Overview
There are a number of programs offered at the University of Washington that can help offset the cost of tuition for veterans. This document was created by the student veterans of the Military Law Association and is intended to provide a general overview of benefits offered at UW. It does not constitute a complete listing of all educational benefits that may be available. All programs are subject to change. Please consult the UW Veterans Center or the Office of Financial Aid prior to making a definitive decision based on the programs listed.

Post 9-11 GI Bill
Veterans eligible for the Post 9-11 GI Bill must apply to receive their benefits (check eligibility at [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)). You should also complete a FASFA ([https://fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)). The GI Bill application process can be boiled down to a three step process:

1. **Obtain a VA Certificate of Eligibility.** This process can take 4-6 weeks, so it is best to apply as soon as you know where you will be attending school. You can apply for your certificate of eligibility by going to [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill) and selecting “Apply for Benefits” along the left column.

2. **Turn in a Copy of the Certificate to UW.** Once you receive your certificate of eligibility, you must submit a copy to the UW Veterans Center ([https://depts.washington.edu/osfaweb/veterans/](https://depts.washington.edu/osfaweb/veterans/)).

3. **Complete Quarterly Enrollment Certification.** After you register for classes, you must submit an enrollment certification form signed by an advisor to the UW Veterans Center. This must be completed every quarter. The form is at [http://www.washington.edu/students/veteran/cert_request.pdf](http://www.washington.edu/students/veteran/cert_request.pdf). Academic Services provides the advisor signature for UW Law Students, their contact information can be found at [http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/](http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/).

Health Care
Health care costs are a significant consideration in planning your expenses for the upcoming school year. In addition to traditional VA health care eligibility, veterans who served in an active theater of operations are automatically eligible for VA health care for five years post-discharge. For more information see [http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/apply/veterans.asp](http://www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/apply/veterans.asp).
Eligibility for Resident Tuition
Washington grants resident tuition rates to veterans who have 1) served at least two years on active duty, 2) separated under honorable conditions, and 3) enter an institute of higher education in Washington within one year of separation. Additionally, the veteran must meet one of the following criteria:
   a. At separation designated Washington as his or her intended domicile (DD-214 Block 20), or
   b. Has Washington as his or her official home of record (DD-214 Block 7b or potentially LES residency), or

If you meet these criteria you can apply for resident tuition by submitting the application form found at http://www.washington.edu/students/reg/residency/UWRResidency_Veteran.pdf along with a copy of your DD-214.

NOTE: This program’s eligibility maybe expanded in coming months as a result of Section 702 of the Choice Act of 2014. For more information on this program see

Tuition Waiver
You are eligible to receive a waiver of your tuition and fees (up to 50% of in-state rate) if you are a Washington domiciliary (requires signed domiciliary form) who was an active or reserve member of the United States military or naval forces, or a national guard member called to active duty, who served in active federal service, under either the Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States code, in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters or in another location in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters, and if discharged from service, has received an honorable discharge. You are not eligible if you have already used a WA tuition wavier for a previous degree program and you must be enrolled with at least 12 credits. Fee based programs are not eligible. Children and spouses of deceased, disabled, POW, or MIA veterans are also eligible if they meet certain criteria. To apply for the waiver, or for more information visit https://depts.washington.edu/osfaweb/veterans/benefits/tuition-waivers/.
Bar Exam and Preparation Courses
If you have remaining Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility, it may be used to cover the cost of the Washington State Bar Examination, other state bar examinations, and some bar preparations courses. To see if a state’s bar exam is eligible visit http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchLCCriteria.do. To find an eligible bar preparation course, visit http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do. Additionally, some bar prep courses offer substantial discounts for veterans. Inquire with your chosen course provider.

Examples
The following are provided as sample estimates of tuition and fees with certain benefits applied. The figures used are estimates only and reflect UW Law tuition for 2014-2015 school year. Individual eligibility for the described programs is assumed for calculation purposes.

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*Example assumes 60% eligibility. To find out more about eligibility rates visit http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch33_pamphlet.pdf.
Contact Information
We are happy to assist your transition to UW Law in anyway we can. Feel free to send us an email at the address below and we will get back to you.

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Other helpful contacts:
UW Veterans Center (Certifying officials for GI Bill and tuition wavier. Gateway to VA benefits in the region and financial aid assistance).
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