

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS EDUCATIONAL AID

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs provides educational benefits for pursuit of approved training courses to qualified veterans. Benefits will be paid for as many months as the veteran spent on active duty, up to a maximum of 36 months. Veterans who qualify for the program are entitled to receive up to \$150 per month. Benefits are paid for classroom instruction, home study courses, and for vocational training from an accredited educational institution. Full-time students are entitled to receive up to \$150 per month and part-time students are entitled to receive up to \$100 per month. Individual school criteria determines full-time and part-time status. Students must enroll in a minimum of one three credit course and the course must be toward a program that will make the student employable.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Active duty in the Armed Forces of the U.S. for not less than 90 days; and
2. Released from military service under honorable conditions; and
3. Is a resident of Oregon when applying for State Educational Aid; and
4. Is a citizen of the United States; and
5. Served during the Korean War (June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955) or after June 30, 1958.

To apply, fill out and sign the ODVA Form 1004-ME and submit it with a CERTIFIED copy of either the Report of Separation from the Armed Services or Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD Form 214, showing length and character of service (Member 4 copy) to:

ODVA Educational Aid Unit
700 Summer Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301-1285

Students interested in applying for this benefit should visit the Chemeketa Veterans' Services to obtain and complete ODVA Form 1005-ME and receive additional instructions. A new 1005-ME must be submitted to the ODVA by Chemeketa Veterans' Services for each term you are enrolled at Chemeketa and wish to receive ODVA Education Funds. You should not wait to receive a letter of eligibility from ODVA to submit this form.

At the end of each month of attendance, the student is responsible for submitting attendance forms verifying attendance and any absences. Attendance forms must include instructor signatures for each course of instruction. Blank forms may be obtained from and completed forms must be submitted to Chemeketa Veterans' Services. Online, Telecourses, or other courses not in a regular classroom setting will require the student to request attendance verification from the instructor via e-mail. Instructors can then send an e-mail to the student with confirmation of satisfactory participation.

PAYMENT TO STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL CHEMEKETA VETERAN'S SERVICES SUBMITS ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION TO ODVA.

ODVA's Educational Aid will not be paid if the veteran is currently receiving federal educational benefits under Chapter 30, Chapter 30/34, Chapter 31, Chapter 35, Chapter 1606 or Chapter 1607. For additional information, contact the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs at (503) 373-2217.