

# Using the Dependents Education Assistance Program at Harding University.

School Year: 2022-2023

The DEA is not the only educational benefit available to dependents and/or spouses for use at Harding University (or many other schools). Please check the GI Bill ® website for more information.

All information listed below is relevant to the Dependent's Education Assistance Program.

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## How do I know if I have any benefits available?

- Go to <https://www.vets.gov/> and apply for benefits or you can apply through your eBenefits account. It will probably take 20-30 minutes to complete this application and 4-6 weeks to find out the results. The VA will provide a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) once your application has been approved.

## Does Harding give tuition discounts for Active Duty or Veteran Soldiers?

- Harding does not currently provide any tuition discounts for military affiliated students.

## How much money will I receive per semester?

Current stipend amount: \$1,401 per month (as of October 1, 2022)

- Students must be certified as a full time student to receive their full monthly stipend. Generally, this means at least 12 hours at the undergraduate level and 9 hours at the graduate level. If you are less than full time, the VA will prorate your payment based on the number of hours for which you have been certified.
- If you are taking hours that are not satisfying a graduation or university requirement, those hours will not count towards your full time hours for the VA. This may result in your payments being paid out at a less than full time rate.
- You must be certified for full time hours for the entire month to receive your full stipend. For example, if you are an undergraduate student enrolled in 12 hours, but three of those hours do not start until mid-October, the VA will not pay your full rate until your November payment is released. Payments for August, September, October, and December will be prorated since you're not in 12 hours for those months.

## Is my major approved for VA benefits?

- Most are approved. Please check with the SCO to ensure eligibility.
- Undergraduate students may be listed as an "Undeclared/Exploratory Studies" major for your first two years, but then must declare a major for the VA to continue to pay. The VA will only pay for Liberal Arts requirements.
- The VA will only pay for courses that are required for your major. For most majors, elective hours will be satisfied by your remaining bible requirements.
- Minors can only be certified if your major requires a minor.

## How do I begin using my benefits at Harding?

- Contact the School Certifying Official
  - They will need a copy of your COE.
- Fill out the VA Certification Form on your Pipeline account. **You will do this each semester you have benefits available to you.** You will have a registration hold placed on your account that will prevent you from registering for the upcoming semester.
  - Go to your Student bar
  - Click on Registrar Forms

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- Click on VA Certification Form
- Fill the form out and click on Submit. Your form will then be emailed to the School Certifying Official

### Can I use my benefits at more than one school?

Possibly

- **Transfer Students:** If you have used any of your benefits at another institution, you must fill out VA Form 22-1995 to “Request For a Change of Program or Place of Training” to let the VA know your primary school will now be Harding. Once that approval goes through, the VA should send you a new Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Please send a copy of the new COE to the SCO.
- **Concurrent Enrollment:** All concurrent enrollment must first be approved by the Registrar’s Office. If the Registrar’s Office approves the transfer, the SCO will then check to see if the requested classes meet a graduation requirement. If they do, that SCO will contact the other school to let them know they can certify those transfer hours with the VA.

### Will my benefits cover going on one of the International Programs?

- Yes, you can use your benefits at one of Harding’s International Programs.
  - The same rules apply, though. Courses certified must satisfy a graduation requirement in order to be certified for VA benefits.

### Are there any other scholarships available for military dependents?

- Arkansas residents can apply for the Military Dependents Scholarship (MDS) through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. The application deadline is usually on or around July 1.
- There are other external scholarships that are available to military dependents, but none directly through Harding. It is recommended that students search for those scholarships that may apply to them.

### Does Harding have a Veteran’s group on campus?

Yes. The Harding University Veteran’s Association (HUVA) is active every semester and represents all branches of service. You can find them on Facebook or contact the SCO for more information.

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For more information, please visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/> or contact the SCO.