

Military / Veterans

Ranger College is proud to be able to serve the educational needs of military veterans and their families. All veteran education benefits are accepted. All degree programs listed in our catalog are approved for the use of VA educational benefits. Veterans are welcomed and encouraged to communicate to the Veterans Counselor, any special circumstances of disability accommodations you may need.

Military veterans who will be new students or will be transferring to Ranger College need to complete all applicable items and documents needed by the RC Veteran's Office (Financial Aid). You can submit all documents and correspondence to fin-aid@rangercollege.edu

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This section of the VA website has more info about the trademark: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Trademark Terms of Use.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Trademark_Terms_of_Use.asp)

The Office of Veteran Affairs is available to assist with:

- Montgomery GI Bill® (Chapter 30)
- Veteran Readiness and Employment. (Chapter 31)
- GI Bill® (Chapter 33)
- Dependent's and Survivor's Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35)
- Montgomery GI Bill® for Selective Reserves (Chapter 1606)
- Hazlewood Act

Prior to receiving financial education benefits, you will be required to provide:

- Application for Benefits
- DD-214 (Separation Papers)
- Military Transcripts
- All Previous College Transcripts
- Degree Plan from Ranger College Advisor
- NOBE - DD Form 2384 - NG/Reserves

Important Information: Under the new regulations of the GI Bill® (Chapter 33), beginning August 1st, 2009, Active-Duty Personnel will have the opportunity to transfer benefits to dependents. Additional documents will be required. Please contact Mr. Don Hilton or the Ranger College Financial Aid office for more information.

Chapters 30, 32, 1606 or 1607

1. Veterans who wish to use their VA educational benefits for the first time should apply online at <https://www.va.gov/education/> and complete a Form 22-1990, *Application for Educational Benefits*, to receive a Certificate of Eligibility.

2. If educational benefits have previously been used complete a Form 22-1995, *Change of Program or Place of Training*, online at <https://www.va.gov/education/> to receive a Certificate of Eligibility.
3. Submit the following items to the Ranger College Financial Aid Office:
 - Certificate of Eligibility
 - Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (DD-214)
 - Official academic transcripts from previously attended colleges and/or universities
 - VA Degree Plan. Degree plans are done by Stephanie Worrels, Gabe Lewis, or the Head of the Department for the degree or certificate you are pursuing.
 - [VA Request for Certification Sheet](#)

Chapter 33

1. Veterans who wish to use their VA educational benefits for the first time should apply online at <https://www.va.gov/education/> and complete a Form 22-1990, *Application for Educational Benefits*, to receive a Certificate of Eligibility.
2. If educational benefits have been previously used, complete a Form 22-1995, *Change of Program or Place of Training*, online at <http://www.gibill.va.gov> to receive a Certificate of Eligibility.
3. Submit the following items to the Ranger College Financial Aid Office:
 - Certificate of Eligibility
 - Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (DD-214)
 - Official academic transcripts from previously attended colleges and/or universities
 - [VA Request for Certification Sheet](#)
 - VA Degree Plan. Degree plans are made by Stephanie Worrels, Gabe Lewis, or the Head of the Department for the degree or certificate you are pursuing.

Chapter 35

1. Qualified dependents who wish to use their VA educational benefits for the first time should apply online at <https://www.va.gov/education/> and complete a Form 22-5490, *Application for*

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance, to receive a Certificate/Letter of Eligibility.

2. If educational benefits have been previously used complete a Form 22-1995, *Change of Program or Place of Training*, online at <https://www.va.gov/education/> to receive a Certificate of Eligibility.
3. Submit the following items to the Ranger College Financial Aid Office:
 - Certificate of Eligibility
 - Official Academic Transcript from previously attended colleges and/or universities
 - [VA Request for Certification Sheet](#)
 - VA Degree Plan. Degree plans are made by Stephanie Worrels, Gabe Lewis, or the Head of the Department for the degree or certificate you are pursuing.

Chapter 31

Disabled veterans desiring to further their education under the Veteran Readiness and Employment Program. After you apply, The VA will schedule a meeting for you with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC) to find out if you have an employment handicap and if you're eligible for VR&E benefits and services. You have an employment handicap if your service-connected disability limits your ability to prepare for, obtain, and maintain suitable employment (a job that doesn't make your disability worse, is stable, and matches your abilities, aptitudes, and interests).

After we make an entitlement decision, you and your counselor will work together to develop a rehabilitation plan. This plan outlines the rehabilitation and other services that VR&E will provide.

How to apply: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/how-to-apply/>

Request Military Transcripts

Please use the following websites to request any applicable military transcripts.

- All service branches with the exception of the Air Force, should request their military transcript through Joint Services Transcript (JST): <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signin.do>
- Community College of the Air Force:
<http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/>

Admission to Ranger Financial Aid Information

For information on admission to Ranger and/or financial aid information, please visit the appropriate link below.

<https://rangercollege.edu>

For additional assistance regarding VA educational benefits, please contact the Veteran Administration at 1-888-442-4551 or <http://www.gibill.va.gov>. The VA Representative at Ranger College may be contacted at 254-267-7008 or fin-aid@rangercollege.edu

HAZLEWOOD EXEMPTION

The purpose of the Hazlewood Exemption (Hazlewood Act) is to provide an education benefit to honorably discharged or separated Texas veterans and their dependent children and spouses. More information is available at <http://www.tvc.texas.gov/Hazlewood-Act/> All students using Hazlewood benefits must make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or certificate or other formula funded programs in accordance with the institution's policy regarding eligibility for financial aid. Legacy students are limited to the number of hours required in their program. The Hazlewood Exemption helps fund an eligible student's education costs. The exemption covers tuition and institutional fees. It does not cover any lab or special fees for individual courses.

The required HAZLEWOOD paperwork must be submitted **each year** to the Veterans Services Office at Ranger College in order to receive the exemption **prior** to the last class date of each semester. Required documents include:

- ☐ **Completed Application** – The application is available for download from the Texas Veterans Commission at

https://www.tvc.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Forms-TVC-ED-1-and-TVC-ED-1a-texas_Hazlewood_Act_Exemption_Application_with_Supporting_Documents_Instructions-June-2016-1.pdf. Applications must be submitted to the college's financial aid office along with any additional information specified as evidence of eligibility. The application is submitted to the student's school one time only, upon the initial enrollment at the institution. The student must submit the Application for Continued Enrollment each academic year the exemption is used, and it is available at http://www.tvc.texas.gov/documents/Form%20TVC-ED-2texas_Hazlewood_Act_Exemption_%20Application_For_Continued_Enrollment,%20June%202016.pdf. NOTE: If the veteran has previously allowed an eligible dependent to use Legacy benefits, and is now allowing a different eligible dependent to use the Legacy benefit, a Revocation of Benefits form (http://www.tvc.texas.gov/documents/Form%20TVC-ED-5-Revocation_of_Previously_Assigned_Texas_Hazlewood_Act_Exemption_Hours,%20June%202016.pdf) must be completed.

Please note this form must be notarized.

- ☐ **DD214 and/or Proof of Dependent Status** – The veteran is required to provide all DD214s. Dependents must provide the veteran's DD214s to show the veteran met eligibility requirements. If the user is the dependent of a deceased veteran, proof must be provided from Dept. of Defense or from Veterans Administration regarding parent's death on form DD1300. If the user is the

dependent of a disabled veteran, the student must provide a Rating Decision Letter from the VA showing the veteran is 100% disabled for purposes of employability. If the student is using benefits under the Legacy Act, the student is required to provide a copy of their birth certificate if they are the biological child of the veteran, a copy of their birth certificate and copy of the marriage license between the veteran and their birth parent if they are the stepchild, a copy of the legal documentation if the student is an adopted child of the veteran, or a copy of the veteran's tax return showing the veteran claimed the student if the child is a dependent of the veteran, but is not a biological child, stepchild, or adopted child. (Note: only ONE child may use Legacy at a time.)

Spouses of deceased or disabled veterans must provide a copy of their marriage license to the veteran with their initial enrollment at Ranger College. Dependents whose eligibility is based on a tax return must submit a new tax return from the veteran each year to show continued dependency. See Supporting Documentation Instructions from the application for additional information.

- ☐ **Copy of letter detailing VA Education Benefits** - Required only if the period of service for the veteran included any time after 9-11-2001. Both veterans and dependents must provide proof of eligibility or ineligibility for Chapter 33/Post 911 GI Bill® education benefits by requesting an education benefits letter from the VA office in Muskogee, OK. The letter can be requested at (888)-442-4551 if education benefits have ever been used. If not, apply for benefits at <https://www.va.gov/education/> and apply online.

- ☐ **Hazlewood Hours Log** - Verifies Hazlewood hours used as recorded by THECB. The TVC website, <https://hazlewood.tvc.texas.gov/students/>, has a link for the hour's log. Initially, students must create their login. Once this is completed, log in to the account and print out the ACCOUNT DETAILS. A printout of this page must be submitted every time the Hazlewood benefit is used. Students using LEGACY benefits must provide a copy of the hours log each semester for the student and the veteran.

- ☐ **Copy of student enrollment document** – Estimate or Statement of Account. Due each term of enrollment. The estimate if found in

Texas Hazlewood Act Exemption

Documentation Checklist

https://www.tvc.texas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Form-TVC-ED-4-texas_Hazlewood_Act_Exemption_Document_Checklist-June-2016.pdf

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TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION

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1. Required for Veteran

- Hazlewood Application
- DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- DD Form 215, Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (if necessary)
- VA Certificate of Eligibility for GI Bill® benefits (required if Veteran served on or after 9/11/2001)

2. Required for Legacy Applicant:

- Hazlewood Application
- Veteran's DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- DD Form 215, Correction to DD 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (*if necessary*)
- VA Certificate of Eligibility for GI Bill® benefits (required if Veteran served on or after 9/11/2001)
- Birth Certificate, or Marriage Certificate, or Adoption Documentation, or IRS Transcript of Tax Return (<https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/get-transcript>) from current and previous year indicating dependency of child, and identification of designee if applicable
- Death Certificate for deceased Veteran

3. Required for Spouse or Child (other than Legacy):

- Hazlewood Application
- DD Form 1300, Report of Casualty if the Veteran died while on active duty
- Veteran's DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty
- DD Form 215, Correction to DD 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (*if necessary*)
- VA Certificate of Eligibility for GI Bill® benefits (required if Veteran served on or after 9/11/2001)
- Letter from VA indicating the Veteran's death was service-related
- VA Rating Decision Letter if the Veteran is disabled
- Birth Certificate, or Marriage Certificate, or Adoption Documentation, or IRS Transcript of Tax Return (<https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/get-transcript>) from current or previous year indicating dependency of child, and identification of designee if applicable

4. To verify military service prior to January 1, 1950 the following forms are acceptable:

- Record/Report of Service: WD AGO 53, WD AGO 53-55, WD AGO 53-58
- Notice/Report of separation: NAVCG- 553, NAVMC 78-PD, NAVPERS-553

5. The DD Form 214 and other military records may be requested from the National Archives at the following website: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/>. A NA Form 13038 may be substituted for a DD Form 214 upon National Archives verification that the Veteran's DD Form 214 has been lost or destroyed. The Veteran still must prove home or record or place of entry into active duty as Texas per the procedures in Block 7 below.

6. Veterans with qualifying service on or after September 11, 2001, are required to provide a VA Certificate of Eligibility statement with their application regarding their Post 9/11 GI Bill® eligibility (applies to all applicants, except as listed below). *Legacy recipients where the Veteran's DD Form 214 has a separation date after September 10, 2001 and prior to August 1, 2009 do not need to submit a VA Certificate of Eligibility if the type of separation is listed as "Discharge" or "Retirement" (to include those medically retired, temporary or permanent).*

7. Veterans who's Form DD 214 does not indicate a home of record at time of entry into active duty or the place of entry into active duty as Texas will be required to provide a Texas high school transcript indicating their graduation within one year of their enlistment. If the entry date is more than one year after high school graduation, the Veteran will be required to provide one of the following: lease or mortgage documentation, pay stubs, W2s, or any other documentation the school may require, verifying Texas residency in accordance with Subchapter B, Chapter 54, and Texas Education Code.