Are you applying for your VA education benefits for this first time? 
If so you can now apply online!

Before you begin, you will need to have your banking information (name of bank, bank routing/transit # and your account #) available.

- Go online to: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- scroll down to: “Apply for Benefits”
- click on “Launch VONAPP and apply for Benefits” under the eVA logo
- click on “I Am a New VONAPP User”
- read the directions and you will create a VONAPP login

Once you are in the application you will need to select the benefit you’re applying for:
- choose Select a Form
  “Education Benefits (Form 22-1990) - this is the application for education benefits for CH. 33 Post-9/11 (will need to list an effective date), CH. 30 MGI Bill-Active Duty, CH. 1606 MGI Bill-Selected Reserve, CH. 1607 REAP or VRAP)

Some information you will need if you are applying for College of the Desert:

#12A Name: College of the Desert
#12B Address: 43-500 Monterey Ave., Palm Desert, CA 92260
#12B Date Starting: this will be the first day of our semester or term
#12C Education or career goal: AA Degree or AS Degree 
  (depending on your major)
  Course of Study: the major you plan to pursue at C.O.D  
  (example: Liberal Arts or Business Administration, etc.)
#12D Type of Education or Training: College or other School Attendance

- when you are finished, submit the information and wait for the confirmation # (should just take a minute or so). Then print a copy of the completed application with the confirmation # on it.

- Your signature should be submitted to the VA to complete your application process!!!
If you are a Veteran, a copy of your DD-214 - page 4 (and/or your NOBE DD-2384 if Chapter 1606) Note: if you have any “kickers” or paid into the “Buy-Up” for the increased GI Bill, that paperwork should also be submitted. We can assist you with this if you’d like. Please bring your copy of the application so we can make a copy for our files.

User name: ___________________________ Password: ___________________________

- Note: The VA’s VONAPP can also be used to submit a 22-1995 “Change of Program/Place of Training”, 22-5490 Chapter 35 Dependent’s Education Assistance Application, 22-5495 Chapter 35 Dependents Education Assistance Change of Program/Place of Training, or 28-1900 Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation.

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