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Welcome Back Students!

Greetings GI Bill® student,

Are you ready for the new term? In this issue, we include reminders to help you stay in contact with VA and tips to make sure you don't miss a benefits payment. We also share how to get free tutoring assistance if you need it, along with other ways to maximize your education benefits.

If you are ready to begin transitioning from learning to earning, VA has various opportunities for healthcare professionals, as well as support services that you might not know even existed. Read on to learn more.

If you find this edition useful, please share it with other Veterans and GI Bill beneficiaries, and be sure to [connect with us on the Post-9/11 GI Bill Facebook](#) page. If you received this newsletter as a forwarded copy, we encourage you to [sign up for our emails](#) and stay in the know about all things GI Bill benefits. Don't forget to add Veteransbenefits@messages.va.gov to your contacts list, so you don't miss important updates from us.

Is your contact information up to date with VA?



We want to ensure there are no delays with you receiving your education payments, so please take a moment to review and, if needed, update your personal contact information (i.e., mobile phone, email address and mailing address) in your [VA.gov profile](#).

It is vital that your contact information remains up to date so that you can receive updates on enrollment verification requirements and have access to text and email verification methods. If you have not yet created a VA.gov account with ID.me or Login.gov, you can watch our [how-to video](#) and then [create your account](#). You can also update your contact information through [Ask VA](#) or by calling the Education Call Center at 888-442-4551, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday.

Verifying your monthly enrollment



If you are using GI Bill benefits, you are required to [verify your enrollment](#) at the end of each month in order to receive your benefits. There are a variety of ways to verify your enrollment, such as through text, email, phone, [online](#), or through [Ask VA](#). You can see a quick summary of all these options on our [GI Bill website](#). You can change the way you verify your enrollment to

whichever method is most convenient for you.

Please see our [GI Bill enrollment verification FAQs webpage](#) for additional information on enrollment verification.

Are you eligible for the GI Bill tutoring benefit?



If you're having trouble in a required subject and need a tutor, you can be reimbursed through the GI Bill for up to \$100 per month, with a lifetime limit of \$1,200. You're eligible if you meet all the following criteria:

- You are enrolled in a postsecondary program at half-time or more.

- You have a deficiency in a course that is part of your approved program.
- You are enrolled in the course during the quarter, semester or term in which the tutoring is received for the course. Tutoring may not occur between quarters or semesters.

Find more information, including how to apply, on our [tutorial assistance webpage](#).

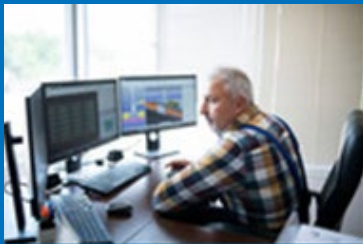
Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship



This scholarship allows eligible Veterans using the Post-9/11 GI Bill or dependents using the Fry Scholarship to get additional benefits. It provides up to nine months, or \$30,000, of benefits for training in high-demand science, technology, engineering, and math fields.

Find out eligibility requirements and how to apply for the [Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship](#) on our webpage.

How does the GI Bill affect my taxes?



GI Bill payments are tax-free but will affect tax credits. Visit our website to [learn how GI Bill payments affect your taxes](#).

Studying a medical or healthcare field? VA has scholarships!



Are you studying in a field related to medicine or healthcare? VA offers scholarships to students willing to work in a VA healthcare facility serving the nation's Veterans. These scholarships cover many degrees and certifications and are also often tax-exempt. [Find more](#)

[information about different programs on our education support webpage.](#)

IBM is offering free training through IBM SkillsBuild



If you are a Veteran or service member, or the spouse, caregiver, or dependent of a Veteran or service member and at least 18 years old, then you are eligible for [IBM SkillsBuild](#), a no-cost enhanced resource offered by IBM. Through this program, you can gain valuable knowledge in project management, professional skills, resume building, data analytics, and cybersecurity while earning industry-recognized digital credentials as you enhance your technology skillset.

You can [sign up today and begin self-paced courses](#).

IBM SkillsBuild also offers guided learning experiences (GLEs) where you can earn industry-recognized digital credentials. No prior knowledge or experience is required to join these GLEs. You can register for the new GLEs below.

GLE	Registration Period	Training Period
Kickstart your Data and AI Journeys	December 15, 2025-January 14, 2026	January 14, 2026-January 21, 2026
Career Management Fundamentals	January 26, 2026 - February 13, 2026	February 16, 2026 – March 13, 2026
Artificial Intelligence Fundamentals	February 9, 2026 – February 27, 2026	March 2, 2026- March 27, 2026

[Click here if you need help registering.](#)

Keep up to date on GLE and other IBM SkillsBuild opportunities by [reviewing our website](#).

Are you looking for a quick training opportunity? Check out the 15-minute microlearning, [Creating an Elevator Pitch Using Generative AI](#).

If you know someone else in the military or Veteran community who might be interested in this opportunity, please share this article with them, as they too are eligible for the IBM SkillsBuild program.

Disclosure: By registering for this learning experience, you acknowledge that SkillUp, a training delivery vendor of IBM SkillsBuild, will process your data (name and email only) and may contact you regarding your participation in this experience and other IBM SkillsBuild educational activities. You also understand that this information is shared with VA, which will have access to your data to support program coordination and participant engagement.

Reminder: Preview of past Education Service webinars



Catch up on past Education Service webinars to stay updated on the latest VA educational benefits and services. These webinars cover important topics such as GI Bill updates, application processes, and resources for Veterans and their families. Click the [Education Service Webinars](#) link to view recordings and access valuable information that can help you make the most out of your educational opportunities

Explore VA non-clinical careers



Whether you're ready to move up in your career field or try something new, our support service jobs have the professional change of pace you're looking for.

There's plenty to learn when you serve the nation's Veterans, families, caregivers, and survivors. From advancing your education to spending time with our close-knit community of Veteran care experts, there's never a dull day at VA.

Ready to continue your journey toward a rewarding non-clinical role? Check out the [VA Careers website](#) to browse our latest openings and application advice.

Expert care and rewarding VA careers



Whether you've returned home after military service or settled somewhere new along the way, VA is always nearby when you need the care you've earned and the career you deserve.

We have over 1,250 VA health care centers around the nation, many of which are close to military installations, urban centers, or rural communities. Our providers enjoy the freedom of a single nationwide medical license and can move between VA facilities without a loss of employment benefits in most cases.

Visit [USA Jobs](#) to see what career opportunities await you as a VA health care provider.

**If you know a Veteran who is in crisis,
call the [Veterans Crisis Line](#) at 988 and press 1.**



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1-888-442-4551, TDD: 711

Use [Ask VA](#) to ask a question 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and get an answer online.



You can also call us at **888-442-4551** between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday. If you are calling from overseas, call the interim contact number +1-918-781-7777. To reach this number from overseas, use the appropriate country's exit code followed by 1-918-781-7777. For instance, from the United Kingdom/Europe, dial 00-1-918-781-7777, and from Japan, dial 010-1-918-781-7777. You can find the [routine contact information for VA on our webpage](#).

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