

Veterans!

An opportunity with your local Social Security Administration office has a vacancy for a VA Intern. The job has many facets and the skills obtained during your time in the service will prove invaluable to the continued service to your country.

Some of the projects that you could be working on may include:

- Many of our Disability cases involve Veterans and their family members – all allowed disability cases require post-entitlement issues; living arrangement, income, resources, work and medical reviews. Our work with Veterans does not end at an allowance
- Interns can assign new and replacement Social Security cards for Veterans looking for jobs or recruits who need numbers to get into the service as well as the general public (many of whom are veterans or their relation)
- Intern could be involved with helping people sign up for My Social Security On-Line Account (MySSA) using Self Help Personal Computer (SHPC)
- Intern could assist initiating applications at the “Application Stations” (SHPC’s) – even if an office does not have SHPC they could help Veterans with starter packages prior to the interview in person or over the phone.
- Intern could be involved obtaining local contacts with our VA partners in your service area to expand outreach for Wounded Warriors by setting up a referral system for Veterans to file for SSA benefits.

Yet the position is so much more. You can talk to your advisor for more information or otherwise contact Skip Beeman, VA Student Intern at francis.beeman@ssa.gov or 877.694.5495 x12801.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Student Work-Study Program

Who is Eligible?

The VA work-study allowance is available to persons studying on a full-time or $\frac{3}{4}$ time basis under the following programs:

- Post-9/11 GI Bill – Veterans and transfer of entitlement recipients (Chapter 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (Chapter 30)
- REAP Participants – Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607)
- Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
- Post-Vietnam Era Veteran' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 32)
- Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35)
- Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program (Chapter 31)

Those Veterans and Dependents who meet the above criteria may complete the application and with direct assistance from the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) Representative / Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) can and should locate a facility that meets the criteria as an approved work site.

Veterans can file for this benefit on their own, with their VA counselor at their educational facility, DVOP /LVER Employment Representatives at a local Job Center or through their County Veterans Service Office

How Much Does the Veteran Earn?

- Interns are paid through the VA for work performed at certified work-study sites
- Interns earn the Federal minimum wage or the State minimum wage, whichever is greater.
- VA will pay the intern each time they complete 50 hours of service.
- There are provisions for working between periods of enrollment (between semesters) after obtaining advance permission from VA.
- You and your intern can arrange an agreeable schedule to work any number of hours during the interns' school enrollment, but the total number of hours cannot exceed 25 hours a week during the contract period, nor exceed 8 hours per day. Intern break regulations are the same as those of regular SSA employees.

What Type of Work Can Interns Do?

Services performed under a VA work-study program must be related to VA work. Therefore, it is critical that your application to become a VA approved Work-Study site contain specific language as to how the work your intern will be doing affects the veteran population in your service area. Examples of types of work/how our work affects veterans:

- Approximately 70% of Wisconsin's Retirement/Auxiliary/Survivor claims have Veteran's issues involved.
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- Intern could be involved in scheduling and providing training for our VA partners in your service area in SSA benefits available. Many Veterans are not aware that they can collect VA payments and potentially can collect SSA payments at the same time.
- Interns can be involved with Centenarian and MNUP workloads because approximately 70% of these cases involve Veterans.