

The Veterans Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 32) For servicemembers who began service between 1977 and 1985

What you need to know

The Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP), also known as Chapter 32, matches your contributions to an account that you can use for educational expenses.

What is the Veterans Educational Assistance Program?

The VEAP program, or Chapter 32, provides financial assistance to eligible veterans for education and training opportunities. It provides 1–36 months of benefits depending on the number of monthly contributions you made.

What does this benefit pay for?

VEAP matches contributions made from your military pay on a \$2 for \$1 basis (for every dollar you contribute, the military contributes two dollars) to pay for degree, certificate, correspondence, or apprenticeship/on-the-job training programs.

How do I know if I'm eligible?

To qualify, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- Entered service for the first time between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985.
- Opened a contribution account before April 1, 1987.
- Voluntarily contributed from \$25 to \$2700.
- Completed your first period of service.
- Were discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.

How long does eligibility last?

You have 10 years from your release from active duty to use VEAP benefits. After that period, your portion remaining in the fund will be refunded.

How do I apply for the Veterans Educational Assistance Program?

- If you have never used your benefits before, complete VA form 22-1990 online at www.vabenefits.vba.gov.
- If you have used your benefits before, are transferring to another educational institution, or changing educational programs within an institution, complete VA form 22-1995.

If you are not on active duty, you must also send copy 4 (Member Copy) of the DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty to the appropriate VA Regional Processing Office (for Capella, submit forms to the St. Louis office of the VA: PO Box 66830, St. Louis, MO 63166-6830).

If you are on active duty, you must have your enrollment approved by your base Education Services Officer, and you must have your service verified by your commanding officer.

How do I use this benefit at Capella?

1. Submit a copy of VA form 22-1990 to Capella (or VA form 22-1995 if you are transferring to Capella or changing your program and have used your benefits before).
2. Capella will certify your enrollment to the VA Regional Processing Office in St. Louis.

Do payments go to my educational institution or to me?

Payments will go to you, and you will be responsible for meeting your payment obligations with your educational institution.

Where can I get more information on the Veteran's Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 32)?

Visit the VA Web site at www.gibill.va.gov or call 1.888.GIBILL.1 (442.4551).

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