



OREGON DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS VETERAN EDUCATIONAL BRIDGE GRANT APPLICATION

IMPORTANT SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit **all** materials included in the checklist below as attachments and submit completed application to the "Secure Upload Link" found at

<https://www.oregon.gov/odva/agency-programs/grants/Pages/Educational-Bridge-Grant.aspx>

Only applications that are uploaded to the website will be accepted.

Emailed or mailed applications will be returned to the applicant for resubmission through the secure link on the website.

For any questions or assistance needed with completing this application, please contact the VEBG Coordinator at ebq@ODVA.Oregon.GOV

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The information you furnish on this form is used to determine your eligibility for the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant (Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 274, Division 036). **Incomplete applications will be returned, please use the checklist below to ensure your application is complete.**

ELIGIBILITY:

Veterans (per Oregon Administrative Rule 274.255) who are Oregon residents, are/were enrolled in an academic or training program and are/were unable to complete their program due debt on their student account that does not exceed \$5,000. The debt on the account must be the only "hold on a student account", preventing the completion or continuance of the applicant's program.

\$5,000 PER VETERAN MAXIMUM:

You can receive this grant multiple times for a maximum of \$5,000 lifetime amount. Grants are subject to availability of funds. *Maximum for debt on student account will not exceed \$5000.00 unless approved on a case-by-case basis. For further eligibility requirements, please see Oregon Administrative Rule – Chapter 274, Division 036.

Note: Grant funds approved to pay student debt will be paid directly to the creditor and will not be paid directly to the applicant.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION

For ALL applicants: All applicants must submit the following documents:

- ☐ Proof of Oregon residence (One of the documents from Appendix A)
- ☐ Copy of evidence of separation from military service, showing length and character of service (as outlined in Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 274, Division 036)
- ☐ Completed Application – signed and dated (please type or clearly print all entries on the application). Note: both electronic and wet signatures are acceptable
- ☐ Proof of change in name if a veteran's name has been legally changed since discharge

Additional required documents for Veterans seeking funds for a debt on a student account:

- ☐ A screen shot or PDF showing a current ledger of the affected account with the outstanding debt amount
- ☐ A signed statement on school letterhead from a staff member from the school's Student Accounts or Financial Aid office confirming that you will be permitted to enroll in courses once the debt is paid (i.e. there is nothing besides the debt – such as academic probation – preventing enrollment)

Approved for ODVA Funding by:

Title

Approved Amount

Date Approved

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Form Instructions: Type or clearly print all entries.				
Section I: Personal Data and Request				
Name of Applicant (Last, First, MI, Former Names if Applicable)				
Mailing Address		City	County	State
Date of Birth	Phone Number		Email Address	
Military Service:				
Date From	Date To	Branch of Service		
Demographics and Referrals				
ODVA celebrates the diversity of Oregon's veteran community and welcomes those who served in the United States Armed Forces to identify themselves through these voluntary responses. We use this data to inform and improve the services we provide to Oregon's diverse veteran community and their families. Information provided or not provided will not impact the outcome of application.				
Please select the Race and/or ethnicity(ies) that you identify with. You can choose more than one.		Please select the Gender that you identify with:		Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community?
☐ American Indian/ Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Choose not to answer		☐ Hispanic/Latinx ☐ Multiple ☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ White		☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Transmale ☐ Transfemale ☐ Other ☐ Choose not to answer
ODVA is committed to ensuring that Oregon's veteran community and their families are informed of all resources available to them. Please check if you give ODVA permission to share information with you on the following resources:		ODVA Agency Services: Campus Veterans Resource Center Coordinator: ☐ YES ☐ NO LGBTQ+ Veteran Coordinator: ☐ YES ☐ NO Women Veterans Coordinator: ☐ YES ☐ NO Houseless Veteran Coordinator: ☐ YES ☐ NO Advocacy for Tribal Veterans: ☐ YES ☐ NO Appealing a VA claims decision: ☐ YES ☐ NO		
Basic Eligibility				
Are you currently an Oregon resident?	☐ YES ☐ NO	Do you currently owe a debt to a student account?	☐ YES ☐ NO	
What is the name of your educational institution?		In what academic program are you enrolled?		
Are you eligible to receive G.I. Bill® benefits?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If so, for which Chapter (e.g. 30, 32, 33)?		
Are you currently using G.I. Bill® benefits?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If so, which Chapter are you using (e.g. 30, 32, 33)?		
Are you using full-time G.I. Bill® benefits?	☐ YES ☐ NO	Have you exhausted all your G.I. Bill® benefits?	☐ YES ☐ NO	
Prior Grant Request/s				
Have you applied for this grant before?	☐ YES ☐ NO	Have you been granted funds from this grant before?	☐ YES ☐ NO	
Amount previously received:				
Current Grant Request				
Current Requested Amount:				
Please briefly explain the cause of the student debt in the space below AND include with this application a screen shot or PDF showing a current ledger of the affected account:				
Please list any additional forms of aid you are receiving from your institution to help you finish your program. Example: Financial aid (PELL Grant, Oregon Opportunity Grant, etc.), counselling, tutoring, mentorship, TRIO, etc.				



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Please describe how the Veteran Educational Bridge Grant will help you complete your program (Limit: 500 Characters):

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I certify the information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I have intentionally submitted invalid or fraudulent information in this application, ODVA may require immediate reimbursement of grant funds awarded. Information disclosed outside the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA), including Social Security Numbers, will be made only as permitted by State and Federal law.

Signature of Veteran	Date
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If awarded funds from this grant, may the Veterans Educational Bridge Grant Coordinator contact you to learn how the funds affected your ability to continue your education or training?

☐ YES ☐ NO

****Please Remember****

- Submit a screen shot or PDF showing a current ledger of the affected account with the outstanding debt amount being requested.
- Submit an official statement on school letterhead from a staff member from the school's Student Accounts or Financial Aid office confirming that you will be permitted to enroll in courses once the debt is paid (i.e. there is nothing besides the debt – such as academic probation – preventing enrollment).

If you require any assistance with obtaining these documents, please reach out to the ODVA Veterans Educational Bridge Grant Coordinator at ebg@odva.oregon.gov



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(APPENDIX A)

LISTS OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTS TO PROVE OREGON RESIDENCE

All documents must be UNEXPIRED

- Oregon Driver License or Photo ID Card
- Oregon vehicle title or registration card
- Utility hook up order or utility statement issued by the service provider
- Any document issued by a financial institution that includes your residence address
- Any document issued by an insurance company or agent
- Any document issued by an educational institution
- A U.S. government-issued marriage certificate or license signed by a government official
- Rental/Lease Agreement that includes the original signature of the lessor or landlord
- A loan agreement, payment booklet/voucher, or loan statement
- Paycheck, paystub, W-2 or 1099 tax form
- An Oregon Department of Consumer & Business Services (DCBS) issued manufactured structure ownership document
- Oregon voter notification card or voter profile report
- Selective Service card
- Medical or health benefits card
- Unexpired professional license issued by an agency in the U.S.
- Approved letter from Oregon State Hospital, homeless shelter, transitional service provider or halfway house dated within 60 days of your application certifying your residence address
- Letter from U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) certifying your address
- Letter on company letterhead from an employer certifying that you live at a non-business address owned by the business or corporation
- Any document accepted as proof of identity, such as an approved County Corrections [SB1.1]Proof of Identity/Date of Birth letter, an Oregon Concealed Weapon Permit/Concealed Handgun License or military documents