

# **First Time Veteran Students**

If you will be starting classes at Lake Superior State University for the first time in a future semester and have not used GI Bill<sup>®</sup> Educational benefits before at any institution of higher learning please see below:

# Apply for your GI Bill<sup>®</sup> Educational Benefits

If you are applying for your educational benefits for the first time, please apply using <u>VONAPP</u>. <u>View a list of all GI Bill<sup>®</sup> Educational Benefits</u>.

✓ Certificate of Eligibility (COE) Please submit your COE letter from the VA stating eligibility and length of entitlement (Chapters 33 and 35). This will be sent to you in the mail 6-8 weeks after you apply for your benefits using the VONAPP process.

# **Apply to LSSU**

Please complete LSSU's online application.

\*It is recommended that you apply for LSSU and your educational benefits around the same time.

## ✓ Apply for Financial Aid

In addition to GI Bill<sup>®</sup> Educational benefits, you may be eligible for federal financial aid. Please contact LSSU's Financial Aid Office at 906-635-2678, <u>finaid@lssu.edu</u>, or visit their <u>website</u>.

### ✓ Submit Transcripts

Please provide LSSU with your Military transcripts for evaluation. Lake Superior State University generally follows the guidelines of the American Council of Education in evaluating military credit. Credits from military schools and courses from the Community College of the Air Force are evaluated and generally given credit for direct course equivalencies and general elective credits - meaning that the credits can be used as general electives, but also may meet major or minor requirements upon the recommendation of the appropriate department.

### ✓ Sign up for Orientation

Once accepted to LSSU, sign up for an <u>Orientation Program</u> to register for classes and learn tips about how to be successful at LSSU.

### ✓ Submit the VA Course Certification Request Form

Once registered for classes, this form has to be submitted **each semester** to LSSU's VA Certifying Official.

Questions along the way? Contact Nicole Parker, M.S., VA Certifying Official <u>nparker@lssu.edu</u> 906-635-2696