



Illinois Department
of Veterans' Affairs

VETERANS EDUCATION & TRAINING

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Federal Programs

- **State Approving Agency** – Protect the integrity of the GI Bill™ by approving quality of programs of education and training that meet state and federal laws and regulations
 - Accomplished through program approval, compliance surveys, outreach to veterans and technical assistance provided to approved facilities.
- **Troops to Teachers** –helps eligible military personnel begin a new career as teachers in public schools where their skills, knowledge and experience are most needed.

State Programs

State Education Grants: Financial aid of \$250 provided annually to each child between the ages of 10 and 18 years of a veteran who died because of a service disconnected disability or is totally disabled

MIA/POW Scholarship: The State of Illinois provides an education scholarship to public universities and community colleges for dependents of veterans who are either Missing In Action, a Prisoner of War, died while on active duty, 100% disabled due to service connected disabilities or died as a result of a service connected disabilities.



GI BILL™ RECIPIENTS IN ILLINOIS

Total Number of GI Bill Recipients in Universities, Colleges, and Vocational Schools

| | 30 | 31 | 33 | 35 | 1606 | 1607 | Total |
|---------------------|------|-----|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| April 2015 | 2015 | 726 | 13640 | 1271 | 1655 | 251 | 19558 |
| October 2014 | 2212 | 797 | 13864 | 1273 | 1702 | 268 | 20116 |
| April 2014 | 2364 | 768 | 13535 | 1314 | 1575 | 349 | 19905 |
| October 2013 | 4128 | 789 | 13465 | 1256 | 1501 | 399 | 21538 |
| April 2013 | 3898 | 763 | 14353 | 1222 | 1446 | 474 | 22156 |
| October 2012 | 3620 | 750 | 11802 | 1141 | 1212 | 479 | 19005 |

These numbers do not include GI Bill Recipients in Illinois enrolled in apprenticeship and OJT programs. Illinois is the number one provider of apprenticeship and OJT programs in the nation.



GI BILL™ RECIPIENTS IN ILLINOIS

Economic Impact of GI Bill

| | 30 | 32 | 33 | 35 | 1606/1607 | Total |
|-------|-------|----------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|
| FFY14 | \$48M | \$5475 | \$239M | \$11.5M | \$8.3M | \$307M |
| FFY13 | \$45M | \$8216 | 221M | \$585,098* | \$9M | \$275.5M |
| FFY12 | \$40M | \$19,600 | \$192M | \$8.3M | \$8.3M | \$249M |

* Pending verification with USDVA

Source: <http://www.usaspending.gov>



GI BILL™ RECIPIENTS IN ILLINOIS

Top Twenty Universities, Colleges or Vocational Schools with GI Bill Benefit Beneficiaries

| Institution | # of Vets |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Devry University – Online | 1947 |
| Southwestern Illinois College | 854 |
| American Intercontinental University | 769 |
| Southern Illinois University – Carbondale | 686 |
| Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville | 596 |
| Western Illinois University | 478 |
| Devry-Keller Graduate School | 458 |
| Northern Illinois University | 417 |
| Illinois State University | 370 |

| Institution | # of Vets |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| College of Lake County | 363 |
| College of DuPage | 339 |
| Chamberlain College of Nursing | 326 |
| University of Illinois – Chicago | 325 |
| University of Illinois – Champaign | 317 |
| DePaul University | 317 |
| Illinois Central College | 306 |
| Universal Technical Institute | 292 |
| Waubonsee Community College | 277 |
| Moraine Valley Community College | 261 |

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TROOPS TO TEACHERS

Troops to Teachers Program Registrants and Hires (Illinois and Indiana)

| Fiscal Year | Illinois Registrants | Illinois Hires | Indiana Registrants | Indiana Hires |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 15 | 271 | 34 | 185 | 13 |
| 14 | 338 | 27 | 345 | 13 |
| 13 | 245 | 18 | 175 | 21 |



EDUCATION GRANTS

Number of Recipients and Total Expenditures

| Fiscal Year | Number of Recipients | Total Expenditures |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 15 | 157 | \$39,200 |
| 14 | 163 | \$40,750 |
| 13 | 140 | \$35,000 |
| 12 | 194 | \$48,500 |
| 08 | 534 (High Point in Past 20 Years) | \$133,500 |



MIA / POW SCHOLARSHIPS

Number of Recipients and Waiver Amounts

| Fiscal Year | Number of Recipients | Total Expenditures (Waived) |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 15 | 1100 | \$2,645,916.58 |
| 14 | 1302 | \$3,112,485.62 |
| 13 | 1339 | \$2,763,847.21 |

Program last received funding in FY2009. State appropriated \$842,500, which was about \$2.0 million short of actual needed appropriations.



WHERE WE'RE FOCUSED



Mental Health

- Resources can prevent homelessness, unemployment, suicide, addiction
- 22 veterans commit suicide a day



Illinois Veterans' Homes

- 4 homes – over 900 residents served
- Chicago home opening ... delayed to FY 17



Stand Up and Be Counted!

- 721,575 veterans living in Illinois
- VSOs brought in \$100M in benefits – YTD