



COLLEGE FINANCING PLAN



SECTION 1018 OF PUBLIC LAW 116-315, JOHNNY ISAKSON AND DAVID P. ROE, M.D. VETERANS HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2020

Update: Effective of 8/01/2021 the Veterans Administration (VA) has stated that NCD Colleges add the following provisions to maintain approval for GI Bill participation.

What is Section 1018? Section 1018 codifies in statute the following requirements:

Section 1:

- Schools must provide a covered individual (a student using benefits under chapter 30, 31, 32, 33, or 35 of title 38, U.S.C., or chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S.C.) with a personalized shopping sheet that contains:

- Estimated total cost of the course that includes tuition, fees, books, supplies and any other additional costs.

Basic Peace Officer Course (BPOC):

Tuition \$3,800.00

Application Process:

Entrance Exam: \$35.00

Medical Exam/Drug Screen \$132.00

Background/Finger Prints \$ 40.00

Driving Record (Type 1 Status Record) \$4

Psychological Evaluation \$300

Total: \$4,311.00

- Estimated cost of living expenses. **\$2,194/mo.** <https://livingcost.org/cost/united-states/tx/san-antonio>
- Amount of costs above that are covered by VA Education Benefits.
GI Housing Benefit – Up to \$2411/mo.
- Other types of Federal financial aid, not administered by VA that is offered by the institution, that the individual may be qualified to receive. **Agency Sponsorships**
- Estimated amount of student loan debt the individual would have upon graduation. **N/A**
- Information regarding graduation rates. **BPOC Academy information is available on the academy training portal. BPOC Academy page <https://aarlea.com/node/32>, Academy Q & A <https://aarlea.com/node/25>**
- Information regarding job-placement rates for graduates, if available. **Included in the Academy Q & A above <https://aarlea.com/node/25> .**
- Information regarding the acceptance of transfer credits including military credits. **The Alamo Area Law Enforcement Academy does not accept transfer credits.**
- Any additional requirements including training, experience, or examinations that are required to obtain a license, certification or approval for which the course of education prepares the

individual.

Section 2:

- **Prior to the first day of training, each veteran student shall provide a copy of the following:**
 - **DD-214**
 - **Military Transcripts**
 - **Prior Education Transcripts (if applicable)**

Prior education and training will grant the veteran student credit if applicable.

- **The BPOC program provides you with certifications for the following courses:**
 1. **Tactical Combat Casualty Care**
 2. **Defensive Tactics Training**
 3. **Firearms Qualifications**
 4. **National Academy of Police Driving**
 5. **Standardized Field Sobriety Testing**

Certifications for the following courses are provided in addition to the ones covered in the BPOC Program at no additional cost:

1. **OC Spray (Pepper Spray)**
2. **ASP Baton Certification**
3. **TASER Conducted Energy Weapon X26P CEW V.22 User Certification**
4. **RADAR/LIDAR Operator Certification**
5. **A.L.E.R.R.T.**
6. **Body Worn Cameras**
7. **Resume Writing and Interviewing**

- **Other information to facilitate comparison by the individual about aid packages offered by different educational institutions. See <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>**
- **Personalized shopping sheets must be provided within 15 days after tuition and fees are determined for the academic year if there is a change.**
- **Schools must maintain policies that:**
 - **Inform an enrolled covered individual of the availability of federal financial aid, not administered by VA that is offered by the institution. **BPOC rules and regulations are provided to cadets on Orientation Day.****
 - **Alert the individual of the potential eligibility for other federal financial aid before packaging or arranging student loans or alternative financing. **Cadets are advised of possible sponsorships through law enforcement agencies and academy job fairs. The AACOG Law Enforcement Academy does not offer financial aid, scholarships or grants for cadets.****
 - **Prohibit automatic renewal of a covered individual in a course and/or programs.**
 - **Ensure each covered individual approves of the enrollment in a course.**
 - **Allow enrolled members of the Armed Forces, including reserve components and National Guard to be readmitted if such members are temporarily unavailable or must suspend enrollment by reason of serving in the Armed Forces.**
 - **Accommodate short absences for such services in the Armed Forces.**
- **Schools must provide covered individuals the requirements for graduation and a graduation timeline. See BPOC page on Alamo Area Law Enforcement Academy training portal. <https://aarlea.com/node/32>**

- Accredited educational institutions agree to obtain approval of the respective accrediting agency for each new course or program.
- Schools must designate an employee of the educational institution to serve as a point of contact for covered individuals and family members seeking assistance with:
 - Academic Counseling. **Academy Staff**
 - Financial Counseling. **Academy Staff**
 - Disability Counseling. **Academy Staff**
 - Other information regarding completing a course of education at the education institution. **Academy Staff**

Section 3:

- State Approving Agency will take action when the education institution does any of the following:
 - Carries out deceptive or persistent recruiting techniques including on military institutions.
 - Misrepresents payment of incentive compensation.
 - During a 1-month period makes three or more unsolicited contacts to a covered individual via phone, email and/or in person.
 - Engages in same day recruitment and registration.
 - Provides a commission, bonus, or other incentive payment based directly or indirectly on success in securing enrollments or financial aid to any persons or entities engaged in any student recruiting or admission activities, or in making decisions regarding the award of student financial assistance. (Please note: schools are already subject to this requirement under 38 U.S.C. § 3696(d)(1)).

The above list is a digested version of the requirements. Please refer to the exact wording of the statute (<https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ315/PLAW-116publ315.pdf>) for the authoritative requirements. Learn about education programs and compare benefits by school with the GI Bill Comparison Tool <https://www.va.gov/education/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>.