Baylor Executive MBA – Veterans
Frequently Asked Questions

The Baylor Executive MBA program is honored that our program is frequently selected by veterans from all branches of the service. Below are answers to common questions our veterans have as they begin exploring the Executive MBA program.

GI Bill:
Can I use my GI Bill benefits to pursue my Executive MBA?

✓ Yes, the Executive MBA program accepts GI Bill Benefits. Baylor’s Veterans Coordinator will work directly with you to ensure that you have access to any available educational benefits. In addition, she will act as a liaison to the regional VA office to process enrollment certifications.

✓ Veterans with remaining eligibility on their Chapter 33 benefits have used those to support their educational expenses in the Executive MBA program.

Any other questions regarding the GI bill Can be found here: https://explore.va.gov/education-training/gi-bill.

Please feel free to contact the Baylor VA Coordinator with your specific questions.

- Jessica Alford
- Veterans Coordinator
- Phone: 254-710-8241
- Email: va_benefits@baylor.edu

I’m not sure if I have any GI Bill benefits remaining. How can I figure that out?

✓ You can find your remaining GI Bill benefits by logging in to https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/status. If you do not yet have an account you should sign up for one to track your GI Bill benefits and other programs for veterans.

What information will I need to provide Baylor’s VA Office in order to confirm my eligibility?

✓ Prior to your first semester, you must apply for GI Bill verification (not to be confused with certification through your school) online: https://explore.va.gov/education-training/gi-bill. The VA will verify your eligibility and provide verification to the university.

✓ Certification is different. Once you are accepted and enrolled, you will need to contact the VA certifying office at Baylor University and be on the lookout for emails about certification. Baylor students who are utilizing the GI Bill must complete the certification paperwork every semester. There is a hard deadline each semester to do this, or the VA may not pay out your benefits for that semester. The VA Coordinator at Baylor works with you to make this process happen on time and correctly.
How does the GI Bill affect me?

- The EMBA program cannot provide specifics on how your individual tuition will be impacted by your GI Bill benefits. This varies by individual based on your remaining eligibility.

- Typically, there are 3 components that will contribute to your EMBA tuition under the GI Bill.
  - Tuition
  - Annual Book Stipend
  - Monthly Housing Allowance

- In August 2018, the Forever GI Bill was enacted. It is our understanding that this bill has positively impacted veterans in their pursuit of the EMBA program. Some changes include eligibility benefits for Purple Heart recipients, adjustments to time limitations on benefits, and changes in the manner housing allowances are computed.
  - Until recently, the GI Bill housing allowance was paid based on the zip code of the main campus. The recent bill includes a change that would pay the housing allowance by the ZIP code for the physical location of the campus where you attend 51% of classes regardless of the location of the main campus. It is our understanding that implementing this change has been slow. Baylor Austin Zip - 78727
  - At this time, members of the Texas National Guard or other members of the Department of Defense that are receiving a Military allowance for housing while a student will not receive an additional allowance form the GI Bill (no double dipping).
  - Ask the VA Coordinator at Baylor to confirm any applicability to your personal circumstances. We can also introduce you to one of our Veterans for a specific conversation.

Scholarships & Discounts:

Does the EMBA program offer any special discounts for veterans? Yes, the Baylor Executive MBA program offers a number of benefits to our veterans beyond your GI Bill benefits.

- **Application Fees Waived**
  Veterans can have their $100 application fee waived by emailing emba.austin@baylor.edu

- **Baylor EMBA Scholarships**
  Veterans are also eligible for a Military Scholarship that can be used in conjunction with any GI Bill benefits. Once accepted into the EMBA program, veterans can apply for this scholarship.
  - Please email us at emba.austin@baylor.edu for more information.

Does the EMBA program offer any other scholarships or participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program?

- We encourage our veterans interested in other funding to consider reaching out to one of the Veteran Services Organizations (VSO’s) like the VFW, American Legion, AUSA, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. These are organizations that regularly offer scholarship opportunities for veterans.

- The Baylor Veteran’s Coordinator may have other suggestions of scholarship opportunities based on your specific circumstances.

- Baylor’s Graduate programs currently do not participate in the Yellow Ribbon program through the VA. This includes the EMBA program. The EMBA program closely monitors yellow ribbon. Many graduate schools limit the number of students allowed to benefit from yellow ribbon or they cap the amount. Baylor’s EMBA program does not limit the number of veterans that are served by the scholarship we provide.