



Military Affiliated Services

Join our forces and
expand your creativity.



Ringling College
of Art + Design

Here's a sneak peek →



Our Mission

At Ringling College of Art and Design, we are proud to serve our veterans and active military members. Our Military Affiliated Services department is committed to providing the information and services needed for students using, or looking to use, VA educational benefits. The department will assist with charting the transition from military life, and help to promote the student's knowledge of resources, self-growth, and connections.

Military Affiliated Services can help students and their families in many ways, including help with applying for benefits, providing information on how VA education benefits and the college processes work together, and connecting students with college resources such as advising, counseling services, and financial aid resources.

Ringling College was selected as a Military Friendly® school and Military Times 2025 Best for Vets.

No Veteran or Family Member left behind.



The GI Bill® at Ringling College

Ringling College offers our veterans and their dependents the opportunity to expand their artistic abilities and creative skill sets while using their GI Bill® education benefits to help fund their educational and professional goals.

Some highlights Ringling College provides for our military affiliated students include:

- **A dedicated, full-time VA School Certifying Official (SCO) in the Office of Financial Aid**
- **Participation in Post 9/11 GI Bill® Yellow Ribbon, offering additional financial assistance for those who qualify**
- **Deferment of tuition and fees payment issued when using VA education benefits**
- **Priority Registration each semester given to students using VA Education Benefits**
- **VA Work-Study positions**
- **Active Veteran's Club on campus**

Do you have a current certificate of eligibility or have questions about how your benefits would apply to Ringling College of Art and Design?

Contact Ringling's VA School Certifying Official at **VAbenefits@ringling.edu** or **941-359-7539**.

Applying for VA Education Benefits?

Visit the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs website at: **va.gov**

Click on the links, "Apply for Education Benefits" and follow the step-by-step instructions. It takes approximately six to eight weeks to receive the certificate of eligibility or authorization form from the VA.

For information about pay or remaining eligibility, contact the VA at:

1-888-GIBill1 (1-888-442-4551)

To begin using VA education benefits at Ringling College:

1. Apply now at **www.ringling.edu**
2. Contact Ringling's Veteran Services department
VAbenefits@ringling.edu
3. Complete a request for certification (required each semester)

Get Involved! Join our Veteran's Club

Ringling College's Veteran's Club is a student-run organization that supports and encourages camaraderie between all former and actively serving veterans from across the world. Share your stories through art and outreach, and connect with other veterans on campus and in the local community.



VETERAN'S CLUB

War Paint: Profiles of Courage

Ringling College proudly presents War Paint: Profiles of Courage, the annual exhibition featuring portraits of local veterans created by Ringling College students and faculty in a variety of mediums. This exhibition was created as a tribute to the stories of military members who have served and those currently serving in the military.

The images tell stories from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and current serving troops, that will enrich the Ringling College community for years to come.



Additional Services and Resources

Application/Resume

How to translate your military experience into a creative profession

Navigate VA Process

One point of contact to help you successfully make the most of your VA education benefits

Campus Resources

Bridge the transition from military to life at Ringling College and beyond

Networking

Grow your connections in the community and your professional career

Leadership

Get inspired and inspire others in creative professions

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