



Veterans & Dependents Checklist

- Complete VA Application for GI Bill[®] benefits and Packet of Veterans Information Forms from the COTC School Certifying Official in the Office of Student Financial Services. Veterans using Tuition Assistance & the Ohio National Guard Scholarship must contact their Educational Services Officer (ESO) before enrolling at COTC.
- Discuss estimated GI Bill[®] benefits with the School Certifying Official (Note: the VA will determine your eligibility and amount of benefits).
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - All students are eligible for a student loan if they meet the following criteria:
Enrolled in an eligible program, enrolled for at least 6 credit hours, do not owe a repayment or overpayment on a federal grant, making Satisfactory Academic Progress, have not reached aggregate loan limit, and are not in default on a federal student loan.
Dependent Student Loan Amount: \$5500 for the academic year.
Independent Student Loan Amount: \$9500 for the academic year.
 - What is your estimated student loan debt? (Discuss with the Office of Financial Aid and access the National Student Loan Data System at www.nslds.ed.gov)
- Meet with an Academic Advisor in the Gateway regarding program of interest.
 - Academic Advisor will cover admission application, placement testing, orientation and course registration.

- Academic Advisor will provide a Plan of Study for the program of interest, along with necessary requirements to graduate and the expected time of completion.

- Estimated tuition/fees for the program is dependent upon current & future tuition and fee rates. Go to www.cotc.edu > Admissions > Paying for College > Tuition & Fees to see current tuition & fee information. You must ensure your account gets into a paid status by the due date while your VA funding is in process; this can be accomplished by getting an approved COTC VA Intent to Pay form, finalizing financial aid, using the tuition payment plan and/or paying in full. Please be aware if your tuition is not fully covered by your VA funding source, you need to pay the difference by the standard tuition due date. Contact the Office of Student Financial Services at feesanddeposits@cotc.edu or (740)366-9232 if you have questions.

- Books and Supplies: Be prepared to pay out-of-pocket for your books and supplies. The Post 9/11 GI Bill is the **ONLY** chapter that provides a book stipend, but it's **not** always available before the semester starts.

- You are encouraged to take advantage of the services provided by the Office of Student Life located in the Warner Center:
 - Career Services
 - Counseling Services
 - Disability Services
 - Learning and Study Skills
 - Multicultural Affairs
 - Student Activities
 - Tutoring Services