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## **NEW VA STUDENTS CHECKLIST**

☐ Apply to Angelina College
☐ Complete FAFSA (optional)
☐ Complete TSI testing (waived if honorably discharged)
☐ Provide Bacterial Meningitis Vaccine Record (waived if over 22 years old)
☐ Complete New Student Orientation
☐ Forms to turn in to VA Coordinator
☐ Personal Data Sheet - Signed
☐ Education Benefits Guidelines - Signed
□ DD 214
☐ Certificate of Eligibility
☐ Kicker Paperwork
□ NOBE (1606 Veteran)
☐ Official Transcript from all Prior Colleges
☐ Military Transcript
☐ Community College of the Air Force - Student goes online and request that
transcript be sent to Angelina College's records office
☐ JST - Army (jst.doded.mil)
☐ JST - Navy/Marine (jst.doded.mil)

\*If you are going to utilize Hazlewood veteran benefits to pay for school, you MUST complete the Hazlewood application and provide the documents required for that as well.



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## **PERSONAL DATA SHEET**

Name:		Student ID:			
Last First MI					
SSN:			DOB:		
Mailing Addres	s:				
Street					
	City		State	Zip Code	 e
Phone Number:			Email Address:		
When will you l	oe enrolling in	Angelina Co	llege?		
Majore				nester/Year	
			; Cert-Police Ac	ademv: etc.)	
VA representative.  Name of College/Univ	ersity	City/	State	Dates Attended	Degree
				ible for	
□Chapter 30 (MGIB)			efits are you eligopendants) $\Box$	Chapter 1606 (Reserve)	
☐ Chapter 1607(REAP)	) □Chapte	er 33 <u> </u> % (Po	st 9/11)		
□ Chapter 31 (VocReh	ab) 🗆 Hazlev	vood			
Are you in default on a	school loan? [	□ Yes □ No 🏻	□ N/A		
Signature				Date	



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## **VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS GUIDELINES**

As a student attending Angelina College while receiving veterans educational benefits, I agree to the following guidelines:

- 1. I understand that Angelina College must comply with all Veterans Administration regulations and guidelines concerning the use of VA education benefits.
- 2. I will consult with the VA certifying official prior to registration to assure that the courses selected are approved for my degree program and are in compliance with VA regulations.
- 3. I understand that all courses taken <u>must be approved</u> for my <u>specified degree program</u> if I want those hours to count towards the VA educational benefits to which I may be entitled.
- 4. I understand that <u>I will not receive</u> VA educational benefits <u>to repeat a course in which I have already received a passing grade.</u>
- 5. I understand that the only remedial or developmental courses covered by VA educational benefits are those determined to be required as a result of official test scores.
- 6. I will promptly notify the Angelina College VA certifying official of any changes in my schedule and/or degree program.
- 7. I understand that <u>failure</u> to comply with these procedures and to communicate with the Angelina College VA certifying official when needed can result in an <u>overpayment and/or loss of educational benefits</u> which will be my personal responsibility to deal within a timely and appropriate manner.

Signature of Student	Date
Signature of VA Certifying Official	Date



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### **CHANGES IN ENROLLMENT**

#### **Grades You Receive**

VA can't pay benefits for courses that don't count toward your graduation requirements. If your school reports that you received a grade that doesn't count toward your graduation, you may have to repay all VA benefits that were paid for the course.

Examples of when you MAY need to repay VA benefits:

- An "I" grade for an incomplete which is not made up during the time period required by your school or within 1 year from receipt, whichever is earlier
- A "W" or other grade for withdrawing
- An "AU" or other grade for auditing

#### If You Withdraw

If you withdraw from one or more courses after the end of your school's drop period and receive grades that don't count toward your graduation requirements, you may have to repay all VA benefits paid for the course from the beginning of the term.

You may not have to repay VA benefits if you show that the change was due to reasons beyond your control. The reasons must be unavoidable and unexpected events that directly interfered with your enrollment.

Examples of reasons we **MAY** accept:

- Extended illness
- Severe illness or death in your immediate family
- Unscheduled changes in your employment
- Lack of child care

Examples of reasons we **MAY NOT** accept:

- Withdrawal to avoid a failing grade
- Dislike of the instructor
- Too many courses attempted

<sup>\*</sup> Generally you do not have to repay benefits for a failing grade.

<sup>\*</sup>You need to send us evidence to support your reasons.

Department of Veterans Affairs  VA BENEFITS IN BE	RIEF
BENEFITS	WHERE TO APPLY
<ul> <li>Disability Benefits</li> <li>Compensation. VA can pay you monthly <i>compensation</i> if you are at least 10% disabled as a result of your military service.</li> <li>Pension. VA can pay you a <i>pension</i> if you are a wartime veteran with limited income and you are permanently and totally disabled or are 65 or older.</li> </ul>	Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov
<ul> <li>Montgomery GI Bill. Persons who first entered active duty after June 30, 1985, and contributed to an education fund are generally eligible. Some Vietnam Era veterans and certain veterans separated under special programs are also eligible. The bill also includes a program for certain reservists and National Guard members.</li> <li>Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP/Chapter 1607) is available to persons who were activated under Federal authority for a contingency operation and served 90 continuous days or more after September 11, 2001.</li> <li>Post-9/11 GI Bill. Available to those who served on or after September 11, 2001. It pays tuition and fees up to the most expensive, public, in-state undergraduate program rate, provides a monthly housing allowance, and a stipend for books and supplies. It also provides an option for servicemembers to transfer benefits to a spouse or child.</li> <li>Survivors' &amp; Dependents' Educational Assistance is available to some family members of certain disabled or deceased veterans.</li> </ul>	Any VA Office or call 1-888-442-4551 or visit www.gibill.va.gov
Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment  The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service provides outreach, motivation, evaluation, counseling, training, employment, and other rehabilitation services to service-connected disabled veterans. Vocational and educational counseling, as well as the evaluation of abilities, aptitudes, and interests are provided to veterans and servicepersons. Counseling, assessment, education programs and, in some cases, rehabilitation services are available to the spouse and children of totally and permanently disabled veterans as well as to the surviving spouse and children of certain veterans.  Vocational training and rehabilitation services are available to children with spina bifida having one or both parents who served in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War, or served in certain military units, in or near the demilitarized zone in Korea, between September 1, 1967, and August 31, 1971.	Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov
Home Loan Guaranty  VA guarantees loans to eligible servicemembers, veterans, reservists, and certain surviving spouses to purchase a home, condominium or manufactured home, and for refinancing purposes. The loans are actually made by private lenders but the VA guaranty generally means the lender will not require any down payment.	Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit <u>www.va.gov</u>
<ul> <li>Dependents' and Survivors' Benefits</li> <li>Disability and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is payable to survivors of:</li> <li>Servicemembers who died on active duty         Veterans who died from service-related disabilities</li> <li>Certain veterans who were being paid 100% VA disability compensation at time of death</li> <li>Death Pension is payable to some surviving spouses and children of deceased wartime veterans. The benefit is based on financial need.</li> <li>VA Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA) shares the cost of medical services for eligible dependents and survivors of certain veterans.</li> </ul>	Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit www.va.gov
Medical Treatment  • Hospital, outpatient medical, dental, pharmacy and prosthetic services  • Domiciliary, nursing home, and community-based residential care  • Sexual trauma counseling  • Specialized health care for women veterans  • Health and rehabilitation programs for homeless veterans	Any VA Medical Facility or call 1-877-222-8387 or visit www.va.gov

BENEFITS (Continued)	WHERE TO APPLY		
MEDICAL TREATMENT (Continued)			
<ul> <li>Readjustment counseling</li> <li>Alcohol and drug dependency treatment</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Medical evaluation from military service exposure to Agent Orange, radiation, or other environmental hazards, including service in the Gulf War</li> <li>Combat Veterans -         VA provides free health care for veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998, for any illness possibly related to their service in that theater.         Time Limits -             You have five years from date of discharge from active duty, if you were discharged from active duty on or after January 28, 2003. You have until January 27, 2011, if you were discharged from active duty before January 28, 2003, and were not enrolled as of January 28, 2008.     </li> </ul>	Any VA Medical Facility or call 1-877-222-8387 or visit www.va.gov		
LIFE INSURANCE			
• Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) is low-cost life insurance for servicemembers (active duty and reservists). It is available in \$50,000 increments up to a maximum of \$400,000. SGLI coverage begins when you enter service or change duty status and expires 120 days after you get out of the service. Totally disabled members can apply for up to two years of free SGLI coverage following discharge.			
• Traumatic Injury Protection under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) is a traumatic injury protection rider under Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) that provides for payment to any member of the uniformed services covered by SGLI who sustains a traumatic injury that results in severe losses. TSGLI is retroactive for members who sustain a qualifying loss as a direct result of injuries incurred on or after October 7, 2001, through November 30, 2005, in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, regardless of whether they had SGLI coverage. TSGLI pays a benefit of between \$25,000 and \$100,000 depending on the loss directly resulting from the traumatic injury. In order for a veteran to qualify for a TSGLI payment, they must have incurred a qualifying loss as a result of a traumatic event that occurred while they were in service.	Any VA Office or call 1-800-419-1473 or visit		
• Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI) is lifetime renewable term life insurance for veterans. It is available in \$10,000 increments up to \$400,000 but not for more than the amount of SGLI coverage you had in force at the time of your separation from service. Premiums are age-based and if you apply within 120 days following separation, no health questions are asked. Thereafter, you have one year to apply but must be in good health. Those on the two-year disability extension are automatically converted to VGLI at the end of the two-year period.	www.va.gov		
• Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (FGLI) is life insurance that automatically covers the spouse and children of servicemembers insured under SGLI. Spousal coverage is available up to a maximum of \$100,000, but may not exceed the servicemember's coverage amount. Dependent children are covered for \$10,000 for which there is no cost.			
<ul> <li>Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance, also called "RH" insurance, is life insurance for veterans who receive a service-connected disability rating of 0% or more from the Department of Veterans Affairs. S-DVI provides a maximum of \$10,000 of basic coverage. If your premium payments for the basic policy are waived due to total disability, then you may be eligible for a supplemental policy of up to \$20,000. You must apply within two years from the date you are notified of your service-connected disability for basic coverage.</li> <li>Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI) is a life insurance program that provides coverage on the home mortgages of severely disabled veterans who receive a Specially-Adapted Housing grant. VMLI provides a maximum of \$90,000 of mortgage insurance payable directly to the mortgage lender for an outstanding mortgage. Coverage is available on new, existing, refinanced, and second mortgages.</li> </ul>	Any VA Office or call 1-800-669-8477 or visit www.va.gov		
BURIAL BENEFITS			
<ul> <li>Headstone or Marker. VA can furnish a monument to mark the grave of an eligible veteran.</li> <li>Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC). VA can provide a PMC for eligible recipients.</li> <li>Burial Flag. VA can provide an American flag to drape an eligible veteran's casket.</li> <li>Reimbursement for Burial Expenses. Generally, VA can pay a burial allowance of \$2,000 for veterans who died of service-related causes. For certain other veterans, VA can pay \$300 for burial and funeral expenses and \$300 for a plot.</li> <li>Burial in a VA National Cemetery. Most veterans and some dependents may be buried in a VA national cemetery.</li> </ul>	Any VA Office or call 1-800-827-1000 or visit <u>www.va.gov</u>		
Eligibility Requirements and Time Limits Each benefit has its own eligibility requirements and a Contact the VA offices in the "Where to Apply" column for specific information.	time limits.		



## Texas Hazlewood Act Exemption Application Supporting Documentation Instructions

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## To apply for the Texas Hazlewood Act Exemption, you must <u>submit the following documents</u> to your college or university:

- 1. **The Hazlewood Exemption Application** (completed and signed). For a <u>tutorial</u> on completing the application, visit: <a href="http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Hazlewood-Act.aspx">http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Hazlewood-Act.aspx</a>.
- 2. Report of Separation or Discharge, DD Form 214 (and DD Form 215 if the DD Form 214 has been amended) To verify the Veteran's place of entry, home of record at the time of entry, character of service, length of service, and dates of service. The copy you provide to your institution must be legible and contain the information listed above.

A DD Form 214 may be obtained from the National Archives: http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.

If the Veteran was discharged prior to January 1, 1950 previously used separation documents may be used. If the Veteran's DD Form 214 was destroyed in the National Archives fire in 1973 or is otherwise unavailable, then the following documents may be used:

- NA Form 13038, Certification of Military Service
- Documentation from the National Archives that the Veteran's NA Form 13038 was sent in lieu of the DD Form 214 due to the DD Form 214 not being on file
- Documentation that Veteran met the requirements of Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Texas Education Code for resident tuition on the date of entry into active duty indicated on the DD Form 214
- 3. **Certificate of Eligibility for federal GI Bill benefits** To verify eligibility for the Veteran's, or dependent's federal education benefits. Certificates of eligibility may be obtained by completing an application on the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) website at <a href="https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp">https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp</a>.
  - If the Veteran's final discharge is prior to 9/11/2001 the certificate of eligibility is not required.
- 4. **If the Veteran died while in service: Report of Casualty, Form DD Form 1300** To verify the Veteran's place of entry or home of record, and that his/her death was service related.
- If the Veteran is deceased (not service connected) Death Certificate for deceased Veteran for use in a Legacy transfer.
- 6. If the Veteran is totally disabled or individually unemployable due to military service-related illness or injury: You must have a current (within one year) disability ratings decision letter from the VA indicating that rating.
- 7. If you are not the Veteran, **Relationship Documentation** Submit one or more of the following documents to verify your relationship to the eligible Veteran.
  - Birth Certificate, or Marriage Certificate, or Adoption Papers, or Recent IRS Tax Transcript: https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript.
- 8. Veterans must reside in the state of Texas during the term that the exemption will be used.
  - Children and spouse of eligible Veterans must be classified as a Texas resident by their institution.
- 9. **Hazlewood Online Database Registration** To comply with the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requirements, all applicants (Veteran and dependents) must register into the Hazlewood online database to use the Hazlewood Exemption at <a href="https://hazlewood.tvc.texas.gov/students/">https://hazlewood.tvc.texas.gov/students/</a>.



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For (Term) at (Institution	on)			
*Submit this application to your college or university, not to the Texas Veterans Commission*				
Each Veteran, child, or spouse applying to receive an exemption through the Hazlewood Act, (Texas Education Code §54.341) must complete and sign this application and provide the institution with the documentation required to verify eligibility as indicated in this packet. Submit this application and all supporting documentation to your institution's Hazlewood Act Exemption administrator.				
I am applying as (check only one):  [ ] a Veteran intending to use the Hazlewood Exemp [ ] a child intending to receive a Legacy transfer of b [ ] a child of a totally disabled, service-related dece [ ] a spouse of a totally disabled, service-related dece I am (check only one): [ ] an applicant applying for the first time; or [ ] a previous Hazlewood recipient who has used Total prior hours used: Veteran, Legacy (trans	enefits ( <i>Complete Parts A-E</i> ) ased, KIA, or MIA Veteran ( <i>Complete Parts A-D</i> ) ceased, KIA, or MIA Veteran ( <i>Complete Parts A-D</i> ) hours at institution(s).			
Part A – Veteran's Information				
Veteran's Name:  Last Name  Veteran's SSN:  Veteran's Student ID# (if applicable):  Address:	Date of Birth:/(MM/DD/YYYY)			
Phone Number:	City State Zip Code Email address:			
Part B – Other User Information				
Relationship to Veteran:  [ ] Biological Child [ ] Step-child [ ] Adop	ted Child [] IRS Dependent [] Spouse			
Child's/Spouse's Name:	First Name MI			
Child's/Spouse's SSN: Child's/Spouse's Student ID# : (if applicable) Permanent Address:	Date of Birth:/(MM/DD/YYYY)			
Phone Number:	City State Zip Code Email address:			
Part C – Loan Verification				
To qualify for the Hazlewood Exemption, the Veteran, cl made or guaranteed by the state of Texas. State loans can	·			
Does the Veteran, child or spouse have a loan through the [] Yes [] No  If yes, is the loan in default status?  [] Yes [] No [] Not Ap	e Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board?			



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#### Part D - Veteran, Child, and Spouse Certification and Consent

The Texas Hazlewood Act Exemption entitles eligible persons to an exemption of tuition and specified fees of up to 150 semester credit hours at public institutions of higher education in Texas. Except for recipients who are the spouse or children of eligible Veterans killed in action, missing in action, or whose death resulted from a service-related injury or illness; all other Hazlewood recipients meet the grade point average satisfactory academic progress requirements and other requirements of Texas Education Code §54.2001.

I grant permission to any institution I have enrolled in or intend to enroll in to release credit hour information pertaining to my enrollment to the Texas Veterans Commission and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and further grant permission to the Commission and Board to share such information with any institution that I might attend. I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that if I have provided inaccurate, incomplete, or untrue information on this application, I may be required to reimburse the institution for tuition, fees, and penalties pertaining to the Hazlewood Exemption.

Hazlewood Exemption.	
Veteran's Signature:	Date:
(Veteran's signature is not required if the eligible Veteran is totally disabled, ser	rvice-related deceased, MIA, or KIA.)
Child's/Spouse's Signature:	Date:
(If applicable.)	
*Submit this application to your college or universi	ty, not to the Texas Veterans Commission*
Part E – Legacy Child Certification and Consent	
The Texas Hazlewood Exemption allows eligible Veterans exemption, up to 150 semester credit hours, to a child wh term. Legacy recipients will receive an exemption for the nuspecific degree or certificate program he or she is enrolled the school catalog as approved by the regional accreditate grade point average satisfactory academic progress require Code §54.2001. Assigned hours may be revoked by the Veteral catalog as approved by the regional accreditate grade point average satisfactory academic progress required catalog as approved by the regional accreditate grade point average satisfactory academic progress required catalog as approved by the regional accreditate grade point average satisfactory academic progress required catalog as approved by the veteral catalog as appr	o is 25 years old or younger on the first day of the umber of degree certified hours associated with the in consistent with the program length as defined in commission. Legacy recipients must meet the ements and other requirements of Texas Education
I (Veteran) waive the	
Exemption and grant permission to transfer those unuse	
§54.341(k) (Legacy Act) to my eligible child, (child)	
current term and historic credit hour information to the Education Coordinating Board to determine the balance Commission and Board to share such data with any instituti	Texas Veterans Commission and the Texas Higher of my unused hours. I grant permission for the
that only one eligible person may use my hours for a partiprovided is true and correct. I understand that if I fail to preimburse the institution and penalties may be imposed.	icular term. I hereby certify the information I have
Veteran's Signature:	Date:
* If the qualifying Veteran is deceased, the Veteran's Designee ( <i>Print Name</i> ) may sign above in Veteran's place*	
Veteran's Child's Signature:	Date:
*Submit this application to your college or universi	ty, not to the Texas Veterans Commission*