

## STUDENT WORK-STUDY ALLOWANCE PROGRAM

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You are eligible if you're training in a college degree, vocational, or professional program at least three-quarter time. You can receive a work-study allowance (in addition to your education benefits) based on the number of hours of work you perform. A work-study allowance is available under most educational assistance programs administered by VA.

## HOW MUCH CAN I EARN?

Your hourly pay rate will be the greater of:
(1) The Federal minimum wage; or
(2) The minimum wage for the State in which you are working.
The total number of hours you can work cannot be more than 25 times the number of weeks in your enrollment period. If you elect to receive an advance payment, VA will make your first payment in advance of your work for the lesser of:
(1) 40 percent of the total amount of the work-study allowance to be paid under your contract agreement with VA; or
(2) 50 hours at your hourly pay rate.

You can only receive one advance payment per contract agreement (original contract agreement and any extension to that contract agreement).
If you do not elect to receive an advance payment, VA will pay you for any hours after you work the hours.
Your final payment will be for the lesser of:
(1) 50 hours; or
(2) The number of hours remaining on your contract.

## WHAT TYPE OF WORK MAY I DO?

You may do the following types of VA-related work:

- VA paperwork at schools;
- VA paperwork at VA offices or facilities;
- VA outreach services under VA supervision;
- Outreach services as provided by a State approving agency;
- Provide hospital, home-care, or medical treatment to veterans at VA medical facilities or other approved facilities (including a State home receiving VA per diem assistance);
- Administrative (office) work at a national cemetery or a State veteran's cemetery;
- Work at Department of Defense facilities related to education benefits under the Montgomery Gl Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) or the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP). NOTE: Only claimants receiving MGIB-SR or REAP benefits can do this type of work. Student Work-Study
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## HOW DO I APPLY?

Complete the form on the other side of this page, and mail it to the VA Regional Processing Office that handles your education claim. You can get more information or send us an email via VA's website www. gibill.va.gov by clicking on "Questions and Answers" and then clicking on "Ask a Question \& Find an Answer." Or you can call us at our tollfree number, 1-888-GIBILL-1(1-888-442-4551). If you use the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, the Federal Relay number is 711 .

