

IBM SKILLSBUILD TRAINING PROGRAM INTAKE APPLICATION

WHAT IS THE IBM SKILLSBUILD PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM?

The IBM SkillsBuild Program is an IBM-sponsored training program administered by VA to provide no-cost virtual Information Technology (IT) training. SkillsBuild is a no-cost online learning platform that provides adult learners with the opportunity to gain or improve IT skills that meet the needs of employers in the High-Technology industry. VA will provide the opportunity for veterans, service members, and their families to access no-cost, self-paced, virtual training and credentials in Cybersecurity and Data Analytics. This virtual training in the field of Cybersecurity and Data Analytics is an enhanced resource for veterans, transitioning service members and other military-affiliated individuals who are seeking job training and credentials to pursue a career in Technology.

HOW DO I QUALIFY TO MEET THE CRITERIA TO PARTICIPATE?

APPLICANT INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE SKILLSBUILD TRAINING PROGRAM MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING INTAKE AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS/CRITERIA:

Intake Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicant must be a veteran, service member, spouse, children, or caregiver who has previous or current entitlement under the GI Bill program.

Intake Registration Requirement:

- Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

WHERE DO I SEND IN MY COMPLETED APPLICATION?

When completed, this application can be submitted electronically via E-mail.

- Submit electronically via E-mail to: vettecpartner@va.gov

PRIVACY ACT INFORMATION: 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 (i.e., VA sends educational forms or letters with a veteran's identifying information to the veteran's school or training establishment to (1) assist the veteran in the completion of claims forms or (2) VA obtains further information as may be necessary from the school for VA to properly process the veteran's education claim or to 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. Your response is required to obtain or retain benefits under this cost-free IBM Skillsbuild Cybersecurity Training Program. While you do not have to respond, VA cannot consider you approved to participate until we receive this information per (38 U.S.C. 3452(b) and 3501(a)). Your responses are confidential (38 U.S.C. 5701). Information submitted is subject to verification through computer matching programs with other agencies.

RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine your eligibility to receive VA approval to participate in the cost-free VA IBM Sponsored Skillsbuild Cybersecurity Training Program. We cannot provide you any education benefits available under this program until we receive this information (38 U.S.C. 5101). We estimate that you will need an average of 10 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. If desired, you can call 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-800-442-4551) to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form. If you are hearing impaired, call 1-888-829-4833.



Department of Veterans Affairs

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IMPORTANT: Complete this application to apply for VA Approval to participate in the IBM SkillsBuild Training Program. *(This form must be completed in its entirety.)*

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. NAME *(First, Middle, Last)*

2. SEX OF APPLICANT *(How would you describe your gender?)*

- MALE
 FEMALE
 TRANSGENDER MAN
 TRANSGENDER WOMAN
 NON-BINARY/THIRD GENDER
 PREFER NOT TO SAY
 OTHER: _____

3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF APPLICANT
(Please provide only the last four digits)

XXX - XX -

4. E-MAIL ADDRESS *(Required)*

5. MOBILE NUMBER *(Include Area Code)*

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6. HOME NUMBER *(Include Area Code)*

- -

7. TRAINING COHORT DATE
(MM/DD/YYYY)

8. RACE/ETHNICITY *(Please select all that apply for how you describe your race.)*

- WHITE
 BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
 ASIAN
 HISPANIC OR LATINO
 AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE
 NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER
 MIDDLE EASTERN OR NORTH AFRICAN
 OTHER: _____

PART II - MILITARY AFFILIATION

9. SELECT MILITARY AFFILIATION

- VETERAN
 SPOUSE
 CHILD
 CAREGIVER
 ACTIVE DUTY
 NATIONAL GUARD
 RESERVIST
 INDIVIDUAL READY RESERVE

10. ARE YOU CURRENTLY USING OR PREVIOUSLY USED ANY VA EDUCATION BENEFITS?

- YES
 NO

PART III - SKILLSBUILD PROGRAM CHOSEN

11. WHAT SKILLS/TRAINING PROGRAM WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND? *(Please check only one)*

- CYBERSECURITY - BASIC
 CYBERSECURITY - ADVANCED
 DATA ANALYTICS - BASICS
 DATA ANALYTICS - ADVANCED
 OTHER *(If "other," please describe):* _____

12. IF APPLYING FOR AN ADVANCED COURSE, PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PREVIOUS TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE IN THE SUBJECT AREA AND CHECK ONE OF THE BOXES BELOW: *(Comment)*

- BEGINNER
 INTERMEDIATE
 EXPERT

13A. ARE YOU CURRENTLY EMPLOYED?

- YES
 NO *(If "No," skip to Question 13D.)*

13B. ARE YOU CURRENTLY WORKING IN THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY?

- COMPUTER PROGRAMMING
 DATA PROCESSING
 COMPUTER SOFTWARE
 INFORMATION SCIENCES
 MEDIA APPLICATION

13C. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT SALARY RANGE?

- <\$20,000
 \$20,001-\$35,000
 \$35,001-\$50,000
 \$50,001-\$75,000
 >\$75,000

13D. WHAT IS YOUR HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION? *(High School, Bachelors, etc.)*

14. PLEASE CHECK THE BOX BELOW PROVIDING YOUR COMPLIANCE TO SELF ATTESTING TO THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION STATEMENT.

- By checking this box, **I CERTIFY THAT** all the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and I authorize the release of my answers to the above questions to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). I understand that by submitting this application, I am making a statement to the government for the purposes of obtaining federal benefits. Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code makes it a criminal offense for any person to knowingly and willfully make false or fraudulent statements to any department or agency of the United States Government.