

RURAL RELOCATION BENEFIT

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible if you:

(a) Reside in a county with less than 7 persons per square mile;

and

(b) Either -

- (1) Physically relocate at least 500 miles in order to pursue a program of education under the Post-9/11 GI Bill; **or**
- (2) Travel by air to physically attend an institution of higher learning for pursuit of a program of education under the Post-9/11 GI Bill if no other land-based method of transportation is available due to an absence of roads or other infrastructure.

HOW MUCH DOES THE RURAL RELOCATION BENEFIT PAY?

If you qualify for the benefit, you will receive a one-time payment of \$500.00.

HOW DO I APPLY?

You must complete the form on the other side of this page and mail it, along with the following documentation, to the VA Regional Processing Office that handles your education claim.

(1) **PROOF OF RURAL RESIDENCE** - You must provide proof of rural residency by submitting any of the following documents with your name and current address:

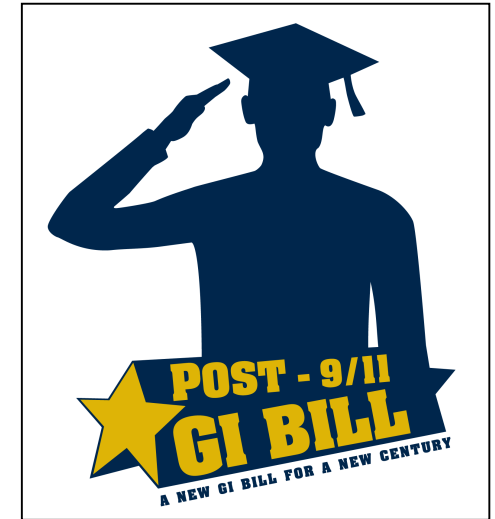
- DD 214, Certification of Release or Discharge from Active Duty; **or**
- The most recent Federal income tax return; **or**
- The most recent State income tax return; **or**
- Rental/lease agreement; **or**
- Mortgage document; **or**
- Current real property assessment; **or**
- Voter registration card.

(2) **PROOF OF AIR TRAVEL** - If you are traveling by air you must provide proof of travel by submitting an airline receipt for travel with a departure and destination airport within reasonable distance from the home of residence and the institution of higher learning you plan to attend.

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VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

You can get more information or send us an e-mail regarding the Rural Relocation Benefit via VA's website at www.gibill.va.gov by clicking on "Questions and Answers" and clicking on "Ask a Question & Find an Answer." Or you can call us at our toll-free number, 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). If you use the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal Relay number is 711.



APPLICATION FOR RURAL RELOCATION BENEFIT UNDER THE POST- 9/11 GI BILL

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Grid for Social Security Number

2. SEX

MALE FEMALE checkboxes

3. DATE OF BIRTH

MONTH DAY YEAR grid

4. NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)

Name grid

5. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

NUMBER AND STREET grid

Address grid

APT./UNIT NUMBER

APT./UNIT NUMBER grid

CITY, STATE, ZIP

CITY, STATE, ZIP grid

6. ADDRESS PRIOR TO RELOCATION (See instructions for eligibility criteria regarding required demographics for this location)

NUMBER AND STREET grid

Address grid

APT./UNIT NUMBER

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CITY, STATE, ZIP

CITY, STATE, ZIP grid

PART II - MODE OF TRANSPORTATION FOR RELOCATION (Check only one)

- Physically relocated at least 500 miles via land-based transportation... OR Traveled by air to physically attend an institution of higher learning...

PART III - REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

PROOF OF RURAL RESIDENCE

You must provide proof of residence in a rural relocation by submitting any of the following documents bearing your name and address:

- DD 214, Certification of Release or Discharge from Active Duty; or The most recent Federal income tax return; or The most recent State income tax return; or Rental/lease agreement; or Mortgage document; or Current real property assessment

PROOF OF AIR TRAVEL

If you traveled by air, you must provide an airline receipt for travel with a departure and destination airport within reasonable distance from your rural home of residence and the institution of higher learning where you are enrolled.

PART IV - CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

PENALTY - Willful false statements as to a material fact in a claim for education benefits is a punishable offense and may result in the forfeiture of these or other benefits and in criminal penalties.

7A. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (DO NOT PRINT)

7B. DATE SIGNED

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE: VA will not disclose information collected on this form to any source other than what has been authorized under the Privacy Act of 1974 or title 38, Code of Federal Regulations 1.576 for routine uses (e.g., VA sends educational forms or letters with a individual's identifying information to the individual's school or training establishment to (1) assist the individual in the completion of claims forms or (2) for the VA to obtain further information as may be necessary from the school for the VA to properly process the individual's education claim or monitor his or her progress during training) as identified in the VA system of records, 58VA21/22/28, Compensation, Pension, Education, and Veteran Readiness and Employment Records - VA, published in the Federal Register. Giving us your SSN account information is voluntary, but your failure to give us your SSN by itself will not result in the denial of benefits. The VA will not deny an individual benefits for refusing to provide his or her SSN unless the disclosure of the SSN is required by a Federal Statute of law enacted before January 1, 1975, and is still in effect. The requested information is considered relevant and necessary to determine the maximum benefits under the law. While you do not have to respond, VA cannot process your claim for education assistance unless the information is furnished as required by existing law (38 U.S.C. 3318). The responses you submit are considered confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Any information provided by applicants, recipients, and others may be subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.