



GI Bill® Benefits: Getting Started and What to Expect

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Step 1: Applying to Solano Community College (SCC) & VA Education Benefits

Before proceeding to Step 2, students must first complete Step 1. They are also required to have either a hard copy of their VA Certificate of Eligibility or an email from the VA confirming that their education benefits have been approved.

- ☐ **Required:** Complete an Application for Admission/Readmission <https://www.solano.edu/admissions/>
 - **New Students:** Student will receive an email from CCCApply after submitting their application. Followed by an acceptance email from SCC Admissions and Records with a SCC Student ID number and FalconNest Username within 1 – 2 business days.
 - **Returning SCC Students:** If you've previously applied for admission and did not attend for 1 or more semesters, you will need to apply for readmission.
- ☐ **Required:** Complete the VA Education Benefit Application <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>
- ☐ **REQUIRED:** Order all **Unofficial Transcripts That Apply.**
All Prior College Advance Placement (AP) CLEP DANTES
 - **VETERANS:** In addition to unofficial college transcripts, Military Transcripts are required
 - US Army, Marines Corps, Navy, & Coast Guard: Order Joint Service Transcript <https://jst.doded.mil/jst/>
 - US Air Force & Space Force: Order Community College of the Air Force/Air University <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Registrar/Transcript-Requests/>

Step 2: Contact the SCC Veterans Resource Center (VRC)

- ☐ Contact the Veterans Resource Center to schedule an Initial Benefit Appointment
- ☐ Complete the New Student Online Orientation at <https://www.solano.edu/admissions/orientation-home.php>
- ☐ Apply for Financial Aid <https://studentaid.gov/> (Optional, but HIGHLY Recommended)

Step 3: Initial Benefit Appointment

- ☐ **Bring all Unofficial Transcripts** to this appointment.
- ☐ VRC staff member will go over the VA Education Benefit and requirements while using the benefit
- ☐ VRC staff member will provide and go over the New Student Packet with forms that are required for the Intake Benefit Appointment
- ☐ VRC staff member will schedule a VA Education Plan appointment with the Veteran Resource Center Academic Counselor, and an Intake Appointment based on the student's current enrollment

Step 4: VA Education Plan Appointment

- ☐ The VRC Academic Counselor will create a VA-approved education plan covering the student's first semester through graduation or transfer. Students may pursue up to two majors. In accordance with VA Prior Credit Regulations, applicable prior college credits, standardized tests, and military training will be applied to shorten the time needed to achieve the student's educational goal.
- ☐ The VA Education Plan will be reviewed for compliance before given to the student.

Step 5: VA Education Plan Acknowledgement

- ☐ The VA Education Plan will be emailed to the student with instructions to accept the VA Education Plan and may include additional documentation before the educational plan is official.

Step 6: Intake Appointment

- ☐ Student will submit their New Student Packet completed with all supporting documentation outlined in the New Student Packet in order to start using their benefit.