

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
**IMPORTANT GI BILL® *DEPENDENT* INFORMATION**

*Welcome to NCCC.*

**VA DEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:**

CH 35 Dependents' Education Assistance Program  
TEB Transfer of Educational Benefits (Ch 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill)

**TUITION PAYMENT:** Be prepared to pay tuition with finalized financial aid, cash/check/charge, or our payment plan; if you are receiving VA tuition benefits (Ch 33), please submit your certificate of eligibility to the Veteran Services Office to request tuition deferment.

**INFORMATION / RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Monthly checks are mailed at the beginning of each month for the prior month; checks for books & supplies are sent directly to the individual.
- Enroll for courses required for your degree; additional courses may not qualify for benefits.
- Courses that run less than the full term may affect your benefits. Consult with the NCCC Veterans Services counselor upon registering for mod or late start courses.
- Repeating a passed course may not count toward training time.
- Transfer students must submit transcripts from other colleges immediately upon admission to NCCC.
- Submit a copy of your course schedule to A131 immediately after registering *each* term.
- Notify Veteran Services (A131) of any changes to your schedule within five days: ADD/DROP, Change of Curriculum, or Withdrawal.
- Chapter 33 requires enrollment greater than half time (generally 7 credits) to receive the housing allowance. Taking **all web** courses will reduce housing allowance significantly.
- Attendance and satisfactory progress are required to maintain eligibility for GI Bill benefits. Non-attendance and non-progress grades are likely to result in an overpayment. Consult with a counselor if experiencing difficulty completing coursework.
- Contact the VA Regional Processing Office or refer to the VA website for more information on benefit eligibility.

**VA Regional Processing Office**  
PO Box 4616/130 S. Elmwood Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14240-4616  
1-888-442-4551  
[www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)  
fax: 716-551-3241

**NCCC Student Development/Veteran Services**  
A131  
716-614-6290  
[jcolosi@niagaracc.suny.edu](mailto:jcolosi@niagaracc.suny.edu)  
[www.niagaracc.suny.edu](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu)  
fax: 716-614-6819

## ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST FOR DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS

### Finalize Admissions:

- Finalize your admissions and financial aid applications (FAFSA/TAP/Stafford Loan)

### Readmit/Transfer Students who previously received GI Bill®:

- File VA Form 22-1995 or 22-5495 to restart benefits.

### First time applicants for GI Bill® benefits or changing benefit chapters:

- File an application to start up or change benefit chapters for GI Bill: <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp>. Save a copy.
- Submit copy of the application and VA certificate of eligibility, along with the veteran's VA File #/SSN to A131.

### File Financial Aid applications (every academic year):

- FAFSA/TAP/Loan Applications.

Also file TAP supplement ([www.hesc.com](http://www.hesc.com)) if you qualify for additional TAP funding (Military Service Recognition Scholarship, Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans). The combined TAP and Ch 33 tuition benefits cannot exceed the cost of tuition.

### Register for classes and pay bill:

- Submit class schedule to A131 every semester.
- E-sign and pay bill by due date using **finalized** financial aid and/or tuition benefit programs.

### Helpful Websites:

NCCC	<a href="http://niagaracc.suny.edu">niagaracc.suny.edu</a>
VA	<a href="http://benefits.va.gov/gibill">benefits.va.gov/gibill</a>
GI Bill® application	<a href="http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp">benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp</a>
Military.com	<a href="http://military.com">military.com</a>
DD214/Military Records	<a href="http://vetrecs.archives.gov">http://vetrecs.archives.gov</a>
Military OneSource	<a href="http://militaryonesource.com">militaryonesource.com</a>

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