another great place to learn more, as well as watch videos of other vets talking about their student experience, and find resources: <http://maketheconnection.net/events/students-higher-education>

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## V. Veterans Service Office

The New York Film Academy's Office of Veterans Services can assist you in your transition to civilian and campus life. We are accredited and available to assist you with all of your VA benefits along with community, state, and federal contacts and resources. Please contact our Office of Veterans Services for assistance. The Veterans Service Office is located at 3300 Riverside Drive, Burbank, CA 91505.

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