

California Military Department

GI Bill Award Program

Certification for Summer 2026

Print Name (Last, First, MI):

Rank:

The Summer Term Certification is a requirement of the California Education Code Chapter 2 of Part 42 of Division 5 of Title 3, section 69999.16 pertaining to eligibility for summer term payments in the California Military Department GI Bill Award Program (CMD GI Bill). The Summer Term Certification is to assure that enrollment in the summer term will not adversely impact a participant's attendance at mandatory military training.

To be completed by the Applicant: (Initial each element after reading.)

I hereby acknowledge, understand, and agree that:

- I understand that modifying any portion of this form may result in permanent removal from the program and that providing a false or dishonest answer to any question may be grounds for denial to participate in the program and subject to prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. I will provide documentation to verify all information provided, if requested.
- I will continue to remain an active member of the Cal Guard (California National Guard, the California State Guard, or the California Naval Militia) while participating in the CMD GI Bill. I understand the term "active member" to mean my full conformance to the military standards for attendance, personal appearance, weight, discipline, and any other standard established by military regulations and any other requirement set forth by my component.

For program participants who entered the program prior to the 2020-21 AY: Prior to leaving the Guard, I will provide the CMD GI Bill Coordinators at least 6 months' notice.

For program participants who entered the program during the 2020-21 AY, I agree to serve two years in the Cal Guard upon completion of the last academic period that I use education assistance under this program. Failure to serve the 2 years upon completion of the Program will result in recoupment of all funds received. Prior to leaving the Cal Guard, I will provide the CMD GI Bill Coordinators at least 2.5 years notice.

- My enrollment in the summer term will not adversely impact my attendance at mandatory military training. My enlistment obligation takes precedence over my academic work. Military duties may require me, temporarily, to interrupt my academic program to serve annual training periods, active duty training exercises, required service school, state active duty, mobilizations, or other active military service. I acknowledge that, if my summer term schedule changes, I must first notify my unit commander and the CMD GI Bill Coordinators.
- The California Military Department GI Bill Award Program (CMD GI Bill) will only pay toward discretionary summer terms if there are enough funds remaining at the end of the academic year after all mandatory summer terms have been paid. Whether the summer term at the institution I attend is considered to be mandatory or discretionary is determined by how the institution establishes the term in the California Student Aid Commission's WebGrants System. I can contact the CMD GI Bill Coordinators at the e-mail listed at the bottom of this form to see how my summer term is set up.
- I must maintain enrollment in a minimum of 3 units for the summer term to be eligible to receive an award check. Completing this form does not guarantee that I will receive a summer term award payment.
- If I am attending an eligible institution other than the one I have listed on my file, I must submit a Record Change Request form, which can be found on the Calguard Education Site. If the maximum award amount I am eligible for changes because I switched to a different eligible institution (which may happen when switching from a lower cost institution to a higher cost institution), then eligibility for additional funds will be contingent upon funds being available. If funds are not available, I will receive funds based on my award eligibility at the original institution.
- I am a resident of California as determined by my institution and I will remain a California resident throughout the participation period of the terms I receive an award for. To be a California resident, I must have lived in California for one year prior to the residency determination date and must intend to remain in California. If I am currently living out of state, it is only because I have been assigned temporary military orders that require me to do so as a Cal Guard member and I have already obtained California residency. Being eligible for a nonresident fee waiver for military service is not sufficient.
- I understand that I started the program with the equivalent of 4 full-time academic years of eligibility (400%) based on a traditional 9-month academic year. If I previously participated in the Program and am returning to the Program, my eligibility remaining is based on my previous participation. If I receive an award check for the summer term, an additional portion of my award percentage will be used (potentially more than 100% for the academic year) and I may not have enough eligibility to fully cover my fourth year. Upon receiving an award payment in the CMD GI Bill, my eligibility will decrease incrementally based on my enrollment status (i.e., quarter time, half-time, three-quarter time, or full-time). As the award is utilized, the percentage will decrease as stated in the schedule below:
 - Semester or Trimester terms: Full-time: 50%; Three-quarter time: 37.5%; Half-time: 25%; Quarter-time: 12.5%
 - Quarter terms: Full-time: 33.33%; Three-quarter time: 25%; Half-time: 16.67%; Quarter-time: 8.33%

- I must complete the Summer Term Certification for each year I am applying to receive benefits from the CMD GI Bill for the summer term. The start date of the term will determine which academic year will be applicable for payment purposes.
- I am responsible for reporting educational benefits I receive from the federal GI Bill or any other federal educational benefits program for veterans. I must submit a Record Change Request form to report changes in the benefits that I am receiving. I can obtain the Record Change Request form by contacting the CMD GI Bill Coordinators at the e-mail address listed below. Failure to properly report money received for GI Bill benefits or other federal educational benefits for veterans may be grounds for denial to participate in the program and prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. These benefits include, but are not limited to the following:
 - GI Bill Benefits: Ch. 30 – Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty; Ch. 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve; Ch. 33 –Post 9/11 GI Bill (including Yellow Ribbon, the STEM Scholarship, and the Fry Scholarship)
 - Other Federal Educational Benefits for Veterans: Federal Tuition Assistance (including Air Force TA); Ch. 31 –Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program; Ch. 32 – Veterans Educational Assistance Program; Ch. 35 –Dependents’ Educational Assistance; ROTC Scholarship.

- This form must be submitted within 30 days of the signature date of the Unit Commander.

By signing, I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that all statements contained in this form and any accompanying documents are true and correct, with full knowledge that all statements made in the application are subject to investigation and that I understand all obligations, responsibilities, and standards set forth.

Signature must be handwritten or an e-signature, such as a CAC-signature, but cannot be a digital image

Print Name (Last, First, MI):

Last 4 SSN:

Contact E-Mail:

Contact Phone Number:

Class Name:

Class Dates & Times (e.g.: 4/29-6/29, MWF, 1430-1700 or 4/29-6/29, online, no set day/time):

Date & Time of Final:

Signature:

Date:

To be completed by the Unit Commander:

By my signature, I am certifying the individual identified above is an active member in the California National Guard, California State Guard, or California Naval Militia and that the enrollment of the individual identified above in the summer session will not adversely impact the individual’s attendance at mandatory military training.

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Print Name (Last, First, MI):

Rank:

Unit:

Signature:

Date:

Scan and e-mail completed form (.pdf format only) to cmd.gi.bill@cmd.ca.gov