



Grundy County Veterans Assistance Commission

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VA education benefits for survivors and dependents

If you're a dependent spouse or child—or the surviving spouse or child—of a Veteran, you may qualify for education benefits or job training through a GI Bill program.

Can I get education benefits?

You may qualify for education benefits if you're the child or spouse of a service member and one of the below descriptions is true of the service member. One of these must be true. The service member:

- Died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001, or
- Is missing in action or was captured in the line of duty by a hostile force, or
- Was detained (held) by force while in the line of duty by a foreign government or power, or
- Is in the hospital or getting outpatient treatment for a service-connected permanent and total disability, and is likely to be discharged for that disability. A service-connected permanent and total disability is a disability resulting from your service that does not go away.
- If you are a dependent who does not meet the above criteria, you may still qualify for education benefits if the Veteran or service member transferred some or all of their Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement to you while they were on active duty.

The college, university or manager of the training program is a good source for determining what your benefits are and what they will pay for. You can also call the **GI Bill Hotline at 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551)** for more information directly from the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

Illinois Veterans' Grant

The Illinois Veterans' Grant (IVG) Program pays tuition and mandatory fees at all Illinois state-supported colleges, universities and community colleges for eligible Illinois veterans. An individual must:

- Be an honorably discharged veteran; and
- Reside in Illinois six months before entering the service; and
- Have at least one full year of active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. This includes veterans who were assigned to active duty in a foreign country in a time of hostilities in that country, regardless of length of service; and
- Return to Illinois within six months of discharge from the service



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