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GRANT WRITING TIME!

Veterans Upward Bound is writing a new five year grant soon. Competition is on a national basis and becoming increasingly stiffer. Within this increasing difficulty in maintaining the money to keep our program running, it becomes even more important that awareness of our program reach as many veterans as possible so we can serve the number of vets required by the U.S. Department of Education. Word-of-mouth is a vital means of referring other veterans to our program. Ask any member of our staff for brochures that can be handed out to friends and family. Help save the program for future veterans. Although we have outreach personnel who actively recruit for our program, all assistance in bringing new veterans into the program is always greatly appreciated!

FAQ

Throughout the 25 year existence of our program, we have encountered a number of questions from veterans that are asked with some frequency. The staff thought it might be a good idea to list some of those frequently asked questions.

1. What is the purpose of Veterans Upward Bound?

The purpose of Veterans Upward Bound is to provide educational help to qualified vets for improvement of their educational skills before they attend a college, university, vocational or technical school.

2. What is the cost?

The program is FREE. There is no cost to participants. All instructional materials, career, financial aid and academic services are without charge.

3. Whom do we serve?

Veterans who do not have a four-year college degree, who have served at least 181 days of active duty in the U.S. military, who have received anything other than a dishonorable discharge, and who desire help in improving their educational skills.

4. What counties does the program serve?

Allen, Barren, Butler, Edmonton, Hart, Logan, Simpson, and Warren counties.

5. What services do Veterans Upward Bound provide?

Academic refresher classes in math, English, writing (including resumes), basic computer skills, individual tutoring, online classes, study skills, college curriculum information, and preparation for college, university, vocational, or technical school entrance.

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6. Does the program help assist in finding veterans employment?

The program offers career counseling with information provided on specific job outlooks, training needed, skills required, and career exploration, choices, and planning.

7. Does the program provide financial aid?

Vets receive information about money available to them for college or vocational/technical school, and help in completing financial aid forms. VUB also holds a yearly awards banquet where scholarships are awarded to qualifying veterans.

8. Does the program provide assistance for vets with special needs?

Support services for physically challenged individuals are available, including tutoring, home study, and advising for college, or vocational/technical school entry.

9. Does VUB provide GED preparation?

No, but the program does assist in referring and scheduling veterans to receive assistance from Kentucky Adult Education programs in the surrounding area.

10. Can the program provide services to veterans' dependents?

No, because the U.S. Department of Education's guidelines does not allow dependents those benefits.

11. Does VUB serve reservists and guardsmen members?

Yes.

12. Is the programs closed during the summer?

No. VUB is a year-round program. The only closures are all national holidays that WKU honors and an extended closure over Christmas through the first week of the new year, nor is the program closed during WKU's spring break.

13. How do I apply for the program?

Come to the VUB office at 127 Jones-Jaggers Hall, WKU, between 8:00am and 4:30-pm, Monday through Friday, or call 270-745-5310. We'll assist you with the application process and answer your questions regarding the program. Please bring a copy of your DD214.



MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY, MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 29

We invite all veterans and their families to come out to the Hot Rods ball-park on Memorial Day. All military personnel (active or retired) will receive a complimentary game ticket with ID and family and friends in attendance with them may purchase tickets for \$5.

The Bowling Green Hot Rods will be playing the Lake County Captains. Game time is 12:05pm. It will also be Buck Monday where fans can enjoy \$1 Pepsi products and popcorn.



COMMUNITY BASED OUTPATIENT CLINIC

The Bowling Green VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic is holding a clothing drive for our veterans in need. They are accepting any clothing (mostly spring/summer) that would like to be donated to the public

Donations need to be slightly used, new with tags, packaged underwear and packaged socks. Also, shoes will be accepted. All must be clean with no stains or tears. Shoes must be clean without holes or dirt.

Donations can be dropped off to Michelle Mudd or Penny Ritchie at the Bowling Green VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic Monday through Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm April 17 - 28th. The clinic is located in the Fairview Plaza Shopping Plaza at 600 US 31-W Bypass Suite 12.

The clinic will open their doors May 13 from 8:00am - 2:00pm to allow veterans in need to come in and shop for free.

NEW VETERANS UPWARD BOUND STAFF MEMBER



This February, VUB hired a new staff member, Joshua Denman. Joshua is an Army veteran that served in Afghanistan with the 101st Airborne Division. Originally from Flint, Michigan, he is now residing in Bowling Green attending WKU majoring in nursing and forensic psychology. He was hired as a student worker to be one of our vet-to-vet tutors.



MILLION VETERAN PROGRAM

MVP reached a major milestone last August 1, 2016 when the program welcomed its 500,000th volunteer to the program. The achievement was the result of years of planning, foresight, and determination to build a genomic research database to improve health care for veterans and all Americans.

The beginnings of the program was in 1999 when a DNA Bank was created by the VA's Cooperative Studies Program. Then in 2006, the VA Genomic Medicine Program opened the door for personalized medicine—health care tailored to individuals' needs, based on genetic markers.

The Million Veteran Program began pilot work in 2009 to evaluate methods and survey instruments for recruitment and enrollment. In March 2011, MVP launched with 11 vanguard sites. This set the stage for what has become a groundbreaking research resource, thanks to continuing veteran volunteerism.

By fall of 2014, VA investigators were presented with their first opportunity to plan projects using the genomic data. The studies underway are Gulf War Illness Risk Factors, PTSD Risk Factors, Functional Disability in Schizophrenia and Bipolar Illness, Genetic Vulnerability of Sustained Multi-Substance Abuse, Genetics of Cardio-Metabolic Diseases in the VA Population, Pharmacogenomics, Risk Factors, and Therapy Outcomes in Kidney Disease, Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors, and Genetic Risk for Age-Related Macular Degeneration in Diverse Veteran Populations.



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Congratulations to VUB alumnus Kent Johnson (L) for his recent election as the vice president for the Southern Kentucky Veterans Council. Kent currently serves as WKU's Military Student Services Coordinator.



Important Numbers and Dates

Schella Smith, WKU VA Certifying Official
(270) 745-3732

Stephanie Gabbard, VA Voc-Rehab, B.G. Office
(270) 846-2092

Military Student Services, WKU
(270) 745-5837

Shawn Stovall, SKYCTC VA Certifying Official
(270) 901-1188

Department of Employment Services, Bowling Green
Don "Mac" McGlothlin (270) 746-7265

VA Regional Office, Louisville
(502) 566-4482

VA Regional Office, Nashville, TN
(615) 695-6384

BG VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
(270) 782-0120

VA Medical Center, Louisville
(800) 376-8387

VA Medical Center, Nashville, TN
(800) 228-4973

Military Records Branch, Frankfort
(502) 607-6041

American Legion, Bowling Green
(270) 781-3574 Veterans Service Officer
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(270) 781-1872

April 8	ACT Test Date
May 5	ACT Registration Deadline for June
May 29	Memorial Day, VUB Closed
May 29	Hot Rods Military Appreciation Day
June 10	ACT Test Date
June 30	Federal FAFSA Deadline
July 4	Independence Day, VUB Closed
August 18	VUB Annual Awards Banquet
September 4	Labor Day, VUB Closed
September 9	ACT Test Date

*Please call early for information on test dates. VUB may pay testing fees, but to do so we must have your application at least six weeks prior to the registration postmark deadline.