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Attention Veterans

GI Bill Emergency Checks to Students: Veterans Can Request Them Online

VA Regional Offices in Waco and Houston Will Issue Funds to Alleviate Students' Financial Burdens

What: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Regional Offices in Waco and Houston, Texas, will distribute emergency checks for up to \$3,000 to veterans who have applied for educational benefits, and who have not yet received their GI Bill payment from VA.

How: You can submit an Online Request for your emergency check, by applying online at www.va.gov, beginning on Friday, October 2, 2009.

Why Applying Online is Helpful: By applying online, you can avoid having to come to Waco or Houston, and avoid waiting in line to submit your request at the VA Regional Office. VA's intent is to allow you to focus on your studies.

When Emergency Checks Will Be Issued: In response to your online application, the Emergency GI Bill Checks will be mailed to you from Austin, Texas, by October 9, 2009. The checks should be received by October 15, 2009. After this special payment, you can expect to receive education payments on the normal schedule.

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