

# HOW TO ACCESS “VONAPP” TO APPLY FOR VETERANS BENEFITS

NOTE: If you are unsure which chapter of benefits to apply for, please go to [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) . This office cannot tell you which chapter of benefits is best for you. Once you review the information and make a decision, follow the steps below to apply for benefits. Remember to use the “Continue” button and the “Back” button at the bottom of the screen when this option is provided. Do not use the forward or backward arrows on the menu bar. Print a copy of your completed application for our office. This process excludes Vocational Rehabilitation and Hazlewood benefits.

1. Go to [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)
2. Click on VONAPP logo in center of the page

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VETERANS ON LINE APPLICATION

Click here

Launch VONAPP and Apply for Benefits

Please make sure you have all [information and necessary documents](#). The estimated time to complete will be approximately 30 minutes.

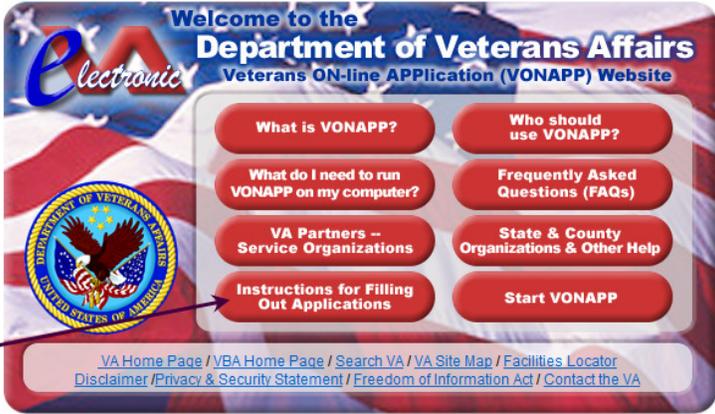
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Find a School

Apply For Benefits

Road Map to Success

### 3. Click on Instructions for Filling Out Applications.



Click here

**Information on Post-9/11 GI Bill (Fry Scholarship)** The Department of Veterans Affairs began accepting applications for the Post-9/11 GI Bill: Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship effective May 1, 2010. The program offers up to 36 months of education benefits. Select VA Form 22-5490 for original applications to apply.

Who is eligible? Children of an active duty member of the Armed Forces who has died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001, are eligible for this benefit.

Eligible children: (1) Are entitled to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level. (2) Have 15 years to use the benefit beginning on his/her 18th birthday. (3) May use the benefit until his or her 33rd birthday. (4) Cannot use benefit before age 18, even if he or she has completed high school. (5) Are not eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program.

For more information, call toll-free 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551), or

#### 4. Click “Start VONAPP”

**Welcome to the Department of Veterans Affairs**  
Veterans ON-line APPLICATION (VONAPP) Website

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT APPLICATIONS

The information below lists things you'll need to prepare for filling out your application and evidence you'll need to mail separately as supporting documentation.

Filling out a [VA Form 21-526](#), Veteran's Application for Compensation and/or Pension

Filling out a [VA Form 28-1900](#), Disabled Veteran's Application for Vocational Rehabilitation

Filling out a [VA Form 22-1990](#), Application for Education Benefits

#### VA Form 21-526 [Click here](#)

Information to Prepare Answers	Evidence to Send VA
1. Active Duty, Reserve Duty or National Guard Duty information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dates and places you entered and left duty</li> <li>• mailing addresses of units you served in</li> </ul>	Your DD214 or other separation papers for all periods of service unless you are filing a <a href="#">Benefits Delivery at Discharge or Quick Start</a> claim while on active duty or full-time duty.
2. List of military benefits	<a href="#">Click here for VA's</a>

[Start VONAPP](#)

5. Click "Continue" in bottom left corner.

**Start** Interview Final Steps exit

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION on the Post-9/11 (GI Bill) Chapter 33

The Department of Veterans Affairs is now accepting applications for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (a.k.a. chapter 33). Please select Form 22-1990 in VONAPP to apply.

The form requires that individuals currently eligible for benefits under the Montgomery GI BILL (MGIB a.k.a. chapter 30), MGIB—Selected Reserve (MGIB—SR a.k.a. chapter 1606) or Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP aka chapter 1607), make an irrevocable election from their existing program to Post-9/11 GI Bill.

For individuals eligible for MGIB: Please be advised that your entitlement to the Post-9/11 GI Bill will be equal to the number of months you have remaining under MGIB. However, if you exhaust all of your MGIB entitlement, then you may be entitled to a maximum of 12 additional months of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

For individuals eligible for MGIB—SR and/or REAP: Typically, individuals who are eligible for more than one benefit may use a combined total of 48 months of entitlement. For example: If you have used 20 months under REAP, you may be eligible for 28 months of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Once your application has been processed, you will receive a letter explaining VA's decision regarding your eligibility for the program. Payments for Post-9/11 GI Bill will not be processed until August 1, 2009.

If you experience technical difficulties and are unable to access the VONAPP application, please click [here](#) to access the paper Form 22-1990, which includes instructions for mailing completed applications.

Getting Started

What is the "text-only" link at the bottom?  
What if I cannot see back and continue buttons?  
Does my Internet browser need special settings?  
Can I contact VA by e-mail about VONAPP?  
Will I see pop-up screens to help me?  
How do I delete the pop-up screens?  
Can I delete a drop down list selection I made?

back continue Switch to text-only site

After reading this page, click 'continue.' You will do this for a total of 3 pages.

6. Click on “Sign Up Now” to establish a user ID and password. You will then be able to access VONAPP.

The screenshot shows the VONAPP login interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Start', 'Interview', and 'Final Steps', along with an 'exit' button. The main heading is 'VONAPP Login: Please enter your Login Name and Password. If you are a new user, click on the Sign-Up Now button. If you forgot your password, click one of the buttons below to either show your password hint or to have us email your password to you.' Below this is a form with 'Login Name:' and 'Password:' labels and corresponding input fields. A horizontal line separates the login section from the 'New User?' section. The 'New User?' section contains a 'Sign Up Now' button, which is pointed to by a purple arrow. Below it are buttons for 'Show Password Hint' and 'Email Me My Password'. To the right of the 'Sign Up Now' button, there is a text box that says 'Sign up as a New User. You will now be able to complete your application online.' The page also features a 'back' button at the bottom left and a 'continue' button at the bottom right with the text 'Switch to text-only site'.

**Getting Started**  
Enter your unique Login Name here. If you don't have one yet, click on Sign-up now to choose one.

**VONAPP Login:** Please enter your Login Name and Password. If you are a new user, click on the **Sign-Up Now** button. If you forgot your password, click one of the buttons below to either show your password hint or to have us email your password to you.

Login Name:

Password:

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