

YOUR EDUCATION BATTLE PLAN: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MILITARY BENEFITS

(CHECKLIST)

STEP 1 — Think about what you want to do:

For years, someone has been giving you your orders. Now it's your time to decide what's next. What are your academic goals? What do you need to reach your personal and professional dreams?

STEP 2 — Speak with somebody knowledgeable:

At Saint Rose, we have Marty Dinan, a retired Army Colonel and three-time combat veteran. Whether you choose to attend The College of Saint Rose or go another way, he wants to help you know what benefits are available to you as a result of your military service and use them to the max. Before you call him, we suggest you gather your:

- Medical records
- Immunization records
- Joint service transcript
- DD-214
- Certificate of eligibility

STEP 3 — Visit campuses:

Saint Rose has a dedicated space where veterans can come to study, relax between classes, and spend time with other veterans and military family members. Check it out, and you'll likely get the chance to talk to other student veterans.

STEP 4 — Apply online:

In most cases when you apply to college, you'll need:

- High school transcripts or any prior college transcripts
- ASVAB scores
- Letters of recommendation: advisors, professors, chain of command, employers
- Bio

At Saint Rose, we waive the enrollment fee for these categories: military family member, service member, veteran

STEP 5 — Once you're accepted:

After you've been accepted to college, it's time to:

- Prepare for orientation
- Decide where you'll live. Is it on campus or off campus?
- Put money aside for books
- Identify community support services
- Have you enrolled in the VA? The Albany Stratton VA Medical Center is just a 6-minute drive from Saint Rose.

IMPORTANT!

Don't get discouraged if you didn't get good grades in school. We give every application a second look and value any skills you acquired while serving our country.

IMPORTANT!

Connect with a knowledgeable person who can help you navigate the VA when you arrive. Marty can assist with that as well.





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We're committed to helping you develop your unique skills, experiences, and perspectives into an education, and career, you will be proud of.

The College of Saint Rose
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IT PAYS TO KNOW...

Recipients of 100 percent of the post 9/11 GI Bill, and who reside in Albany, will receive \$2,100 in Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) while enrolled in school. An average studio apartment in Albany is \$750. The allowance is tax free.

Educational benefits recipients are eligible for VA work study. The average student will accrue 400 hours per semester, which equals \$4,000 per semester or \$8,000 a year. Again, it's tax free.

Recipients of 100 percent of the post 9/11 GI Bill receive \$1,000 for the year for books and fees.

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