



MANAGING YOUR EDUCATION

The background of the slide is a blurred photograph of a classroom. In the foreground, a student is seen from the back, looking towards the front. In the middle ground, a female student is looking up and to the right. In the background, a male student is leaning over a desk, and another student is partially visible. The classroom has a whiteboard with colorful circular icons and a yellow desk in the foreground.

**EDUCATION IS THE MOST
POWERFUL WEAPON
WHICH YOU CAN USE TO
CHANGE THE **WORLD**.**

- Nelson Mandela

4000+

Higher Education Institutions

200,000

Service Members Transition Annually

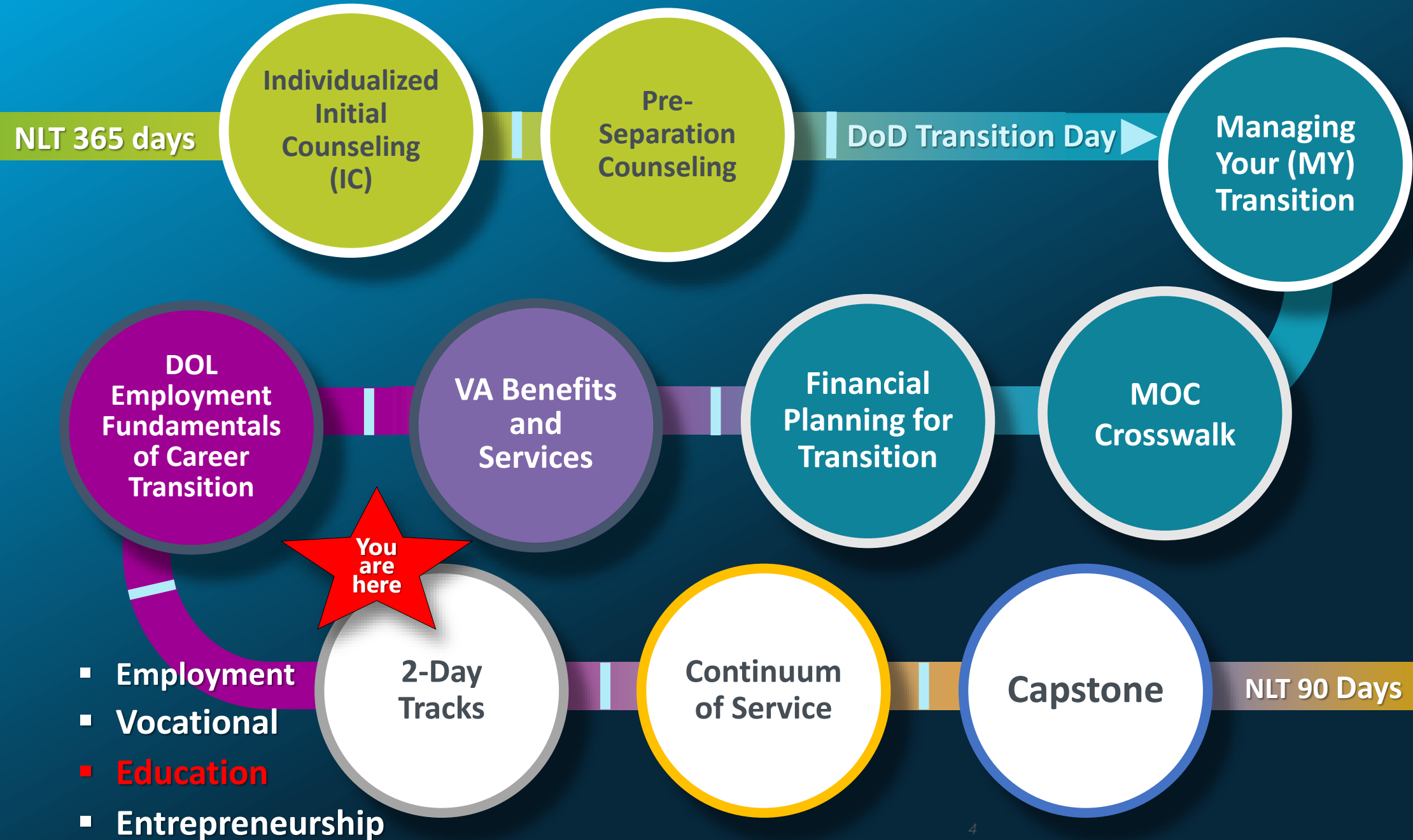
\$148,972

Average Worth of GI Bill Benefits

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TRANSITION OVERVIEW



MANAGING YOUR (MY) EDUCATION

COURSE OVERVIEW

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Getting Started

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Learning the Basics

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Choosing a Field of Study

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Choosing an Institution

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Gaining Admission

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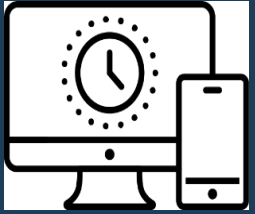
Funding Your Education



● GETTING STARTED

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Explore the benefits of earning a degree
- Understand higher education vocabulary
- Compare military training and higher education
- Identify a potential career and degree
- Discuss factors for choosing an institution
- Determine admission requirements
- Identify funding sources
- Compare two institutions*



WHO ARE YOU?



My plans for continuing my education after the military are...

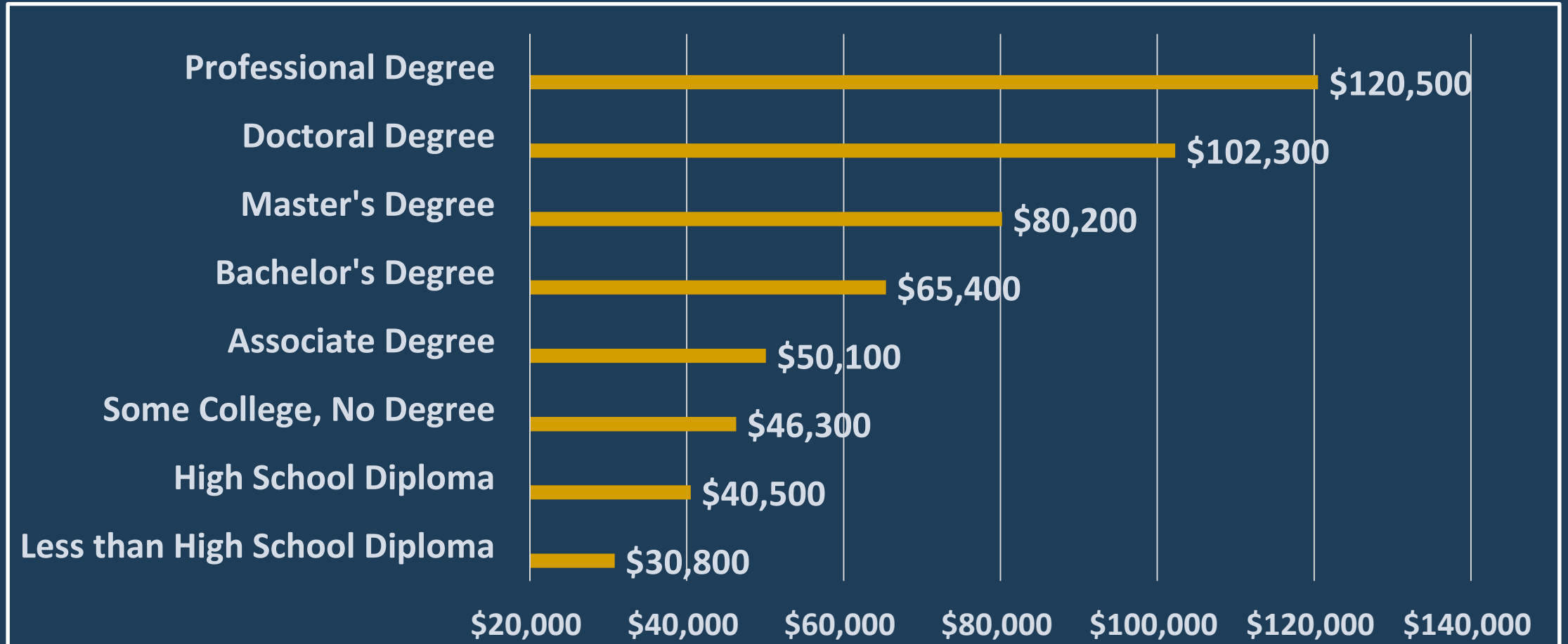
My college history is (if any)...

During this workshop, I would like to learn more about...

What are some reasons to earn a college degree?

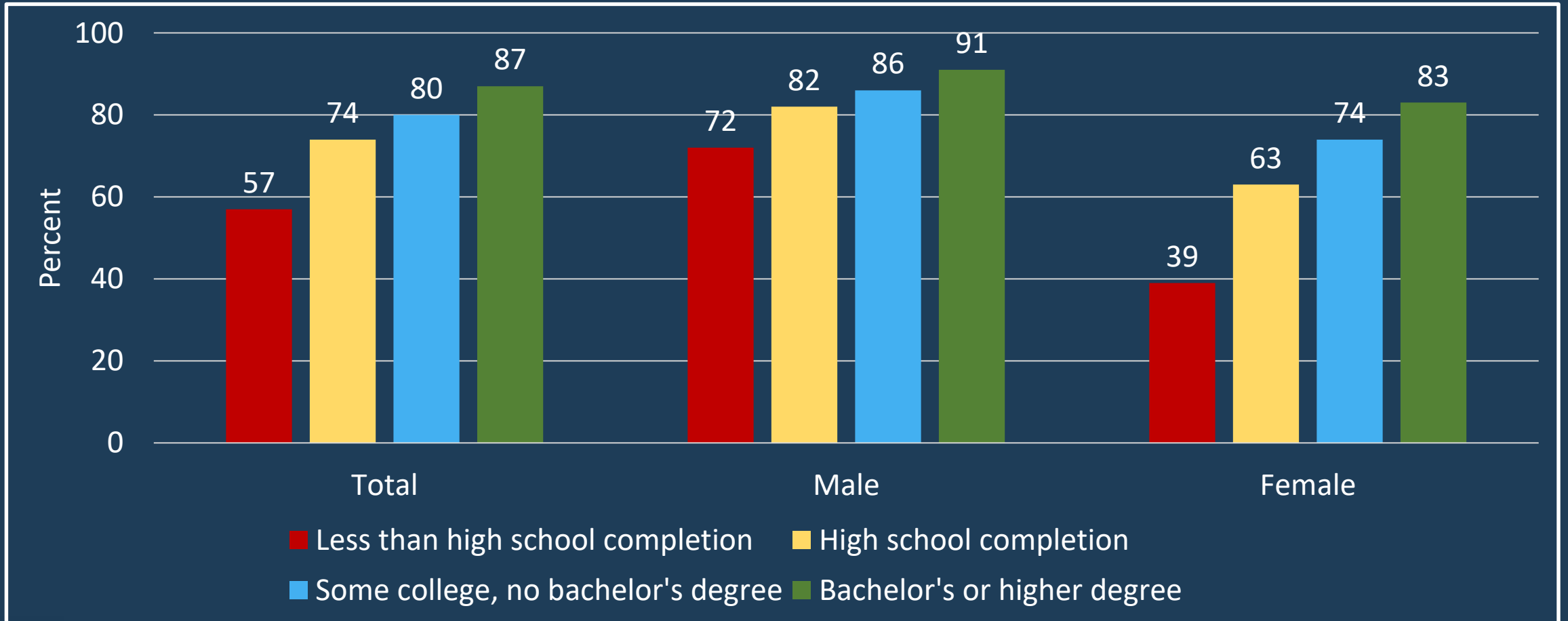


HIGHER EARNINGS

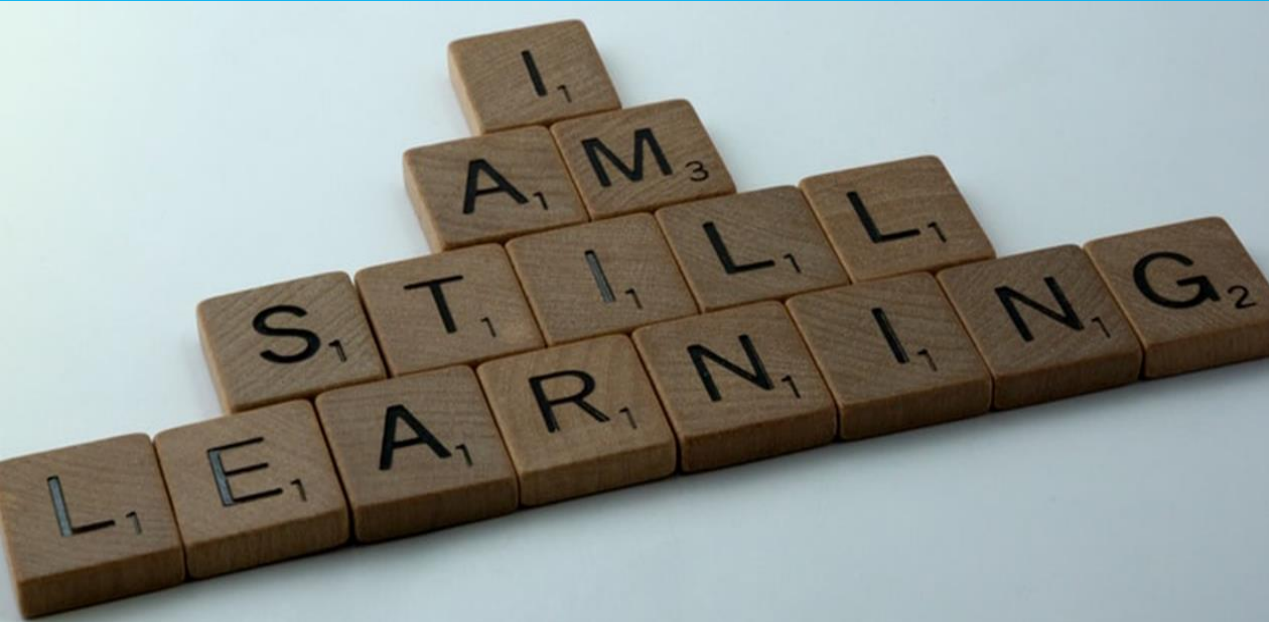


Source: National Center for Education Statistics (May 2020): 2018 Annual Median Earnings for Full-Time Year-Round Workers Age 25 and Older

HIGHER EMPLOYMENT RATES



MORE REASONS TO EARN A COLLEGE DEGREE



Increased employee benefits

Improved health outcomes

Increased civic participation

Networking

WHY ARE YOU EARNING A GRADUATE DEGREE?



Intellectual growth or self improvement



Required by employer for job advancement



To become more competitive in the job market

COMPETITIVE JOB MARKET



Is a graduate degree required?



Is the job market experiencing growth or declining in your geographic area? Are you geographically flexible?



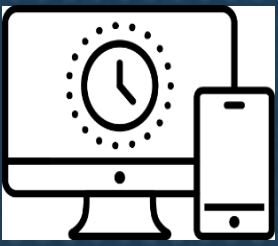
Would courses or certifications be a better investment?

● LEARNING THE BASICS

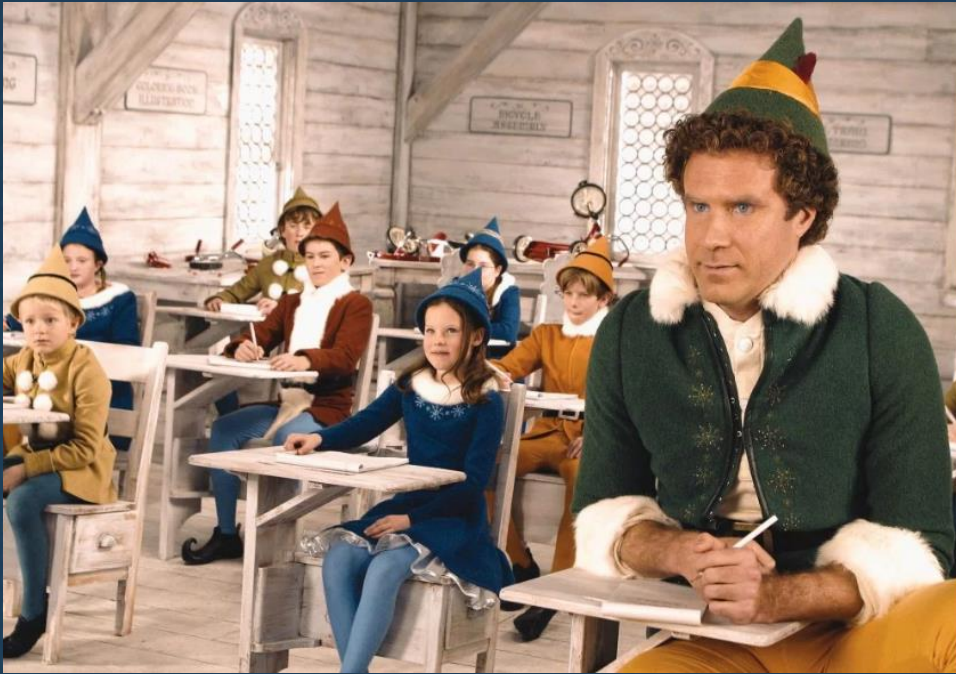
LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Recognize perceptions of and attitudes toward education and veterans
- Identify your student type and contributions
- Understand basic higher education vocabulary
- Compare military training and higher education





ATTITUDES AND PERCEPTIONS

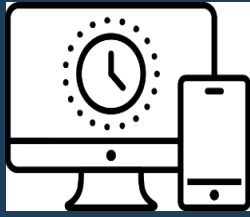


HOW VETERANS FEEL
USING THEIR GI BILL[®]

- Reflect on **college student** and **college degree**
- Use words, symbols, and pictures to express your ideas
- Reflect on **veteran**

TYPES OF STUDENTS

- Traditional
- Non-traditional/adult learner
- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- Postdoc
- Transfer
- Degree-seeking
- Non-degree seeking
- First-generation college
- Residential
- Commuter



How can your life experiences contribute to the classroom?



What makes you unique?



How might your uniqueness affect your educational experience?

WHAT TYPE OF STUDENT ARE **YOU**?

TYPES OF INSTITUTIONS



College
Community College
Junior College
Career Technical School
Liberal Arts College
Professional School
Research University
University



Private University/College
Public University/College



Nonprofit Institution
For-Profit Institution

COLLEGE SCORECARD



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College Scorecard

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FIND THE RIGHT FIT.

Search and compare colleges: their fields of study, costs, admissions, results, and more.

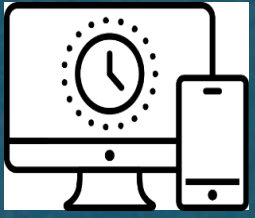
SEARCH SCHOOLS

SEARCH FIELDS OF STUDY

SHOW ME OPTIONS

Q Type to search

CUSTOM SEARCH ▼



PUBLIC, NON-PROFIT, AND FOR-PROFIT COMPARISON

- Graduation Rate
- Salary After Completing Degree
- Percentage Who Return After First Year
- Median Total Debt After Graduation

College Scorecard: <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>

ACADEMIC CALENDAR SYSTEM

System	# of sessions/year	# of weeks/session	# of courses/session	# of courses/year
Quarter	3*	10	3-4	9-12
Semester**	2*	16	4-6	8-12
Online Term	4-6	6-16	1-4	6-12

*Optional winter break and/or summer sessions

**Used by 90% of IHL

METHODS OF INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY

- Classroom
- Online (Distance, Remote, Virtual, eLearning, MOOC)
 - Asynchronous
 - Synchronous
- Hybrid or Blended
- Guided Independent Study



IN-PERSON AND ONLINE COURSE COMPARISON

- Classroom Setting
- Interaction
- Skills and Technology
- Cost
- Pacing



KEY PLACES

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Administrative Offices

Admissions

Financial Aid

Registration & Records

Student Accounting/Finance

Student Services



Student Services

Academic Advising

Career Services

Commuter Center

Child Care Facility

Dining Services

Disability Services

Health Services

Learning Resource Center

Library System

Public Safety

Recreation Center

Residential Services

Student Outreach & Support

Veteran Support Center

FACULTY



ADMINISTRATION

President/Chancellor

Vice President/Chancellor

Provost/Vice Provost

**Dean*/Associate Dean/
Assistant Dean**

Department Chairperson*

Director/Program Coordinator

**Staff: Counselor/Advisor/Resident
Advisor/Graduate Assistant**

***Dual appointment:**

usually serves as members of both the faculty and administration



WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

Administrative Offices

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Child Care Facility

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HIDDEN CURRICULUM

DEFINITION:

A term used by educational professionals to informally describe the cultural codes, norms, values, and expectations that operate at an educational institution; not immediately obvious, explicitly stated, or explained to students, but normalizes interactions between students, faculty, staff, and administrators.

CULTURE INFLUENCES

- History and Mission
- Student Body Composition
- Enrollment Size
- Location
- Type of Campus



WAYS TO EXPLORE CULTURE

- Website
- Videos
- Social Media
- Open House
- Campus Tour
- Class Observation
- Faculty Meetings
- Orientations
- Blogs
- News Articles



MILITARY TRAINING VS. HIGHER EDUCATION

- Personal Choice
- Personal Accountability
- Attendance/Completion
- Course Content and Structure
- Attire
- Requesting Help
- Housing
- We vs. I
- Peer Interaction
- Language—Written/Verbal
- Recommendations
- Networking



● CHOOSING A FIELD OF STUDY

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Identify a career interest and corresponding field of study
- Analyze the various components of a degree program
- Consider the possibility of transfer credits

FIELD OF STUDY VOCABULARY

GENERAL EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE

MAJOR

DOUBLE MAJOR

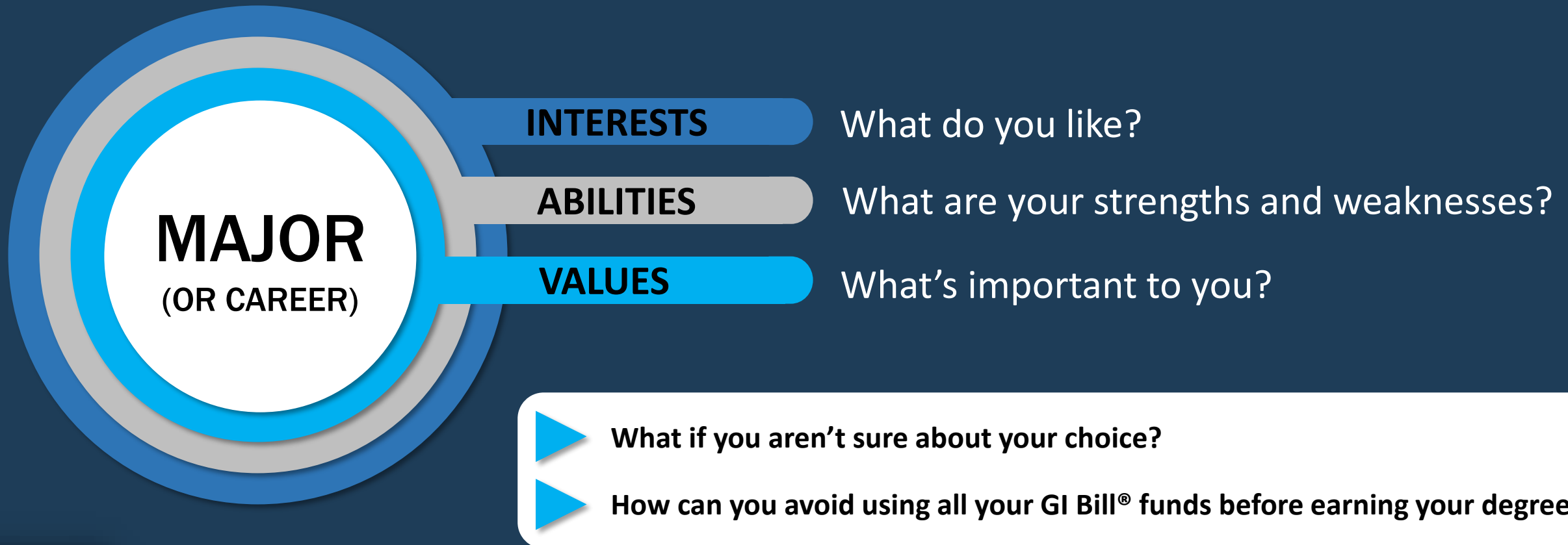
MINOR

DUAL/DOUBLE DEGREE

ELECTIVES

UNDECLARED MAJOR

CHOOSING A MAJOR



CHOOSING A MAJOR

Will you be able to easily and readily find employment in a related field in your desired location after you earn the degree?

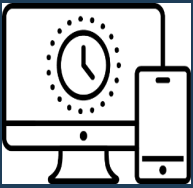
Are you able to meet the requirements of the career?

Is it a career that will continue to be in demand in the future?

Is it a field that changes rapidly and will require continued education and training?

Does the earning potential of the career match your needs and expectations?

**Employability
and Income
Potential**



DANTES KUDER JOURNEY

1. Go to www.dantes.kuder.com
2. Create an Account or Log In
3. On the home page, click Kuder Career Interests Assessment® and answer the questions. Avoid choosing “Neutral”, if possible.
4. Select **Complete** to see the results
5. Review **Occupations to Explore**; record **Quick Facts**
6. Select **Salary & Outlook**; add **State/Region**; record salary range
7. Select **Majors to Explore**; review **Overview** and **Schools Offering This Major**

ASSESSMENT RESULTS



Assessment Results

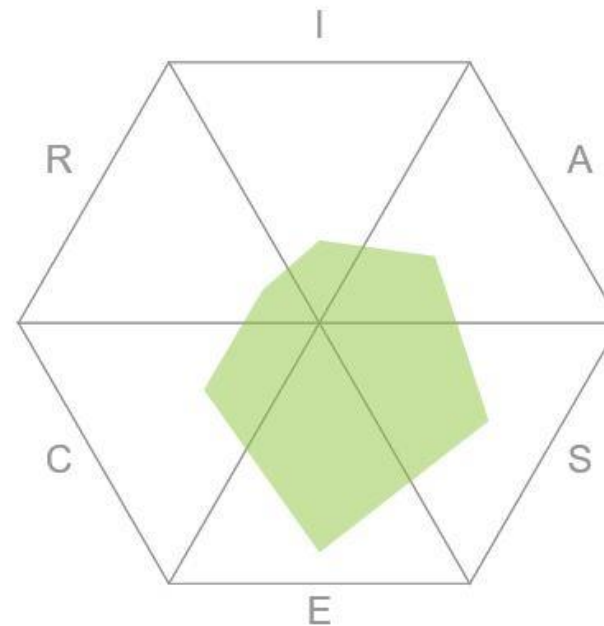
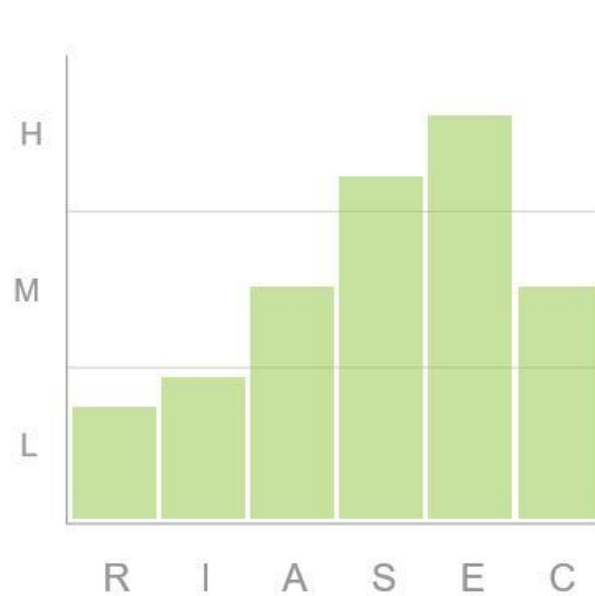
Occupations to Explore

Majors to Explore

Person Matches

Date Completed 6/17/2019

 Print Report



Your profile of results from the kcja shows that **Enterprising (E)** interests are highest for you. Second highest is **Social (S)** interests, and third highest is **Artistic (A)** interests.

An easy way to remember this is in the form of a code made up of the first letter of each of these types. Your code is **ESA**.

OCCUPATIONS TO EXPLORE

Assessment Results



Occupations to Explore





Majors to Explore

Person Matches

View a list of occupations suggested by your interests assessment results. This list could be very long so you may narrow the results using the filter options below. As you do so, only occupations that fit your selection will appear on the list.

+ Filter Options

Show 10  entries  Key

	Holland Code	Occupation Name
	<div>E</div> <div>S</div>	Training and Development Managers
	<div>E</div> <div>S</div>	Social and Community Service Managers
	<div>E</div> <div>S</div>	Legislators
	<div>E</div> <div>S</div>	Agents and Business Managers of Artists, Performers, and Athletes

QUICK FACTS

Quick Facts

National Annual Salary Range

\$40,480 To \$108,470

Entry-Level Education

Bachelor's degree

Number of Jobs in 2018

23,500

Expected Job Openings (2018 - 2028)

1,900

National Outlook (2018 - 2028)

4.7% increase

SALARY AND OUTLOOK

OverviewTasks & ConditionsInterests, Skills & Work ValuesEducation & ExperienceSalary & OutlookRelated OccupationsAdditional Information

State

Maryland

View By:

Yearly Salary

Hourly Salary

Region

Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD

Yearly Salary	Statewide	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD	Nationwide
10th Percentile	\$69,020	\$69,650	\$59,170
25th Percentile	\$90,990	\$89,590	\$79,740
Median	\$121,630	\$119,760	\$108,250
75th Percentile	\$155,440	\$148,150	\$143,920
90th Percentile	\$200,120	\$173,730	\$187,670

MAJORS TO EXPLORE

Assessment Results

Occupations to Explore

Majors to Explore

Person Matches

Filter Options

Education Level :
Bachelor's degree (four years of college/university) ▼

↺ Reset

✓ Apply Filter(s)

Click on the star next to the major to save it to your favorite majors list in your portfolio.

Show

10 ▼

 entries

	Majors
★	Administration of Special Education
★	Adult and Continuing Education Administration

VA PERSONALIZED CAREER PLANNING AND GUIDANCE

1

AM I ELIGIBLE?

- Any beneficiary eligible for GI Bill®
- **OR** Six Months Before Discharge
- **OR** One Year After Other than Dishonorable Discharge

2

WHAT BENEFITS CAN I GET?

- Career Choice Assistance
- Benefits Coaching
- Personalized Support

3

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Apply online at www.va.gov
- Apply by mail using VA Form 28-8832
- Take your application to your nearest regional office

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

EXPERIENCE

- Internship
- Fieldwork
- Clinicals
- Practicum
- Rotations



TESTING

- Exams
- Orals
- Defense



FINAL PROJECT

- Capstone
- Thesis
- Dissertation



CREDENTIALING

- License
- Certification
- Certificate





TYPES OF DEGREES

- ASSOCIATE
- BACHELOR
- MASTER
- $4 + 1/3+2$
- PROFESSIONAL
- DOCTORATE

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Formal pathway between 2 or more institutions for a degree or a specific academic program

Two Years at Community, Technical, or Junior College



Two Years at College or University



Four Year Degree

REASONS TO START AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Weak Grades or Test Scores
- Career Planning
- Cost
- Convenience
- Culture



UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in Business Finance—1st/2nd Year

First Year Fall Semester		First Year Spring Semester	
ENG 101 College Reading and Writing*	3	ENG 102 Written Argument & Research*	3
HIST 121 Us History to 1877*	3	HIST 122 History from 1865*	3
MATH 134 Math for Business Application I*	3	MATH 135 Math for Business Application II	3
BUSA 128 Business and Computer Systems	3	Lab Science*	4
Lab Science*	4	Advisor-approved Elective	3
Second Year Fall Semester		Second Year Spring Semester	
PSci 231 The US Government*	3	PSci 232 State and the Federal System*	3
ACCT 221 Principles of Accounting I	3	ACCT 222 Principles of Accounting II	3
ECO 201 Principles of Macro Economics	3	ECO 203 Principles of Micro Economics	3
SPC 141 Business & Professional Speaking*	3	ECO 233 Economics of Personal Finance	3
LIT, Philosophy and Culture*	3	Creative Arts*	3

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Bachelor of Science in Business Finance—3rd/4th Year

Third Year Fall Semester				Third Year Spring Semester			
FIN 304 Intro to Business Finance	3			FIN 312 Money, Banking & Finance	3		
MGT 301 Legal Environment of Business	3			ECO 331/332 Intermediate Macro/Micro	3		
ECO 302 Business & Economic Statistics	3			MGT 307 Management Operations	3		
MGT 303 Business Communication	3			MKT 306 Marketing	3		
MGT 305 Principles of Management	3			ECO 309 Economic Forecasting	3		
Fourth Year Fall Semester				Fourth Year Spring Semester			
FIN 400 Principles of Investments	3			FIN 404 Advanced Financial Mgmt.	3		
FIN 430 or FIN 450	3			FIN 471 International Business Finance	3		
BUSA 326 Data & Information Mgmt.	3			MGT 439 Business Strategy	3		
ACCT Elective (300/400 level)	3			FIN Elective (300/400 level)	3		
FIN Elective (400 level)	3			FIN Elective (400 level)	3		

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM—FULL TIME



Masters of Business Administration (Finance Specialization)

First Year Fall Semester		First Year Spring Semester	
ECON 5000 Managerial Economics	3	MBA 6022 Global Economic Environment	3
MBA 5000 Financial Accounting	3	MBA 6105 Leadership and Teamwork	3
STAT 6015 Managerial Statistics	3	MBA 5830 Investment Theory and Practice*	3
First Year Summer Semester		Second Year Fall Semester	
MBA 6029 Operations Management	3	MBA 5610 Impact Investing*	3
MBA 6050 Corporate Finance	3	MBA 6040 Data Analysis and Risk	3
MBA 6060 Financial Management*	3	MBA 6032 Organizations, Markets, and Society	3
Second Year Spring Semester		Second Year Summer Semester	
MBA 6042 Financial Reporting and Analysis	3	MBA 5620 Future of Financial Planning*	3
MBA 5610 Personal Financial Planning*	3	MBA 6500 Strategic Planning	3
MBA 6070 Business Ethics, Law and Communication	3	MBA 6999 Capstone: Design and Implementation	3

*Finance Specialization Courses

GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM—PART TIME

Masters of Business Administration (Finance Specialization)



First Year Fall Semester		First Year Spring Semester	
ECON 5000 Managerial Economics	3	MBA 6022 Global Economic Environment	3
MBA 5000 Financial Accounting	3	STAT 6015 Managerial Statistics	3
First Year Summer Semester		Second Year Fall Semester	
MBA 6105 Leadership and Teamwork	3	MBA 6029 Operations Management	3
MBA 5830 Investment Theory and Practice*	3	MBA 6050 Corporate Finance	3
Second Year Spring Semester		Second Year Summer Semester	
MBA 6060 Financial Management*	3	MBA 6040 Data Analysis and Risk	3
MBA 5610 Impact Investing*	3	MBA 6032 Organizations, Markets, and Society	3
Third Year Fall Semester		Third Year Spring Semester	
MBA 6042 Financial Reporting and Analysis	3	MBA 6070 Business Ethics, Law and Communication	3
MBA 5610 Personal Financial Planning*	3	MBA 5620 Future of Financial Planning*	3
Third Year Summer Semester			
MBA 6500 Strategic Planning	3		
MBA 6999 Capstone: Design and Implementation	3		

*Finance
Specialization
Courses

WAYS TO EARN TRANSFER CREDIT

- Credits Earned During High School
- Credit for Military Training and Experience
- Prior College Courses
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- DANTES Subject Standard Tests (DSST)
- Competency-Based Education (CBE)



HOW TO TRANSFER CREDITS

1. Have official transcripts and test scores sent to IHE
2. Request a review of transfer credits

CCAF: <https://go.usa.gov/xAqdh/>

JST: <https://jst.doded.mil/jst/>

IHE determines which credits are accepted and how they apply to the degree program.



● CHOOSING AN INSTITUTION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Consider factors for choosing an institution
 - Location
 - Quality
 - Student Outcomes
 - Student Veteran Support
 - Cost
- Compare the factors of two institutions

FACTOR: LOCATION

- Reside near family
- Near a VA medical facility
- Residency in a state with free tuition
- Employment for you/family members
- Urban, suburban, or rural environment



FACTOR: QUALITY



- Degrees offered
- Accreditation
- Access to internships/study abroad/research
- Job placement
- Complaints against the institution

DEFINITION:

Official recognition that an institution meets the standards of an accrediting agency recognized by the Secretary of Education.

Types of Accreditation:

Institutional and Specialized
(or Programmatic)

ACCREDITATION





INTERNSHIPS, STUDY ABROAD, RESEARCH

- Apply classroom learning
- Gain exposure to chosen field
- Build professional network
- Experience a new culture
- Expand understanding of the world
- Gain hands-on experience



FACTOR: STUDENT OUTCOMES

- Return rate after first year
- Graduation rate
- Average salary after graduation
- Loan repayment rate
- Veteran success

A close-up photograph of an American flag, showing the stars and stripes. A pair of dog tags is attached to a chain and hangs over the stars.

FACTOR: STUDENT VETERAN SUPPORT

- Veteran Demographics
- Veteran Support Center
- Disability Services
- Guard/Reserve Obligations
- Veterans Upward Bound
- VetSuccess on Campus
- VITAL
- Student Veteran Groups
- 8 Keys to Veterans' Success
- Principles of Excellence



FACTOR: COST

**Do not eliminate a school based
solely on the cost until you
have researched all potential
funding options.**

COLLEGE SCORECARD



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FIND THE RIGHT FIT.

Search and compare colleges: their fields of study, costs, admissions, results, and more.

SEARCH SCHOOLS

SEARCH FIELDS OF STUDY


SHOW ME OPTIONS

Type to search

CUSTOM SEARCH

<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

COLLEGE NAVIGATOR

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Name of School


States (use map for more than 1 state)

No Preference

Alabama


Alaska

Arizona

Use Map

ZIP Code **Miles from**

Programs/Majors
0 Items Selected [Browse for Programs](#)


Level of Award 

☐ Certificate

☐ Associate's

☐ Bachelor's

☐ Advanced

Institution Type 

☐ Public

☐ 4-year

☐ Private non-profit

☐ 2-year

☐ Private for-profit


☐ < 2-year


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Find the right college for you

 [Guide Me](#)



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» [Add College Navigator](#) to your browser search bar.

[College Affordability and Transparency Center](#)


Browse lists of institutions with the highest and lowest tuition & fees and net price. [» GO](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Preparing for your Education](#)

Find out what you need to do to prepare for education beyond high school. [» GO](#)

[Financial Aid](#)

Apply for Federal Student Aid on FAFSA. [» GO](#)

[Postsecondary Education Outcome Measures: ED, DOD, and VA](#)

ED, DOD, and VA have identified a set of potential education outcome measures for Veterans and service members. [» GO](#)

[Careers](#)



Deciding on a career? Consult the *bls.gov* Occupational Outlook Handbook. [» GO](#)

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College Navigator: www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

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GI BILL® COMPARISON TOOL



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of Veterans Affairs

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GI Bill® Comparison Tool

Learn about education programs and compare benefits by school.

What is your military status?

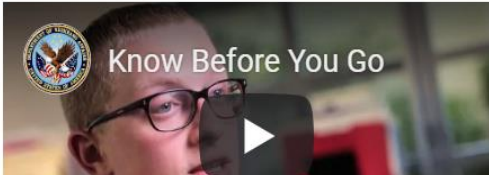
Veteran

Which GI Bill benefit do you want to use? ([Learn more](#))

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Ch 33)

What's your plan?

Transitioning to civilian life takes preparation, research, planning, and the right tools. We're here to help you make the right decisions on where to use your hard earned benefits!



GI Bill® Comparison Tool: www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool

COLLEGE COMPARISON CHART



College Scorecard: www.collegescorecard.ed.gov

College Navigator: www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator

GI Bill® Comparison Tool: www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool

1. Rank the factors in order of importance to you
2. Choose two institutions to compare
3. Research factors: Location, Quality, Student Outcomes, Student Veteran Support
4. Note cautionary information
5. Search for complaints



● GAINING ADMISSION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Research criteria for admission
- Identify contact information for admission staff and transfer credit coordinator
- Compare the admission criteria for at least two schools

TYPES OF ADMISSION



ROLLING

Longer application period; applications reviewed as received; decision within 2 months



OPEN

Community colleges or online schools
High school diploma/GED
Non-competitive



SELECTIVE

Deadline Competitive
Minimum GPA
Entrance exam
Early decision
Early action

CATEGORIES OF SCHOOLS



TARGET

Qualifications
in middle of
requirements; 50%
chance of admission



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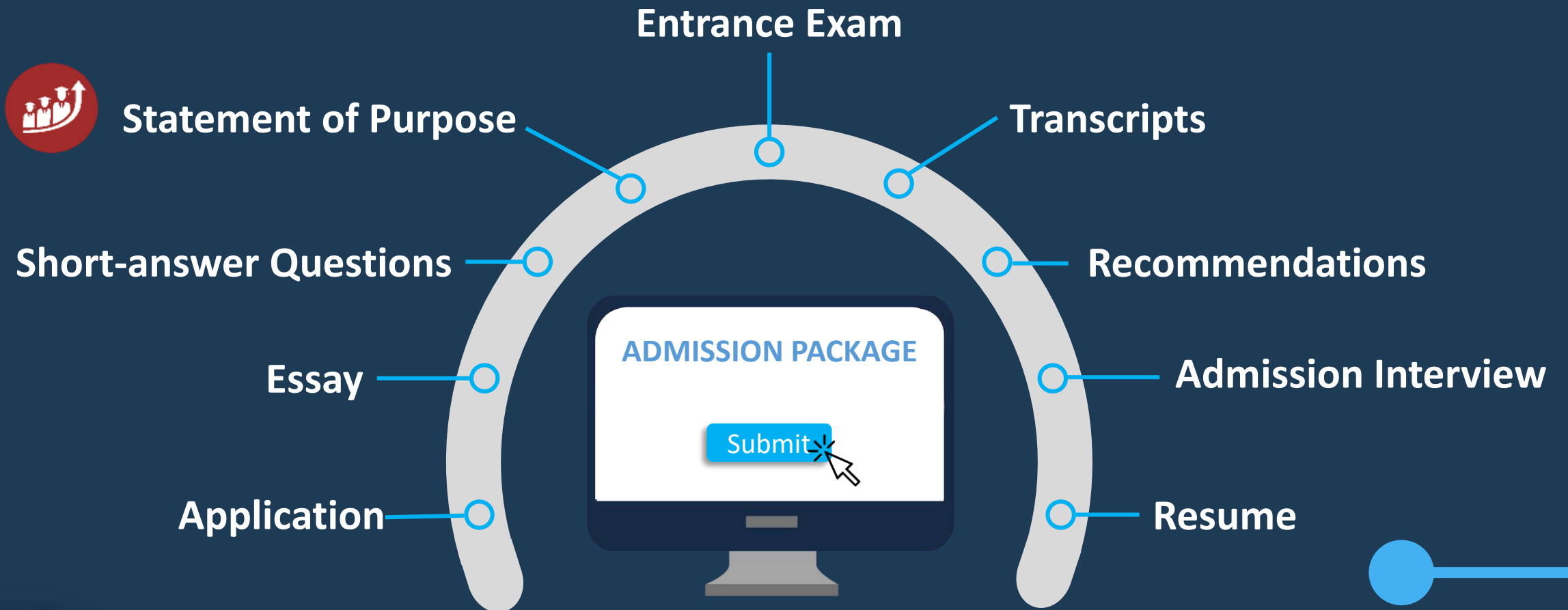
Meet qualifications
but lower than
academic profile;
admission rate < 20%



SAFETY

Exceed requirements
for admission

THE ADMISSION PACKAGE



ADMISSION PACKAGE GUIDELINES

- 1** Start early and submit before the deadline
- 2** Submit a complete package
- 3** Avoid military jargon, slang, and acronyms
- 4** Proofread for spelling and grammar errors
- 5** Apply online, if possible
- 6** Emphasize your uniqueness
- 7** Maintain a positive image on social media
- 8** Keep copies of everything you submit

ADMISSION APPLICATION

Common Application: www.commonapp.org

- Demographics, employment, volunteering, activities, previous schools
- Separate applications for first-time and transfer students
- May offer an additional form for veterans
- Mobile app available

TIPS:

- Know the application deadline
- Ask to have the application fee waived
- Print a copy for your records



ESSAY/SHORT ANSWERS

Identify what they are asking

Do not repeat the question in your answer; edit to meet word limit

Be sincere and answer honestly

Include information about yourself not mentioned elsewhere

Tailor your answer to the institution



STATEMENT OF PURPOSE



Why this field of study and why this school?

What are your qualifications for this program?

What do you offer that will benefit this program and the other individuals attending?

What can you gain personally and professionally from this program?

Which professor's field of research interests you most and why?

TIP: Be careful about sharing too much personal information

ADMISSION ESSAY OR STATEMENT OF PURPOSE



Instructions: Complete either the Admission Essay or Statement of Purpose activity below.

Admission Essay — Undergraduate: Choose one of the Common Application Essay Prompts, and brainstorm some ideas you would include in your essay.



Statement of Purpose — Graduate: Begin drafting your responses to the questions listed in the Statement of Purpose section.

Undergraduate: SAT/ACT

 Graduate: GRE/GMAT/LSAT/MCAT

ENTRANCE EXAMS

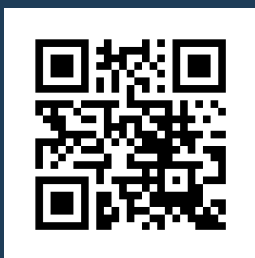
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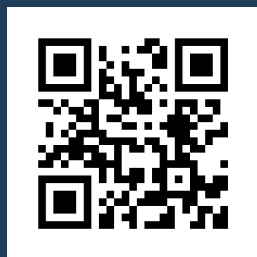
SAT: www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice



ACT: www.actstudent.org/testprep



GRE: www.ets.org/gre



GMAT: www.mba.com/exam-prep

TRANSCRIPTS AND SCORES

Official means transcripts and scores are sent directly from the source to the institution

Transcripts and scores required MAY include:

- High school or GED
- Advanced Placement (AP) exams
- JST and CCAF military transcripts
- CLEP and DSST exam scores
- SAT or ACT entrance exam scores
- Transcripts from all colleges attended



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Who to ask
- When to ask
- How to ask
- What to provide
- Give feedback



ADMISSION INTERVIEW

Prepare for the interview.

Practice answering interview questions.

Make a list of questions to ask them.

Be your best self!

ADMISSIONS PROCESS





GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

PAST PERFORMANCE

- Transcripts
- Internships
- Work experience
- Volunteer work



YOUR STORY

- Who you are
- Obstacles overcome
- Benefit to program
- No military jargon

GOOD FIT

- Self-motivated
- Independent
- Accept criticism
- Strong work ethic



AFTER BEING ACCEPTED

- Accept/decline admission offers and financial awards
- Meet with academic advisor to review transfer credit and select courses
- Meet with the SCO to review GI Bill[®] requirements
- Complete enrollment process
- Purchase books and supplies
- Attend student orientation program
- Use campus resources for support
- Attend class and earn your degree



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Manage
your time

Get
organized

Learn it
once

Prepare to
read

Take good
notes

Build your
community

Ask for help

COLLEGE COMPARISON CHART UPDATE



Instructions: Use the school's website, catalog, and other websites to research the following and update your College Comparison Chart

- Admissions Office/Graduate Admissions contact information
- Admission deadline date and start date
- Application fee
- First-time or transfer student
- Transfer requirements and Transfer Credit Coordinator contact information
- Articulation agreement(s)
- Admission package



FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Explore education funding options
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)
- Compare the net cost of two institutions of higher education

SERVICE BENEFITS

- Tuition Assistance
- GI Bill
- Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP)
- Veteran Readiness & Employment (V&RE)

FEDERAL/STATE STUDENT AID

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Work Study
- Loans

INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS

- Scholarships
- Work Study
- Fellowships
- Assistantships
- Employment in Higher Education

PRIVATE FUNDS

- Scholarships
- Employer Education Benefits
- Loans

EDUCATION FUNDING OPTIONS



SERVICE BENEFITS

- Tuition Assistance
- GI Bill
- Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP)
- Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)

EDUCATION FUNDING OPTIONS

TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA)

- Federal education benefit available to active-duty Service members and some Reserve personnel
- Services administer individual TA programs
- Can be used with GI Bill[®]
- Institution must be approved to receive TA

VA EDUCATION BENEFITS MILITARY LIFE CYCLE (MLC)

<https://www.TAEvents.mil/courses> (select MLC courses)

GI BILL® BENEFITS

(SOME) OF THE BENEFITS AVAILABLE

- Co-op Training
- Entrepreneurship Training
- Flight Training
- Foreign Programs
- Tutorial Assistance
- Independent and Distance Learning
- Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees
- National Testing Reimbursement
- On-the-Job Training
- Vocation/Technical Training



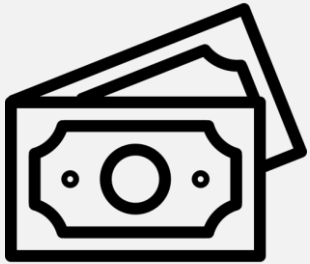
POST-9/11 GI BILL® (CHAPTER 33)

ELIGIBILITY:

After September 10, 2001:

- At least 90 days of aggregate Service and on active-duty or honorably discharged
- Discharged honorably with a Service-connected disability after 30 continuous days of Service
- Purple Heart recipients
- Reservists who lost education benefits when REAP was sunset in November 2015 **MAY** qualify for benefits

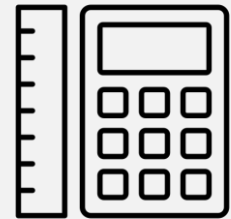
POST-9/11 GI BILL® BENEFITS



Tuition and Fees



Monthly Housing
Allowance based on
location of most
classes



Books and
Supplies
Stipend

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM (YRP)

ELIGIBILITY:

- Maximum benefit rate under the Post-9/11 GI Bill[®]
- Active-duty Service members and spouses are NOT eligible currently
- NEW: Active-duty Service members eligible to use YRP effective August 1, 2022

THE SCHOOL MUST:

- Agree to participate in the YRP
- Have not offered the YRP maximum number
- Certify enrollment to VA and provide YRP information

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

PRIVATE NONPROFIT TUITION AND FEES = \$55,036



GI Bill® = \$26,043

YRP = \$14,497

VA = \$14,497

TOTAL OUT OF POCKET COST = \$0

YRP QUESTIONS TO ASK

Is the YRP available for your level of study—undergraduate vs. graduate?

Is the YRP available for your major or is it limited to certain majors?

Is there a limit on the number of awards available?

Is there a limit to the amount of funds you can receive from YRP per year?

Is it renewable after the first year? Will you have to re-apply?

MONTGOMERY GI BILL® ACTIVE DUTY

ELIGIBILITY:

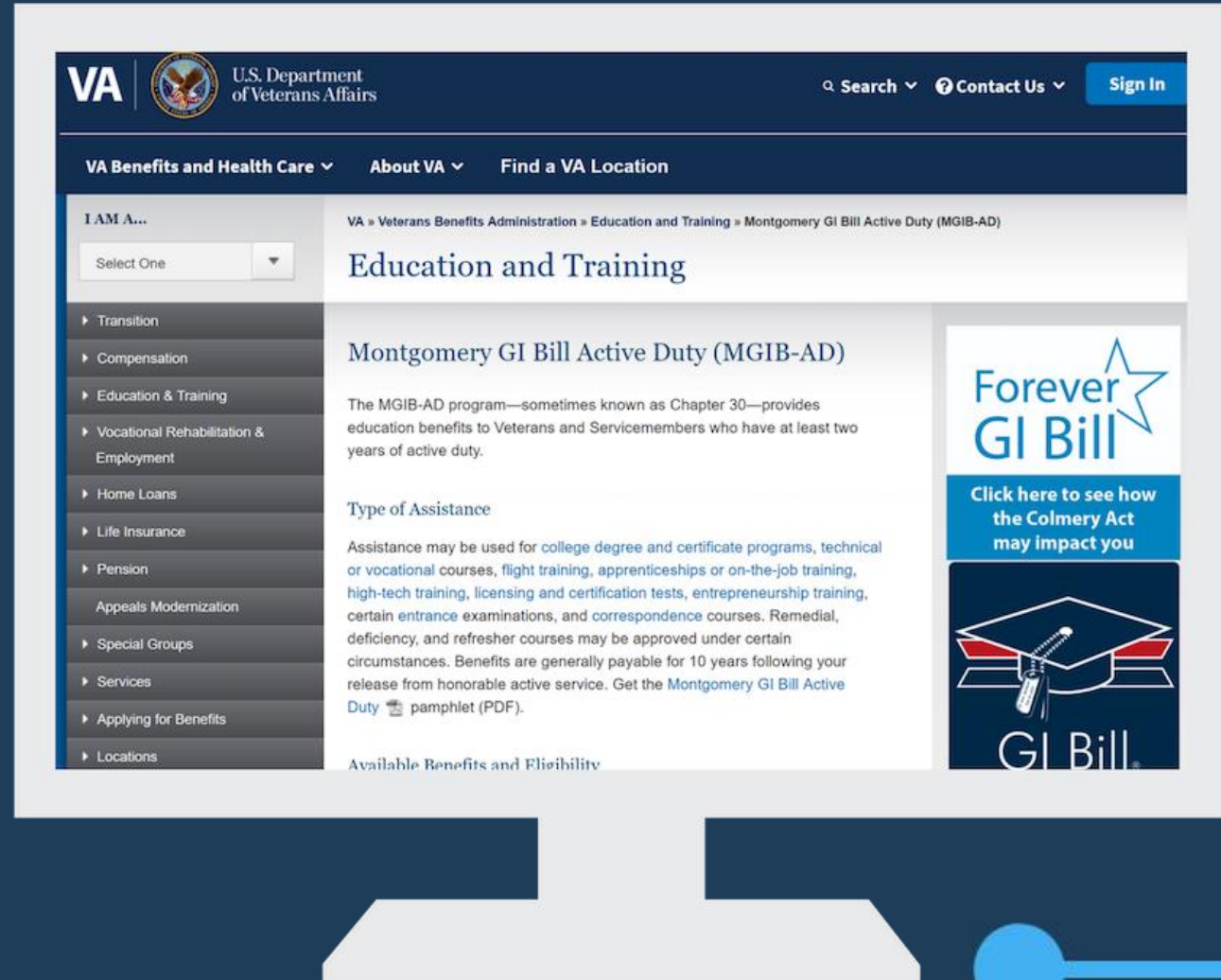
- At least 2 years of active-duty
- Separated with an honorable discharge

- High school diploma or GED

AND

- Meet the requirements of one of the categories listed on the website:

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-active-duty/>



APPLY FOR GI BILL[®] EDUCATION BENEFITS

VA Form 22-1990,
*Application for VA
Education Benefits*

ONLINE

<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>

– OR –

IN PERSON

Installation's Education Office, regional VA office, or your School Certifying Official (SCO)

**Receive
Certificate
of Eligibility
(COE)**



**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS (VA FORM 22-1990)

Use this form to apply for educational assistance under the following benefit programs:

- Post- 9/11 GI Bill chapter 33 of title 38, U.S. Code
- Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) chapter 30 of title 38, U.S. Code
- Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S. Code
- Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) chapter 32 of title 38, U.S. Code, or section 901 or section 903 of Public Law 96-342

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

Do not use this form to apply for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits (chapter 31 of title 38, U.S. Code), Dependents Educational Assistance benefits (chapter 35 of title 38, U.S. Code), Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (chapter 33 of title 38, U.S. Code), Transfer of Entitlement, or National Call to Service (section 510 of title 10, U.S. Code). These benefits require different application forms that can be completed on-line and printed at www.va.gov/vaforms or can be obtained from the nearest VA regional office. They may also be available where you received this application.

AVOID DEBT

IF YOU:

- Decrease Credit Hours

THE SCHOOL:

- Refunds Money to You

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR REPAYING THE VA**

Debt Management Center

1-800-827-0648 or

www.va.gov/debtman

VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT (VR&E)

ELIGIBILITY

- Honorable or Other Than Dishonorable discharge
- VA Service-connected disability rating of at least 10%



SERVICES

- Employment evaluation
- Vocational counseling
- Job accommodations
- OJT/apprenticeships
- Post-secondary training
- Rehabilitation services



COLLEGE COMPARISON CHART UPDATE

- GI Bill® accepted
- Maximum tuition benefit
- Annual in-state tuition and fees
- Housing allowance
- Book stipend
- Yellow Ribbon Program
- VR&E

GI BILL® COMPARISON TOOL:

www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool

A stack of several old, thick books with worn spines, some showing red and blue covers, stacked vertically on the right side of the slide.

FEDERAL/STATE STUDENT AID

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Work Study
- Loans

EDUCATION FUNDING OPTIONS

FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Failure to apply for Federal Student Aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will automatically limit your ability to receive grants, loans, work study, scholarships, and access to emergency funds

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>



FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

- Deadline to apply: October 1, 2021-June 30, 2023
- Must reapply every year or if changing schools
- Use IRS Data Retrieval Tool for financial information
- FAFSA is **FREE**—do not pay to apply

FAFSA on the Web Worksheet

fafsa.gov

DO NOT MAIL THIS WORKSHEET.

The *FAFSA on the Web Worksheet* provides a preview of the questions that you may be asked while completing the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) online at **fafsa.gov** or via the myStudentAid mobile app.

2022 – 2023

Federal Student Aid

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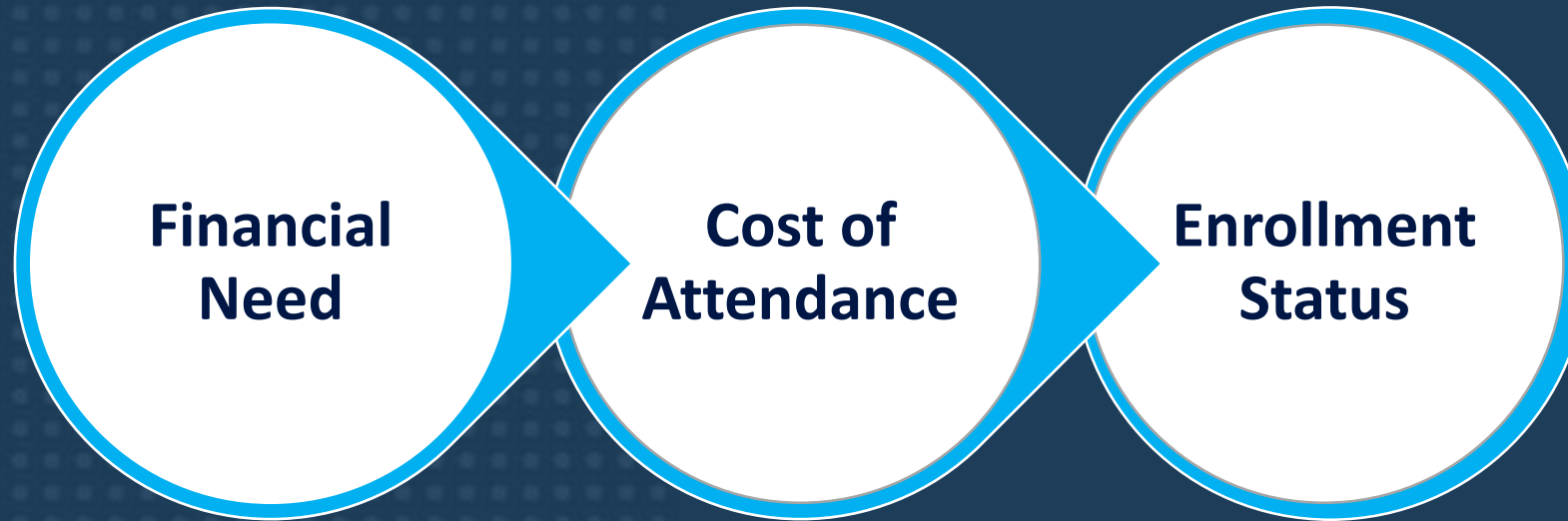
Pay attention to any symbols listed after your state deadline.

States and territories not included in the main listing below: AL*, AS**, AZ*, CO*, FM**, GU**, HI**, KY^\$, MH**, NC^\$, ND^\$, NE*, NH**, NM*, OK^\$, PR*, PW**, RI**, SD**, UT*\$, VA**, VI**, VT^\$, WA^\$, WI* and WY**.

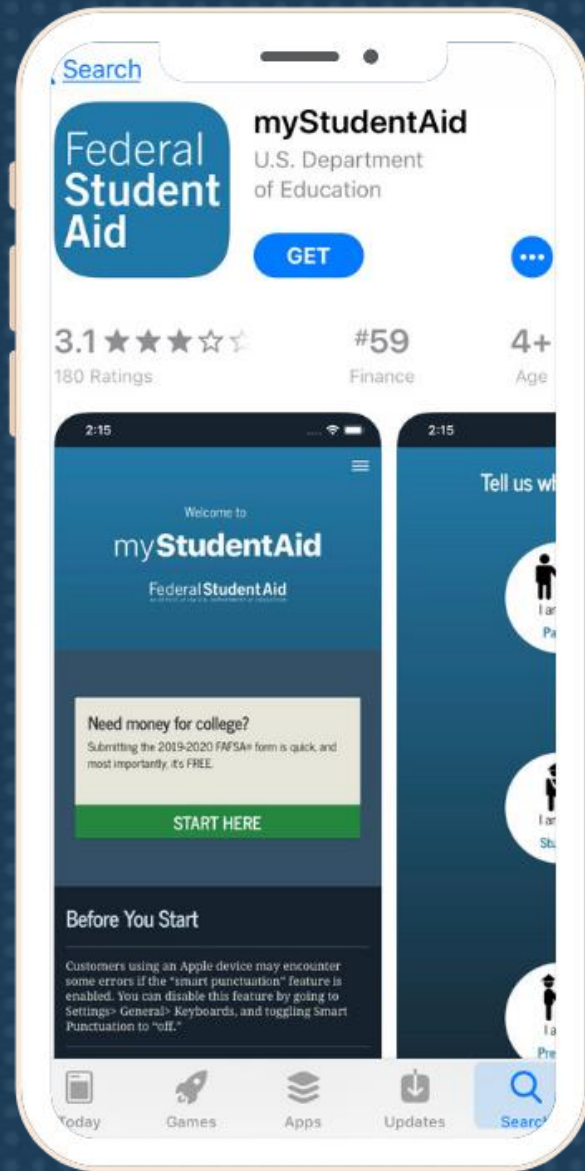
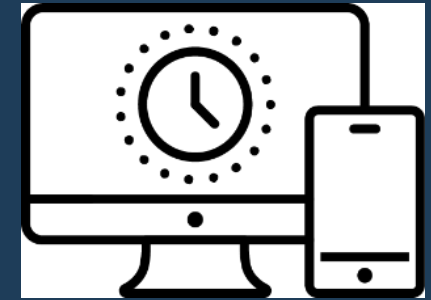
State	Deadline
AK	Alaska Education Grant ^ \$ Alaska Performance Scholarship – June 30, 2022 # \$
AR	Academic Challenge: July 1, 2022 (date received) ArFuture Grant: fall term, July 1, 2022 (date received); spring term,

BENEFITS DETERMINATION

YOUR FEDERAL STUDENT AID AWARD IS DETERMINED BY:



- **Full time:** 12 hours per semester or quarter equivalent
- **Three-Quarters time:** 11-9 hours
- **Half time:** 8-6 hours
- **Less than half time:** 5 hours or less
- **Graduate School:** 9 hours (full time); 3-6 hours (part time)



myStudentAid MOBILE APP

INSTRUCTIONS:

Download the *myStudentAid* app by searching for *myStudentAid* in your mobile device's application store

FEDERAL GRANTS

Federal grants are based on financial need and no repayment is necessary if courses are completed

Federal Pell Grant

- Undergraduate students without a bachelor's degree
- 12 semester or equivalent limit

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

- Exceptional financial need
- Award amount determined by school

NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANTS

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) sustains the connection between higher education and the national security community by meeting the need for experts in critical languages and regions.

<https://nsep.gov/veterans/>

TEACH GRANT

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant

This grant pays for college if you become a teacher in a high-need field in a low-income area and includes a service obligation.

- Undergraduate, post baccalaureate, or graduate students
- Attendance and academic requirements
- Requires service commitment after graduation
- Converts to loan with repayment if commitment not met





WORK STUDY

- Part-time employment for undergraduate and graduate students
- Federal minimum wages or higher paid directly to student
- Eligibility may be based on financial need

Federal Work Study

VA Work Study*

*Veterans with Service-connected disabilities of at least 30% may be given priority consideration.

FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS

- Made by the government based on need
- Terms and conditions set by law
- Include benefits not offered by private loans:
 - Fixed interest rates
 - Income–driven repayment plans



BEFORE TAKING A LOAN



**DETERMINE HOW
MUCH MONEY
YOU SHOULD
BORROW**



**ESTIMATE WHAT
YOU MIGHT EARN
AFTER GRADUATION**



**UNDERSTAND
REPAYMENT**

SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT (SCRA)



Any student loan taken out by the service member for educational purposes prior to serving on active duty will have the interest rate capped at 6%.

- Should happen automatically with federal loans
- Private loans — contact your student loan servicer and request the interest cap as part of the SCRA

STATE AID



1

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

State Contacts

2

CENTER FOR NEW AMERICAN SECURITY

State Benefit Finder

3

US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

State Veteran Scholarships



INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS

- Scholarships
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EDUCATION FUNDING OPTIONS



EDUCATION FUNDING OPTIONS

PRIVATE FUNDS

- Scholarships
- Employer Education Benefits
- Loans

PRIVATE LOANS



Federal Loans

- Provided by Federal Government
- Always has a fixed interest rate
- Repayments start after graduation
- Do not need a cosigner
- Loans based on need, FAFSA and EFC

- Provided by private lender, bank, or credit union
- Can be fixed or variable interest rate
- Repayments can start as soon as loan is signed or at graduation
- Most private loans require a cosigner; credit worthiness based



Private Loans



ACCEPTING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- Accept scholarships and grants—**NO REPAYMENT**
- Decline loans if not needed
- If loans are accepted, signing the promissory note means you promise to repay the loans

University of the United States (UUS)
Undergraduate College Financing Plan
Student Name, Identifier

MM / DD / YYYY

Total Cost of Attendance 2021-2022

	On Campus Residence	Off Campus Residence
Tuition and fees		\$X,XXXX
Housing and meals	\$X,XXXX	\$X,XXXX
Books and supplies		\$X,XXXX
Transportation		\$X,XXXX
Other education costs		\$X,XXXX
Estimated Cost of Attendance	\$X,XXXX / yr	\$X,XXXX / yr

Expected Family Contribution

Based on FAFSA As calculated by the institution using information reported on the FAFSA or to your institution.	X,XXXX / yr
Based on Institutional Methodology Used by most private institutions in addition to FAFSA.	X,XXXX / yr

Scholarship and Grant Options

Scholarships and Grants are considered "Gift" aid - no repayment is needed.

Scholarships

Merit-Based Scholarships	
Scholarships from your school	\$X,XXXX

Grants

Need-Based Grant Aid	
Federal Pell Grants	\$X,XXXX

COLLEGE FINANCING PLAN

Undergraduate and Graduate

FINANCIAL AID ACTION PLAN



COLLEGE COMPARISON CHART UPDATE AND ACTION PLAN



- Locate school-specific FAFSA deadline
- Research institutional scholarships
- Find one state scholarship
- Find one private scholarship



For graduate students: research fellowships and assistantships at your chosen institutions

AVOID SCAMS AND MISINFORMATION

SAVE YOUR MONEY

Don't pay for
scholarships or
the FAFSA

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Keep personal
information secure

REPORT FRAUD AND IDENTITY THEFT

SUCCESS STRATEGIES



- Meet with the VA Benefits Advisor to understand educational benefits.
 - Create a budget including the full cost of the degree(s).
 - Strategize how to use the GI Bill for both an undergraduate and graduate degree.
 - Prepare for placement exams.
 - Attend new student orientation.
 - Ask for help—use resources like tutoring and counseling.
 - Meet with professors early in the semester.
 - Find your “tribe” by getting involved in a campus activity or visiting the Veterans Center.
 - Complete the FAFSA every year.
 - Find a mentor.
- PG, p. 128
- Network using LinkedIn and attending on-campus career events.



SUMMARY

- Completed a self-assessment to narrow career interests
- Conducted research on career choices
- Researched factors for choosing an institution
- Identified admission requirements and funding sources
- Gathered resources and contacts for more information
- Completed a comparison of two schools
- Reviewed strategies for success

QUESTIONS?

Reminder:

We are here to help YOU! If you have any questions at any point during your transition, please let us know.



TAP PARTICIPANT ASSESSMENT



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