



## Veterans and Military Servicemembers

Geneva College welcomes the opportunity to educate men and women who have served or are currently serving our country in the military services. Our counselors work with veterans, active duty personnel, reservists and dependents to help ensure they receive maximum tuition benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense and Armed Forces.

Geneva College's Adult Degree Completion Program (ADCP), traditional undergraduate and graduate programs are approved for veterans, active duty personnel, reservists or qualifying dependents to use their GI Bill education benefits and military Tuition Assistance.

In order to make completing a degree more accessible for adult students, Geneva offers four bachelor's degrees through the ADCP and a master's degree through the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) program. Classes are offered at convenient locations throughout western Pennsylvania.

### **Tuition Discounts for Educational Partnerships**

Geneva provides tuition discounts that apply to members of the 171<sup>st</sup> Pennsylvania Air National Guard, the 911<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing U.S. Air Force Reserve and the 316<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Sustainment Command, U.S. Army.

Members who enroll in the college's Adult Degree Completion Program are eligible for these discounts.

### **College Credit for Military Education**

Geneva College recognizes learning acquired while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans and servicemembers may receive undergraduate elective credit for Basic Training and formal education gained in the military.

The American Council on Education (ACE) recommends college credit for military training and experience, and Geneva College considers the advisory ACE credit recommendations for potential transfer credit.

CCAF (Air Force), AARTS (Army), SMARTS (Navy/Marines) transcripts, and forms DD 295 and DD 214 provide documentation of potential transfer credit.

### **College Credit for CLEP/DANTES**

Geneva College recognizes comprehensive subject knowledge demonstrated by passing CLEP/DANTES exams in relevant subject areas. The College Board provides transcripts for military personnel documenting CLEP exam scores.

### **Pennsylvania State Grant Program**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) provide State Grants for qualified veterans who need financial assistance to complete approved undergraduate education programs. All veterans are considered without regard to their financial status. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) functions as the Pennsylvania State Grant application for all applicants. A FAFSA

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can be submitted online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Filing the FAFSA each year is an important first step in the financial aid application process. The annual State Grant filing deadline is May 1.

### **Military Tuition Assistance**

The Armed Forces offers soldiers, sailors, marines, guardsmen and airmen several programs to support their education goals, including Tuition Assistance for college courses taken during off-duty hours. All Geneva College master's, bachelor's and associate degree programs are approved for payment of Tuition Assistance.

### **VA-GI Bill Benefits**

Geneva College is approved for Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits provided by the Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30 or Chapter 1606), the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607) and Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), and individuals qualifying for Chapter 35 and Chapter 31. All Geneva College master's, bachelor's and associate degree programs are approved for payment of GI Bill educational benefits.

### **Post-9/11 GI Bill**

The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) is the most comprehensive education benefit package since the original Montgomery GI Bill, which was signed into law in 1944.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education, including books and housing, to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-related disability after 30 days.

### **Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program)**

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. The program is an education benefit in which colleges enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. Geneva College participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

### **Using Your GI Bill Benefits and Military Tuition Assistance at Geneva College**

Veterans Affairs requires a completed VA FORM 22-1990, MAY 2009, to apply for educational benefits under Chapter 30, Chapters 1606 and 1607, Chapter 33, Chapter 35 and Chapter 31. The form can be completed online at [vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp](http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp).

Applicants to Geneva College who are applying or have already been approved for GI Bill education benefits eligibility may contact a Geneva admissions or enrollment counselor for assistance in using their benefits.

Each military service branch website provides application information for military Tuition Assistance. Applicants to Geneva College who are applying or have already been approved for military Tuition Assistance may contact a Geneva admissions or enrollment counselor for assistance in using their benefits.

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Geneva College is a comprehensive Christian college of the arts, sciences and professional studies. Founded in the tradition of the Reformed Christian faith, Geneva prepares students to serve Christ in all areas of society: work, family and the church. Geneva College is a founding member of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCCU).