

VETERANS AT SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE



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About Sweet Briar

At Sweet Briar, we focus on personal and professional achievement through a customized educational program that combines the liberal arts, preparation for careers and individual development. Our faculty and staff guide students to become active learners, to reason clearly, to speak and write persuasively, and to lead with integrity. They do so by creating an educational environment that is both intense and supportive, and where learning occurs in many different venues, including the classroom, the community and the world.

Why Sweet Briar?

Since its founding in 1901, Sweet Briar has been a place for women of consequence. Our veterans are just such women.

The College is committed to helping women veterans begin or continue their college educations. As such, the College is pleased to participate in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Education Programs, particularly the Post-9/11 GI Bill® and Yellow Ribbon Program. Individuals entitled to the maximum benefit rate under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® (based on service requirements) are eligible to take advantage of the program, which generally covers 100 percent of tuition. Please indicate on your application if you believe you qualify for military benefits. Also note that if your military education benefits run out while you are a student at Sweet Briar, you can apply for merit-based scholarships and need-based aid.

Members of the military should contact the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine individual eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill® and the Yellow

Ribbon Program. Once eligibility has been determined by the VA, the qualified individual should present the appropriate certificate of eligibility to the Office of the Registrar at Sweet Briar. You can contact registrar's office at registrar@sbc.edu or 434-381-6179.

Transferring Credits to Sweet Briar

As a veteran, you may be transferring credit from other institutions of higher education. To transfer to Sweet Briar, such credits must have been earned after the completion of high school or its equivalency and you must be in good standing with cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher for all college courses. We encourage you to contact us early to ensure that all of your credits transfer.

If you're joining Sweet Briar with 24 college credits or more, please submit the following documents:

- Completed application — Sweet Briar will accept either the Common Application or online application.
- An official transcript from each college attended.
- Proof of good standing at each of the previous institutions attended.
- Documentation of high school completion or its equivalency.

Next Steps

- Call us at 800-381-6142 or 434-381-6142 or email admissions@sbc.edu if you have questions.
- Learn more at sbc.edu/registrar/veterans
- Apply now at sbc.edu/apply



Women veterans and Sweet Briar College: An Interview with Melanie Campbell '06

Melanie Campbell '06 works in the College's Admissions Office and knows first hand the benefits of a Sweet Briar education for veterans.

Enrollment of U.S. military veterans in colleges and universities around the country has been substantially increasing in recent years, and experts predict that trend will continue.

Melanie Campbell '06 is Sweet Briar's director of admissions operations and a 23-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Campbell well understands what this college has to offer women veterans who want to pursue higher education.

Campbell explains that women veterans are used to living and working in an inclusive community whose members have a strong commitment to shared values and shared goals, a community where both leadership and teamwork are high priorities. Such an environment can be hard to come by in the civilian workplace and in larger institutions.

Inclusivity, collaborative learning, teamwork and respect for differences are shared values in and outside the classroom at Sweet Briar. These values should make the transition to academic life easier for veterans in particular because they come from an environment where a sense of solidarity is essential to successful missions and even, in some situations, to individual and group survival.

Campbell points out that places like Sweet Briar are especially valuable for women who have served in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan. After serving in a war zone, veterans need to know that they are in

a safe place. The small size of the College, caring professors, an extensive support network available to students, and the beauty of the campus and its natural surroundings all foster a sense of security and well-being.

"It is a place where you can ask questions and start discussions without being judged," she observes. "Sweet Briar gives you the opportunity to try many different areas of interest before deciding on a major, prepares you for public speaking and writing as well as giving you a global perspective."

Sweet Briar is also a good fit for women veterans in that they are used to being held to high standards and are expected to be strong and confident and not to conform readily to traditional gender stereotypes. These qualities are also true of Sweet Briar women.

Campbell believes not only that women veterans will appreciate Sweet Briar, but that they will be appreciated in turn. After all, who wouldn't welcome more students and colleagues who know how to learn, how to face complicated questions and situations, how to accomplish difficult, long-term goals through hard work and perseverance, how to be both a valuable leader and team player? These strengths women veterans commonly possess. They are women of consequence and role models for other young women to emulate.

Sweet Briar College honors the Yellow Ribbon Program and works with the veterans affairs office to ensure educational benefits are utilized and managed properly.



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