



Indiana State Veteran Benefits

State of Indiana provides several veteran benefits. This explains many of them.

Indiana Veterans Home

The Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette provides nursing and domiciliary care for any honorably discharged Hoosier Veteran who has resided in Indiana for at least 12 months prior to admission. The home is open to both veterans and their spouses. There is a fee.

Indiana Financial Benefits

Income Tax

Up to \$5,000 of active duty pay is tax-free.

Up to \$6,250 of retired pay is tax-free.

Disabled Veteran Property Tax Deduction

Property tax deductions are available to disabled Hoosier veterans who have an honorable discharge. This amount is deducted from the value of your home for tax purposes, leaving you with a smaller property tax bill.

1. A \$24,960 deduction is available to wartime veterans who have at least a 10 percent VA disability
2. Up to a \$12,480 deduction is available to veterans who are at least 62 with at least a 10 percent VA disability OR have a VA total disability

Note: This deduction is not available if the assessed value of the real property owned by the veteran is in excess of \$175,000.

Indiana Employment Benefits

State Employment Veterans Preference

Indiana offers veterans preference in state government jobs for honorably discharged veterans.

Military CDL Skills Waiver Program

The BMV may waive the required drive skills test for veterans with specific training and were truck drivers during their military service when they apply for an Indiana Commercial Driver's License.

Next Level Veterans Program

The state will help you apply for a job with dozens of corporations, and if hired will pay you \$5,000 to relocate to Indiana. *Check out their website for more information.*

Indiana Education Benefits

Free Tuition for Children of Disabled Veterans

Indiana offers free tuition at state schools to children of disabled veterans, Purple Heart Recipients and their children, and children of former POW/MIA. The veteran must have:

- been a resident of Indiana for 36 consecutive months
- served in a wartime period (including August 2, 1990 - present) or
- received a Purple Heart Medal

The benefit may be as high as free tuition and fees for 124 credit hours and is good at state schools.

Free Tuition for Purple Heart Recipients

Indiana residents who were awarded the Purple Heart are eligible for free tuition and fees at Indiana state schools.

National Guard Deployment Protection

National Guard members from Indiana or an adjoining state who attend an Indiana public university are entitled to a tuition refund or credit and guaranteed re-enrollment if they are called to active duty during an academic term.

USS Indianapolis Crewmembers Free Tuition

Sailors from any state who serve on the new USS Indiana submarine for at least 180 days are entitled to pay in-state tuition at Indiana's public universities if they enroll within one year of receiving an honorable discharge.

USS Indiana Crewmembers In-State Tuition

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Indiana Veterans Recreation Benefits

State Parks

A Hoosier Golden Passport provides unlimited admission to all Indiana State owned parks, recreation areas, reservoirs, forests, historic sites, museums, memorials and other Department of Natural Resource (DNR) facilities. The pass is good for one calendar year.

Persons eligible for a Disabled American Veteran license plate may purchase the Hoosier Golden Passport at DNR facilities around the State. If you have Disabled American Veteran plates on the vehicle simply drive to the gate and the attendant will sell you the Hoosier Golden Passport. If you do not have the plate but believe you are eligible you will be given a form to request the plate, which you must send to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs for verification.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Disabled Veterans

Any Indiana resident who is service-connected disabled by the VA can buy an Indiana hunting & fishing license for a reduced fee.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses for Active Duty Residents

Active duty Indiana residents who are carrying leave orders and a valid Indiana driver's license or voter registration card are exempt from purchasing a hunting or fishing license.

Non-resident military personnel on active duty and stationed within Indiana qualify for a resident license.

Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery

The Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery is located next to the Madison State Hospital and Clifty Falls State Park in Madison, Indiana. Any Hoosier veteran eligible to be buried in a national cemetery will be eligible for burial in the cemetery. Spouses are also eligible.

Burial Allowances

Each county auditor is authorized to pay up to an amount not to exceed \$100 for the burial of a veteran or the veteran's spouse, and to pay up to \$100 for the setting of a federal headstone. Veterans must have received an honorable discharge, and an application must be filed with the county auditor in the county of residence.

Disabled Military Veterans – Disabled Veteran License Plate or Placard

Disabled military veterans who do not desire to have a disabled veteran license plate but would like to use disability parking can obtain a placard to hang from their rearview mirror.

Visit the [Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs](#) website for more information on any of these programs.