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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

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Dear VA Education Beneficiaries,

On January 5, 2021, the President signed the [Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020](#) into law. This new law provides for the improvement and/or expansion of various GI Bill® programs, including the following:

Increased Funding for the VET TEC Pilot Program: Funding for the VET TEC Pilot Program increases to \$45 million per year which will allow VA to give more student Veterans the chance to gain the high-tech skills sought by today's top employers.

Improvements to the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship: Students enrolled in a dual degree program that includes the completion of an undergraduate degree may now be eligible for the STEM Scholarship. Those enrolled in a covered clinical training program for healthcare professionals may also be eligible.

Expansion of the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship): Eligibility for the Fry Scholarship now includes individuals who are the surviving child or spouse of a service member who died on or after September 11, 2001, while serving in a line of duty other than active duty, or a Selected Reserve member who died on or after September 11, 2001, from a service-connected disability.

What do you need to do?

At this time, there is no action required from you. We are committed to providing you regular updates through direct email campaigns and social media about VA's effort to implement these new changes.

If you have any questions, please contact the Education Call Center at: 1-888-442-4551 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday.

Respectfully,

Education Service