Triton College
Military Educational Benefits
Data Form 2014-2015

This application is to be completed for the purpose of military educational benefits only. Students interested in applying for additional financial aid must complete the appropriate documentation as issued by Triton College.

In addition to this data form, students may also be asked to submit the following items depending on the type of benefits they choose to use: DD214, Letter of Eligibility, Change of Program/Place of Training Form, Transcripts, Benefit Specific Application, etc.

Important Notice: All qualifying students using the GI Bill must meet Academic Standards of Progress. All qualifying students using a state benefit must maintain a 2.0 GPA. Disqualified students must petition for reinstatement and be approved in order to use military educational benefits at Triton College. Individual benefits may carry additional qualifications.

Return the completed Triton College Military Educational Benefits Data Form to:

Triton College, Financial Aid Office, 2000 Fifth Ave., River Grove, IL 60171 (708) 456-0300, Ext. 3155, finaid@triton.edu

1. Social Security no. _____-_____-_____ Date of birth _____ Degree Program _____

2. Name _____
   Last First Middle Initial

3. Current address _____
   Street City State ZIP

4. Telephone number ( ) _____ 5. Email address _____
   Students must provide a valid e-mail address in order to receive communications from Triton College.

6. Have you used military educational benefits previously?

   ❒ YES - I have used benefits at Triton OR another school ❒ NO - I have not used benefits before
   *(You will be contacted by your Triton College Veteran Certifying Official if **additional paperwork** is needed.)*

7. Do you have a Bachelors/Masters degree? ❒ Yes ❒ No

8. Will you be attending another institution while at Triton College? (If YES, a letter from your parent school approving all courses is required.)

   ❒ Yes ❒ No

9. What benefit(s) do you plan on using during the 2014-2015 academic year? (Check ALL that apply.)

   ❒ Montgomery GI Bill – Post 9/11 (Chapter 33)
   ❒ Montgomery GI Bill – Traditional (Chapter 30)
   ❒ Montgomery GI Bill – Reserves (Chapter 1606)
   ❒ Montgomery GI Bill, Reserves – Activated (Chapter 1607)
   ❒ Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31)
   ❒ Survivors & Dependents (Chapter 35)
   ❒ Illinois Veterans Grant (IVG)
   ❒ Illinois National Guard (ING)
   ❒ Illinois MIA/POW Scholarship Grant

- I understand that benefits will be applied to all semesters in the 2014-2015 academic year, unless I request otherwise.
- I understand if I make any **changes** to my schedule, **I must notify** my Triton College Veteran Certifying Official.
- I understand payment of tuition or certification of classes is pending the verification of academic eligibility and the collection of necessary forms; therefore, my tuition **may not be paid or my classes certified by the first day of school**.

By signing this, I agree that I have read, understand, and will adhere to the attached Responsibilities and Checklist.
I declare, under penalty of perjury, that all information reported on this application is true, complete and accurate.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

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GPA _____ SAP _____ IVG Units _____ ING Restriction _____ Post 9/11 _____%

Notes:

Military Educational Benefits Responsibilities

I understand the following statements as they pertain to receiving my Veteran Educational Benefits.

1. I must notify my Triton College Veteran Certifying Official if I make any changes to my schedule.
2. I agree to provide the following information to the Financial Aid/Veteran Benefits Office of Triton College **for each academic year I am enrolled** in order to receive my benefits: Triton College Military Educational Benefits Data Form, and Additional benefits documentation as necessary (SEE REVERSE CHECKLIST)
3. I may not claim benefits if I **do not attend or complete (grades of W or R)** the course(s) I registered for with a passing grade.
4. I may not claim benefits if, for any reason, I **withdraw or am withdrawn** from a course, and receive a grade of W.
5. I may not claim benefits for **auditing** a course. (Auditing: attending a credit course as a listener, where a grade is not given.)
6. I may not claim benefits for **repeating a course** in which a passing grade of A, B, C, or D has been received previously.
7. I may not claim benefits for **online remedial courses** such as: MAT 045, 055, 085; or RHT 085, 086, 095, 096.
8. I may not claim benefits for any course **not specifically required for completion of the degree program** I declared on my Veteran application in the Financial Aid/Veteran Benefits Office.
9. I may not claim GI benefits for **continuing education courses** in which no credit is granted toward my degree program.
10. I understand the degree I declare to the Triton College Admissions Office **must match the degree** I declare to the Financial Aid/Veteran Benefits office to receive my military benefits.
11. I understand, if my academic plans change, I am allowed to change my degree **only once a semester**. VRAP students may not change programs after certification has been submitted to the VA.
12. I understand **if I change my degree I must**:
    - Request a Change of Program with the Records & Registration Office (Room B-216), and
    - Complete a Change of Program form with the Veteran Benefits Office (available online at www.triton.edu/finaid)
13. I may not claim benefits if I fail to **complete a formal evaluation** of all previous college credits earned at schools prior to attending Triton College. I understand this formal evaluation must be completed within two semesters of attendance or my benefits will not continue. When I undergo a Formal Credit Evaluation, **I must deliver a photocopy of the Evaluation results** to the Financial Aid/Veteran Benefits Office.
14. I may not claim benefits **if I do not disclose any previously taken courses or previously earned degrees** from other institutions. Upon discovery of this information, my benefits will be suspended by Triton College until I complete a formal evaluation of all previous credits and degrees. I understand this formal evaluation can take up to 12 weeks and may result in an overpayment of benefits from the VA that I will be responsible to repay.
15. I understand I am held to the same academic standards as all Triton students, therefore, I may not claim benefits if I am currently **disqualified based on the Standards of Academic Progress**. (See College Catalog for definition of Standards of Progress.) My classes will not be certified until I have successfully appealed and become reinstated to receive my benefits.
16. **I understand if my appeal is denied and I am not reinstated, I will forfeit my benefits for the current semester in question**. I will be allowed to appeal again, in a future semester, to have my benefit eligibility reinstated once I have fulfilled the stipulations put forth by the Appeals Committee and/or the Associate Dean of Financial Aid.

Payments

17. I understand the Veteran's Administration pays out monies to me based on the **start and end dates of the classes** for which I am enrolled. Therefore, if a class is less than 15 weeks long, my payment will reflect the shortened timeframe and I may not be considered for full time pay for the entire semester.
18. I understand if I elect to receive the Post 9/11 GI Bill, and I am **only enrolled in online** courses, I will only be eligible for 50% of my Basic Housing Allowance.
19. I understand if I withdraw or my instructor withdraws me from a course, the withdrawal will be reported to the VA. I understand **the last date of my attendance**, NOT the day I withdraw from the course, will be reported to the VA, which may result in an overpayment that I will be responsible to repay.
20. If I feel I have **mitigating circumstances** contributing to my grade of W, I will contact the Department of Veterans Affairs in St. Louis, Missouri directly regarding my case.

Military Educational Benefits Checklist

- ❑ **Triton College Military Educational Benefits Data Form** (ALL STUDENTS)

  The Office of Financial Aid will not process benefits without a Data Form on file for the current academic year. Visit www.triton.edu/finaid to download the form.

G.I. BILL

New Student (*First time college student AND using VA Educational Benefits*)

- ❑ Application for VA Benefits - Form 22-1990 (*This may be completed online at www.gibill.va.gov*)**
- ❑ Certificate of Eligibility
- ❑ Copy of DD214 – Member 4 ***

Transfer Student (*Student has earned college credit, but may or may not have used VA Educational Benefits*)

- ❑ VA Request for Change of Program/Place of Training - Form 22-1995 (You can obtain this from the Triton College Financial Aid Office, Room B-216W) OR an Application for VA Benefits - Form 22-1990 (This may be completed online at www.gibill.va.gov) if this is the student's first time using VA Educational Benefits. **
- ❑ Certificate of Eligibility
- ❑ Copy of DD214 – Member 4 ***
- ❑ Official transcripts for all college and military credit earned along with a general petition must be submitted to the Admissions Office (Room B-216E) to be evaluated towards the degree program stated on VA Change of Program (Form 22-1995). **This process must be completed within two semesters of attendance or VA Benefits may be discontinued.**

Guest Student (*Enrolled in courses at Triton College but pursuing a degree at another institution*)

- ❑ A "Parent Letter" from primary school stating that the courses taken at Triton College will apply toward student's degree program. **Only courses approved by your primary school will be certified**.
- ❑ Certificate of Eligibility

Readmitted Student (*Student was receiving VA Educational Benefits at Triton College but has not attended for at least two semesters*)

- ❑ VA Request for Change of Program/Place of Training - Form 22-1995 (*You can obtain this from the Triton College Financial Aid Office, Room B-216W*) **
- ❑ Official transcripts for all college and military credit earned along with a general petition must be submitted to the Admissions Office (Room B-216E) to be evaluated towards the degree program stated on VA Change of Program (Form 22-1995). **This process must be completed within two semesters of attendance or VA Benefits may be discontinued.**

IVG – ING – MIA/POW

- ❑ Application for VA benefits – IVG and MIA/POW require a paper application (completed only once), ING applications are to be completed online (every year). All applications are available at www.collegezone.org.
- ❑ Certificate of Eligibility

**Student's using G.I. Bill benefits as dependents (or spouses) of Veterans will submit a Dependent's Application for VA Benefits (Form 22-5490) if they are using benefits for the first time Or Dependents Request of Change of Program/Place of Training (Form 22-5495) if they are transferring from another institution.

***Student's using G.I. Bill benefits as dependents will submit the veteran's DD214-Member 4.