

A Look at Student Veterans of America

SVA empowers veterans to be informed consumers of higher education and leverage GI Bill benefits for education success and career opportunities.

SVA invests in high-impact programs that sustain chapters and build student veteran leaders, assisting veterans achieve academic goals. In addition to SVA's government affairs advocacy, we support student veterans through:

- Chapter Leader Academies
- Leadership Institutes
- Scholarships
- Chapter Support and Grants



Founded in January of 2008, SVA focuses on transitioning service members and veterans to get to, through, and beyond higher education.



SVA Government Affairs

The SVA Department of Government Affairs represents student veterans in the nation's capital and across the country, serving as subject matter experts on higher education policy for non-traditional students. We advocate on behalf of student veterans through informing policy makers in the executive and legislative branches on data, research, and direct experiences of veterans in college. Our team readily provides the perspective of this population of impressive students.

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**Policy Priorities
2018-2019**



Veterans Economic Opportunity Administration

For too long economic opportunity programs within the VA, like the GI Bill and VA home loans, have been overshadowed within the Veterans Benefits Administration. It is time to modernize systems, streamline processes, and focus resources at the VA for economic opportunity programs and transition.



- Establish the Veteran Economic Opportunity Administration with Undersecretary representation for all economic opportunity and transition programs at VA.
- Reduce VA's existing footprint for the economic opportunity workforce by establishing MOUs with DoD facilities, universities, and VHA facilities.
- Streamline overwhelming bureaucracy presently burying the programs focused on economic opportunity for veterans.

Access, Accountability, Affordability

- Expand and modernize the GI Bill College Comparison Tool.
- Reform accreditation process to place emphasis on student outcomes and adapt for innovative learning practices.
- Study emerging education innovations to better understand the effectiveness and efficacy of such models.
- Make accountability part of all programs.

Forever GI Bill Implementation

- Identify additional reporting needs necessary to track and elevate Forever GI Bill provisions.
- Guarantee sufficient and dedicated IT resources necessary.
- Establish rigorous standards for schools to participate in the high technology pilot program.

Effective & Empowering Government

- Coordinate data-sharing across government agencies and make data publicly available.
- Disaggregate unrelated topics in negotiated rulemaking.
- Encourage Congress and policy leaders to use empowering messaging around veterans.

HEA Reauthorization

- Count VA and DoD educational benefits as federal funds.
- Rename the "Master Promissory Note" to "Student Loan Contract."
- Preserve Gainful Employment and Borrower's Defense to protect students against fraud, waste, and abuse.

