

Military & Dependent Checklist

Apply

Western Michigan University

- www.wmich.edu/apply
- Complete the online application - include application fee

Benefits

- **GI Bill (Post 9/11, MGIB, CH1606) Voc Rehab, DEA** www.vets.gov
- **MINGSTAP** (for currently serving national guard) <https://mingstapapp.state.mi.us>
- **Federal Tuition Assistance** - Army: www.goarmyed.com/ Air Force: www.my.af.mil Navy/Marines/Coast Guard: <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/>
- If you have questions about applying for your benefits, please contact us.

Apply for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Complete the free application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. **WMU's School Code is 002330**
- Questions? Visit Bronco Express located in the lower level of the Bernhard Center or visit Bronco Express' webpage at www.wmich.edu/broncoexpress/.

When to apply:

- **WMU:** a year before you'd like to attend
- **GI Bill:** ASAP (it takes 30 days to process)
- **MINGSTAP:** up to 14 days after the semester starts
- **FTA:** up to 14 days before the semester starts
- **FAFSA:** within the application window before you start school

Documentation

Transcripts

Submit a copy of official transcripts from all other institutions attended

- High school
- College
- Joint Service Transcripts (JST)- <https://jst.doded.mil>
- CCAF - www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/
- Questions? Please visit www.wmich.edu/admissions

DD214

- How to receive your DD214: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/

WMU Veterans' Certification form

- Must be on file to receive GI Bill benefits
- Please visit www.wmich.edu/registrar/students/veterans/forms/

Where to turn in:

Ashley Goodwin accepts:

- VA certificate of eligibility
- DD-214—fax only: (269) 387-4418
- Birth certificate
- Veteran certification form

WMU Admissions accepts:

- All transcripts
- Documents to claim in-state tuition

Next steps

Advisor

- Freshman year? www.wmich.edu/admissions/freshmen-advising
- Transferring credits? www.wmich.edu/exploratoryadvising
- Undecided about your desired career path? www.wmich.edu/career

Placement testing

- Please speak with your academic advisor about placement into math, reading, and writing.
- Reading and writing placement: www.wmich.edu/placement
- Math placement: www.wmich.edu/math/placement-test

Attend orientation

- For the Military and Veteran Student Orientation, please contact the Military Advocate.
- For new students, please visit www.wmich.edu/fye/orientation.
- For transfer students, please visit www.wmich.edu/admissions/transfer/admitted.
- Consider taking UNIV 1030 Military Transition Course to help you through the first semester at WMU.

Change your residency to in-state

- See if you qualify www.wmich.edu/military/benefits.

Notes

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