



# Minnesota's Private Colleges welcome veterans

*Our 17 institutions offer high quality education and an array of options*

## 5 reasons for veterans to consider our colleges:

### 1. More affordable than you think

If you're a veteran who has served since 9/11 you may be eligible to receive financial support for higher education. The Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay tuition and fees up to \$17,500, based upon the type of institution and program you enroll in and your level of eligibility.

When tuition exceeds this amount — as it can at a private college — the Yellow Ribbon Program (available at 16 of our colleges) may make additional funds available for your education if your service entitles you to receive this benefit rate. Each institution chooses the amount of tuition and fees that will be contributed and the VA will match that amount. See Minnesota Yellow Ribbon Program information at [gibill.va.gov/gi\\_bill\\_info/ch33/yyp/2012/states/mn.htm](http://gibill.va.gov/gi_bill_info/ch33/yyp/2012/states/mn.htm).

### 2. Full range of academic options

Our colleges offer a wide variety of programs and majors at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Several have evening, weekend and online options. Use our College Finder to discover which colleges have offerings that fit your interests and needs: [www.mnprivatecolleges.org/college-finder](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/college-finder).

We're also transfer-friendly and many of our colleges accept military credit (AARTS/SMART), which can really help with completing a bachelor's degree.

### 3. Variety

No two of our colleges are alike when it comes to size, location, student body make-up, academic opportunities, campus groups and more — we offer many options. Find out how distinct our colleges are by looking at their profiles:

[www.mnprivatecolleges.org/our-colleges](http://www.mnprivatecolleges.org/our-colleges).

### 4. Personal attention

The focus is on teaching at our colleges. Most classes are small (less than 20 students) and taught by professors, not teaching assistants. Professors will take an active, personal interest in you.

### 5. Career value

You'll finish college ready to take the next steps in your life. Whether you pursue graduate school or a career, your educational experiences on- and off-campus will give you a strong foundation. Along with the specific skills you'll gain, a liberal arts education yields grads who are well-rounded, adaptable, good problem solvers and able to handle a variety of situations — just what employers say they are looking for.

“I was looking for a university that would be able to nourish my soul along with my mind. I wanted to go to a school that cared about me and would call me by name. I have gone to a big public university and I was treated like a number. I did not feel a connection. Everyone here cares about me and genuinely cares about my education.”

— *Jared Ross '13, Bethel University, bachelor's degree completion program*

## ***Find out more about our institutions' services for veterans on their websites:***

**Augsburg College** (Minneapolis)

[www.augsburg.edu/military/](http://www.augsburg.edu/military/)

**Bethany Lutheran College** (Mankato)

[www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**Bethel University** (St. Paul)

College of Adult & Professional Studies/Graduate School

[caps.bethel.edu/financial-aid/types/military-benefits/](http://caps.bethel.edu/financial-aid/types/military-benefits/)

College of Arts & Sciences

[cas.bethel.edu/financial-aid/types/military-benefits/](http://cas.bethel.edu/financial-aid/types/military-benefits/)

**Carleton College** (Northfield)

[apps.carleton.edu/campus/registrar/vabenefits/](http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/registrar/vabenefits/)

**College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University** (St. Joseph/Collegeville)

[www.csbsju.edu/registrar/general-information/veterans-benefits.htm](http://www.csbsju.edu/registrar/general-information/veterans-benefits.htm)

**The College of St. Scholastica** (Duluth)

[www.css.edu/Undergraduate/Admissions/Veterans.html](http://www.css.edu/Undergraduate/Admissions/Veterans.html)

**Concordia College** (Moorhead)

[www.cord.edu/Admissions/info/Transferstudents/military/index.php](http://www.cord.edu/Admissions/info/Transferstudents/military/index.php)

**Concordia University** (St. Paul)

<http://csp.edu/admission/military/>

**Gustavus Adolphus College** (St. Peter)

[www.gustavus.edu](http://www.gustavus.edu)

**Hamline University** (St. Paul)

[www.hamline.edu/students/veterans/](http://www.hamline.edu/students/veterans/)

**Macalester College** (St. Paul)

[www.macalester.edu/financialaid/policies/outsidescholarships/](http://www.macalester.edu/financialaid/policies/outsidescholarships/)

**St. Catherine University** (St. Paul)

[minerva.stkate.edu/financialaid.nsf/pages/va\\_benefits](http://minerva.stkate.edu/financialaid.nsf/pages/va_benefits)

**Saint Mary's University of Minnesota** (Twin Cities and Rochester)

[www.smumn.edu/graduate-home/about-smu/student-services/veterans-services](http://www.smumn.edu/graduate-home/about-smu/student-services/veterans-services)

**St. Olaf College** (Northfield)

[www.stolaf.edu](http://www.stolaf.edu)

**University of St. Thomas** (St. Paul and Minneapolis)

[www.stthomas.edu/veterans](http://www.stthomas.edu/veterans)

