



# LCSC Veterans and Family Newsletter

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## VA Advance Pay Recovery

The VA has discontinued advance payments for the Post 9/11 GI Bill and has also sent out letters to advance pay recipients advising them that the VA will start withholding \$750 from their GI Bill benefits beginning April 1. The VA will not be reducing your tuition and fees payments and your bill will still be paid, your monthly housing allowance and book stipend will be reduced by \$750 a month. The VA is offering other options for repaying the advance pay including paying the debt off in full and setting up a payment plan. For more information visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>.



### GI Bill Advance Pay:

The above recovery does not apply to Chapter 30, 1606, and 35 recipients. Individuals receiving these benefits can still apply for an advance payment by filling out the form located at [www.lcsc.edu/admissions/veterans/advpay.htm](http://www.lcsc.edu/admissions/veterans/advpay.htm) and bringing it in to the Financial Aid Office. You may also stop by the Financial Aid Office and fill out the form there. This advance can only be used once per academic year.

## 2010-2011 Financial Aid Award Letters

Attention students: Those of you who have submitted a 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you will be receiving an email in the next few weeks to let you know that your new award letter is ready to be downloaded from Warrior Web. This email will also contain information regarding the new process for receiving student loans. For those that still have not submitted your 2010-2011 FAFSA, it is not too late! Gather up your 2009 financial information and visit [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to complete and submit online.

Don't forget our school code: 001621



# Summer Financial Aid Workshops

Interested in receiving federal financial aid in addition to your GI Bill for the 2010 Summer Semester? You can attend an upcoming workshop to find out how:

April 7  
3-4 pm  
SAC 112

**Remember:** Those of you looking to use Federal Financial Aid this summer will be required to fill out a 2010 Summer Financial Aid Application available in the Financial Aid Office. You can stop by the Financial Aid office to fill this form out or download it via our forms link at [www.lcsc.edu/financialaid](http://www.lcsc.edu/financialaid)

**Summer GI Bill:** You are authorized to use your GI Bill benefits during the Summer Semester. Be aware that using your benefits during the Summer depletes your benefits by the number of months you attend.

## Financial Aid Verification Process

Have you been selected for verification and are not sure what to do? There are two upcoming workshops that will include a quick presentation followed by a question and answer period and one-on-one time with counselors to help you complete and submit your verification documentation.

April 28  
3-4 pm  
SAC112

April 29  
9-10 am  
ACW 136



# Are you ready for Summer and Fall Semesters?

Summer and Fall registration is fast approaching. Here are the dates and times for registration:

Breakdown of class level:

Seniors and Post-Bacs - 90 completed credits or more.

Juniors - 58 to 89 completed credits.

Sophomores - 26 to 57 completed credits.

Freshman - 0 to 25 completed credits.

Date	Class Level	Time
April 5	Srs & Post-Bacs ONLY	12:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.
April 6	Jrs ONLY	12:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Srs & Jrs	5:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
April 7	Sophs ONLY	12:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Srs, Jrs & Sophs	5:01 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.
April 8	Freshman ONLY	12:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Sr, Jr, Soph & Freshmen	5:01 p.m. to 7:59 a.m.
April 9	All Students	8:00 a.m. and after

## How do I register?

- Be sure that you have all holds cleared, student with holds will not be allowed to register.
- Meet with your academic advisor.
- Login to Warrior Web
- Complete the Conditions of Registration
- Register for classes.

Follow this link to detailed instructions on how to register for classes:

<http://www.lcsc.edu/registrar/Information/register.htm>

Start planning your Summer and Fall schedules NOW. You can search for classes on Warrior Web before the registration dates and plan your schedule.

More information can be found on the Registrar's website:

<http://www.lcsc.edu/registrar/default.htm>



## Registration Hold for Incorrect Addresses

Beginning this registration period the Office of the Registrar will start placing a registration hold on student's accounts who have invalid addresses on file with the school. If the school is notified that an address you have on file is invalid or if LCSC receives returned mail from the address, a hold will be placed on your account. If you have not recently updated your address with the school or currently have an address hold on your account you must update your address and notify the Office of the Registrar in order for the hold to be removed.

## LCSC Counseling Center

The student Counseling Center's mission is to assist and support students by focusing on the student's emotional and physical well being by providing services such as:

- Personal Counseling
- Health Care Assistance
- Disability Services.
- Education and Career Counseling
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling

The Counseling Center offers counseling for individuals, couples, or even groups. Appointments are available at the counseling center Monday through Friday 8am—5pm. During the Summer Semester appointments are available Monday through Thursday 8am—5pm and Friday 8am—Noon. For more information you can visit their website at <http://www.lcsc.edu/osl/counseling.htm> or you can call them toll free at 1-800-669-3176.



# Beware of Financial Aid Scams

## Don't Pay Services to Find Money for College:

Commercial financial aid advice services can cost well over \$1,000 and do not provide any information that you cannot get for free.

## Don't Pay for the FAFSA:

Several web sites offer help filing the FAFSA for a fee, these sites are not affiliated with or endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education. You can receive free help filling out the FAFSA from the financial aid office at school, the FAFSA's online help at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), and the Federal Student Aid Information Center.

## Scholarship Scams:

- Never pay a fee for scholarship money.
- Don't fall for guarantees or claims that someone has information you cant get anywhere else.
- Know that legitimate scholarships never charge fees and are available to everyone.

# OIF/OEF Veterans Medical Services

The Department of Veterans Affairs has promoted new eligibility rules that provide Active Component and Reserve Component personnel who served in designated combat zones (since November 11, 1998) with five years of free care from the date of separation from active duty. Personnel can receive care at the Walla Walla VA Medical Center. In order to receive this benefit you must apply by completing VA form 1010EZ. This form may be obtained by visiting, calling, or writing any VA health care facility or veterans' benefits office. You can also access the form online at [www.va.gov/1010ez.htm](http://www.va.gov/1010ez.htm) or call the VA Healthcare Eligibility Center at 877-222-VETS (8387).

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More information is also available at:

<http://www.visn20.med.va.gov/walla-walla/index.asp>



# Idaho Division of Veterans Services

The Idaho Division of Veterans Services provides representation to Veterans, surviving spouses, children, and parents of deceased Veterans before the Department of Veterans Affairs. They can help with the full completion of a claim for VA benefits, assist in the appeals process, and give guidance on the laws and regulations that structure VA claims. Some of the Benefits available are:

- Health Care and/or Prescriptions
- Disability Compensation
- Pension
- Life Insurance
- Home Loan Guaranties

There are two local Idaho State Veterans Service Officers located at the Idaho State Veterans Home in Lewiston, Rockey Davis and Bob Cooper. To make an appointment with them you can call 799-5084

## VA Secretary Shinseki Releases Hospital Report Card

For the second consecutive year the VA has released a hospital report card as part of the VA's effort to provide the public with a transparent accounting of the quality and safety of its care. For the first time the data from the report card will be available online at [www.Data.gov](http://www.Data.gov). This years report gives the health care system high marks with VA facilities often outscoring private-sector health plans.

## No COLA Increase this Year

The VA has reported that there will be no cost-of-living adjustment this year for disability, dependency and indemnity compensation, clothing allowance, pension, and certain other related benefits. The VA's COLA increase is based on the annual Social Security index rate which did not increase between 2008 and 2009.

## VA Increases Agent Orange Illness Presumptions List

The VA has increased the number of illnesses that can now be linked to the herbicide defoliant Agent Orange by three. The three new illnesses that have been added are hairy cell leukemia, Parkinson's disease, and ischemic heart disease.

The above information was obtained from [www.veterans.idaho.gov](http://www.veterans.idaho.gov).



# Financial Aid and Scholarships

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS: (LCSC is not responsible for content on these websites nor are they endorsed by LCSC.)

Air Force Aid Society: <http://www.afas.org/index.cfm>

Official charity of the Air Force, they provide grants and also have links to other scholarships

AMVETS: [http://www.amvets.org/programs/programs\\_scholarships.html](http://www.amvets.org/programs/programs_scholarships.html)

AMVETS annually awards scholarships to veterans/active military, their sons, daughters, or grandchildren. A son, daughter, or grandchild of a deceased veteran is also eligible.

Army Emergency Relief: <http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp>

Army Emergency Relief offers scholarships to children and spouses of Army Soldiers on federal active duty, retired, or deceased while in active or retired status.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance: <http://www.cgmahq.org/>

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance offers education benefits to active duty Coast Guard and retired Coast Guard military personnel, members of the Coast Guard Select Reserve, Coast Guard Civilian employees, Coast Guard Auxiliarists, and Public Health Officers serving with the Coast Guard.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation: <http://www.mcsf.com>

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships to the children of Marines and Navy Corpsman who have served with the Marine Corps.

Military.com: <http://aid.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do?>

Military.com provides a search engine to find scholarships for military members.



# What's New with Education Benefits?

## The Post 9-11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

Most veterans qualify for either Chapter 30 or the new Chapter 33. Which will benefit you the most? Here are some helpful resources if you are still unsure on what to do:

- Check out the New GI Bill calculator to compare monetary values of Chapter 30 vs. Chapter 33. Go to: <http://www.newgibill.org/calculator>
- Make an appointment to visit with the Veterans Coordinator at LCSC. Call 792-2224 or email us at [veterans@lcsc.edu](mailto:veterans@lcsc.edu)
- Visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) and click on Post 9/11 GI Bill.
- Remember: only veterans that have performed active duty service after September 10, 2001 are eligible for Chapter 33. A minimum of 90 aggregate days of service or 30 days for service members with a service-connected disability may establish eligibility.
- The benefit will pay for tuition and fees not to exceed the most expensive in-state tuition at a public institution.
- You will receive a monthly housing allowance equal to E-5 with dependents.
- You will also receive a yearly book stipend of up to \$1000/year.

## The Post 9-11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) Transfer of Entitlement to Family Members

A special provision of the Post 9-11 GI Bill allows members of the Armed Services to transfer their Chapter 33 entitlement to their family members. Generally speaking, to be eligible veterans must be eligible for Chapter 33, have served at least 6 years in the Armed Forces, and must agree to serve an additional four more years. Service Members who are eligible for retirement from August 1, 2009 through August 1, 2013 may also become eligible. Family members that are eligible are the Veteran's spouse and/or children.



# Stay on Track with your Degree

## Having Trouble in class?

- Talk to your Instructor
- Utilize the on campus college services, i.e. Math and Science Lab, Writing Lab, Learning Resource Center
- Talk to your advisor

## Want to Run a Program Evaluation?

You can use the program evaluation tool to track the progress of your degree and plan for future Semesters. To run the evaluation tool follow these instructions:

- First login to Warrior Web
- Click on Students
- Under Academic Profile, click Program Evaluation
- You can either choose to check how your current degree is going or you can see what things would look like if you changed majors
- Once you choose your options click submit and your Program Evaluation will open

## What can I do with this Degree?

The Career and Advising web page has a new section that can help you decide on a major or find jobs that fit your current major: <http://www.lcsc.edu/cas/majors/>

## Can't Decide on a Degree

Career and Advising services sponsors a class entitled Career Exploration (SD 120). This class can help you decide on a degree and prepare for a future with your degree.

Visit the Career and Advising web page for more information:

<http://www.lcsc.edu/cas/>

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