Hazlewood Act for Veteran

The Hazlewood Act is a State of Texas benefit that provides qualified Veterans, spouses, and dependent children with an education benefit of up to 150 hours of tuition exemption, including most fee charges, at public institutions of higher education in Texas. This does NOT include living expenses, books, or supply fees.

Veteran Qualifications

A Veteran must:

- At the time of entry into active duty the U.S. Armed Forces, designated Texas as Home of Record; or entered the service in Texas; or was a Texas resident;
- Have received an honorable discharge or separation or a general discharge under honorable conditions as indicated on the Veteran’s Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214);
- Served at least 181 days of active duty service (excluding training);
- Have no federal Veteran’s education benefits, or have no federal Veterans education benefits dedicated to the payment of tuition and fees only (such as Chapter 33 or 31; for term or semester enrolled that do not exceed the value of Hazlewood benefits;
- Not be in default on a student loan made or guaranteed by the State of Texas;
- Enroll in classes for which the college receives tax support (i.e., a course that does not depend solely on student tuition and fees to cover its cost), unless the college’s governing board has ruled to let Veterans receive the benefit while taking non-funded courses; and
- Meet the GPA and excessive hour requirement of the institution’s satisfactory academic progress policy in a degree or certificate program as determined by the institution’s financial aid policy. Texas State’s policies are as follows:
  - GPA requirements:
    - Undergraduate – 2.0
    - Second Baccalaureate – 2.5
    - Master’s/Doctorate – 3.0
  - Excessive Hours: A student cannot use VA benefits if they are in excessive hours. A student will be considered in excess hours if on the first day of term, the student has attempted more than 30 hours (45 if initially enrolled before Fall 2006) over what is required for their degree program.
- Veterans who are granted their first Hazlewood Act exemption beginning Fall of 2011 must reside in Texas during the semester or term for which the exemption is claimed. This requirement does not apply to the Veterans who either received the exemption prior to the 2011-2012 academic year, have reenlisted into active duty, or reside with a spouse who is on active duty.

Hazlewood Act application process

- Be accepted to a Texas public college or university of your choice. Go to www.applytexas.org to apply or use your institution’s application for admission;
- Provide proof (DD214) from the Department of Defense regarding military service and the nature of discharge;
- Provide proof of eligibility or ineligibility for GI Bill benefits (Chapter 31, 33/Post-9/11) by requesting a certificate of eligibility for federal education benefits from www.gibill.va.gov (if Veteran has active duty service after 9/11/2001);
- Fill out the Hazlewood Exemption application form; and
- Submit all documentation to Texas State University Office of Veterans Affairs via an online Certification Request.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be received by the institution no later than the last day of class in order to be evaluated for the semester or term.