Pursue a Future As a Medical Technologist at VA

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Discover the VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR)

Students pursuing bachelor’s degrees in medical laboratory technology or science who are interested in full-time VA careers caring for America’s Veterans are invited to apply for financial assistance through the VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) program.
VA medical technologists ensure that Veterans receive the high-quality care they need and deserve. Their exceptional care involves performing tests, evaluating the results and providing ongoing assessment using independent judgment. Medical technologists help solve complex challenges as integral members of Veteran-centered care teams.

VALOR is a program for aspiring medical technologists seeking fulfilling careers improving the lives of those who've served our nation. VALOR offers up to 800 hours of salary dollars to eligible students pursuing bachelor’s degrees in medical laboratory technology or science at a rate of 80 percent of a GS 7, Step 1 pay. In return, selected applicants agree to join VA’s full-time team after graduation.

Eligible Applicants

枷 U.S. citizens (U.S. Veterans are considered first among all equally qualified candidates).
枷 Have completed the final semester or quarter of the junior year in a National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences baccalaureate or generic equivalent medical technology program.
枷 Be enrolled in and seek support for a VA-affiliated university or college program of study.
枷 Be willing to undergo a background/suitability investigation.

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EXPLORE the education benefits of VA Careers at www.VAcareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport.