Wisconsin State Approving Agency (SAA) – Federal Veterans Education Benefits

Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, Madison, Wisconsin

FACT SHEET AS OF 8/23/17

Overview

Starting with the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, also known as the G.I. Bill®, Congress required that each state create a "State Approval Agency" to provide the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) a list of programs leading to civilian employment and smooth the transition back to civilian life. Throughout our nation, more than 50 SAAs serve as the "face of the GI Bill."

The Wisconsin SAA is staffed with one Veterans Program Specialist, two Education Consultants, and one Director under the Division of Veterans Programs. An annual contract with the VA and business plan signed by the Governor establishes the federal-state relationship. The SAA evaluates and either approves or denies the use of the GI Bill at Wisconsin colleges, universities and vocational training facilities in order to safeguard quality education and training for veterans and other eligible persons. On October 1, 2016, the approval of On the Job Training (OJT) and Apprenticeship facilities was transferred to WDVA's SAA from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Bureau of Apprenticeship Standards. The SAA currently oversees approximately 200 educational institutions and 350 apprenticeship and OJT facilities. The current Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 allocation for the SAA is $291,973.00.

Mission Statement

- To assist the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in preventing waste, fraud and abuse in the administration of the GI Bill
- To provide quality assurance for veterans' education and accountability for the taxpayers' investments
- To ensure greater educational and training opportunities to meet the changing needs of veterans
- To promote and safeguard quality education and training programs for eligible veterans and other eligible persons

Core Functions

1. Approval of Programs: respond to requests from schools, establishments and employers
2. Compliance and Other Visits to Schools and Training Establishments: conduct surveys and inspections
3. Technical Assistance: provide guidance to schools, employers, veterans and community stakeholders
4. Outreach: publish and distribute materials in order to educate providers and veterans
5. Liaison: regular interaction with VA and professional organizations from local to national levels
6. Contract Compliance: track requirements and produce reports on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis

FY 16 Veterans count using both WI GI Bill and Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill

PUBLIC SCHOOLS	**FY 16**	**FY 16**	**DATA AS OF 6/17**
University of Wisconsin	**Wisconsin GI Bill**	**Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill**	**Total**
UW Madison	159	336*	495
UW Milwaukee	875	624	1499
UW Eau Claire	182	99	281
UW Green Bay	205	173	378
UW La Crosse	99	120	219
UW Oshkosh	353	236	589
UW Parkside	87	147	234
UW Platteville	209	142	351
UW River Falls	81	125	206
UW Stevens Point	205	156	361
UW Stout	227	196	423
UW Superior	41	66	107
UW Whitewater	138	193	331
UW-Colleges	224	243	467
UW Extension	3	4	7
Total	3088	2860	5948
Wisconsin Technical College System	**Wisconsin GI Bill**	**Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill**	**Total**
Blackhawk	42	69	111
Chippewa Valley	111	110	221
Fox Valley	233	224	457
Gateway	133	156	289
Lakeshore	31	23	54
Madison Area	225	295	520
Mid-State	74	34	108
Milwaukee Area	236	234	470
Moraine Park	71	72	143
Nicolet Area	33	32	65
Northcentral	100	89	189
Northeast Wisconsin	182	136	318
Southwest Wisconsin	24	23	47
Waukesha County	133	119	252
Western	164	122	286
Wisconsin Indianhead	71	68	139
System-Wide	1863	1806	3669

*****UW Madison Chapter 33 count is estimated.

The following list contains the top 20 campuses* in Wisconsin based on students (both public and private) for the Post 9/11 GI Bill.
*As of 6/17.

Largest GI Bill Campuses per Number of Eligible Persons	GI Bill Students	Post-9/11 GI Bill ($$)	Yellow Ribbon ($$)	Total	Rank
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE	1,095	$5,382,357	$3,676	$5,386,033	1
MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	552	$1,107,133	$ N/A	$1,107,133	2
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON	524	$3,099,729	$217,497	$3,317,225	3
FOX VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	496	$830,625	$N/A	$830,625	4
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH	479	$1,430,676	$7,100	$1,437,775	5
MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	472	$834,547	$N/A	$834,547	6
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER	400	$1,247,451	$17,948	$1,265,399	7
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT	392	$1,122,917	$N/A	$1,122,917	8
NORTHEAST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE – GREEN BAY	373	$500,271	$N/A	$500,271	9
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STEVENS POINT	357	$1,027,669	$16,117	$1,043,786	10
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE	338	$593,012	$11,111	$604,123	11
WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE – LA CROSSE	328	$569,298	$N/A	$569,298	12
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY	310	$861,439	$787	$862,226	13
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE	293	$984,497	$N/A	$984,497	14
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE	290	$790,888	$1,112	$792,000	15
CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE	263	$397,447	$N/A	$397,447	16
ASSOCIATED TRAINING SERVICES CORP – SUN PRAIRIE	256	$3,444,594	$N/A	$3,444,594	17
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS	241	$772,683	$N/A	$772,683	18
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE	222	$727,135	$7,546	$734,681	19
HERZING UNIVERSITY-MADISON	220	$1,292,497	$1,485	$1,293,982	20
TOTALS	7,901	$27,016,865	$284,379	$27,301,243	