

VA News: VA Creates Scholarship Program for Mental Health Professionals



Effective December 22, 2022 the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) is adding a new scholarship program for mental health degree seekers. The program will be called the **Readjustment Counseling Service Scholarship Program (RCSSP)** and is intended to provide financial aid to students seeking a graduate degree in psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, or mental health counseling. The educational programs must meet the requirements for appointment as a health care professional, in one of the previously mentioned fields, at [VA Vet Centers](#).

The program will cover two years of educational financing that can be used to cover all tuition and required fees, other educational expenses including books and laboratory equipment, and a monthly stipend for the duration of the scholarship award.

After completion of the degree, participants will be employed full-time with the VA in the profession related to their degree, at a Vet Center for a minimum of 6 years.

To learn more about the program, its origins and future,
click the button below.

Readjustment Counseling Service Scholarship Program (RCSSP) |

**Get your COVID-19 booster
and Flu shot at the VA
at the same time!**



The VA offers the updated COVID-19 booster vaccines as well as this year's Flu shot all in one stop! Save time, while also protecting yourself and your community. Schedule your appointment today!

For an appointment:

Manhattan

[Margaret Cochran Corbin VA Campus](#) located at 423 East 23rd Street,

Call: (212) 686-7500

The Bronx

[James J. Peters Department of Veteran Affairs Medical Center](#) located at 130

West Kingsbridge Road, **Call: (718) 584-9000**

Brooklyn

[Brooklyn VA Medical Center](#) located at 800 Poly Place, Call: (718) 836-6600

Or to find a VA Healthcare location near you,
click the button below and enter your zip code.

Find VA Locations |

Wreaths Across America: Cypress Hills National Cemetery (NYCHNB)



On **December 17, 2022 at 12:00 pm**, Wreaths Across America will be at [Cypress Hills National Cemetery](#) to Remember and Honor Veterans through

the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

If you are interested in participating as a sponsor or would like to volunteer in the wreath laying ceremony at [Cypress Hills National Cemetery](#), click on the "Sponsor a Wreath or Volunteer" button below or visit [Wreaths Across America](#) for more information about the mission.

What does it mean to sponsor a wreath? It means you'll honor an American hero at one of more than 2,800 locations nationwide this year on Wreaths Across America Day. Your sponsorship will ensure that a wreath is hand-crafted of all-American balsam and hand-tied with a red velvet bow here in Columbia Falls, Maine. It will then be sent to one of our participating locations, where a volunteer will place it on the marker of a fallen hero. That volunteer will then "say their name" to ensure that the legacy of duty, service and sacrifice of that veteran is never forgotten.

What does it mean to volunteer? It means you'll honor an American hero by placing a wreath on the marker of a fallen hero. You will then "say their name" to ensure that the legacy of duty, service and sacrifice of that veteran is never forgotten.

[Sponsor a Wreath or Volunteer](#)

Housing Alert: Several Mitchell-Lama Housing Lotteries Now Open



Created in 1955, the Mitchell-Lama program provides affordable rental and cooperative housing to moderate- and middle-income families. Mitchell-Lama apartments are sold or rented through waiting lists maintained by each development.

The lottery begins when a development's advertisement is published online and in citywide newspapers. Prior to the lottery entry deadline stated in the advertisement, you can submit one household entry, either online or via mail, for the waiting list lottery you appear to qualify for.

Here's where being a Veteran helps you!

Once you receive your lottery number, an agent will begin the interview process where you need to disclose that you are a Veteran. After they verify your Veteran status, you are given preference, meaning you move to the top of the list for that housing opportunity. Once the wait list opens for the development you will be the next person in line to receive a residency offer!

Below is the current list of lotteries:

**Evergreen Gardens,
Rental: One-Bedroom**

Address: 900 Evergreen Ave. Bronx, NY 10473

Deadline: December 5th, 2022

Income Limits: \$31,742 - \$150,125

Monthly Rent: \$841 - \$914

Submission: Online or Mail to -

Evergreen Gardens One Bedroom Lottery

P.O. Box 185

114 John St. New York, NY 10038

[Login to Mitchell-Lama Connect and Apply Here!](#)

**Riverbend, Co-op:
Studio, Two- & Three-
Bedroom**

Address: 2289 Fifth Ave. New York, NY 10037

Deadline: December 5th, 2022

Income Limits:

Studio: \$29,440 - \$133,500

Two-Bedroom: \$44,600 - \$180,125

Three-Bedroom: \$59,520 - \$206,875

Purchase Price/Monthly Maintenance:

Studio: \$12,979 - \$14,687 / \$736 - \$788

Two-Bedroom: \$23,910 - \$33,815 / \$1,155 -
\$1,353

Three-Bedroom: \$37,572 - \$40,646 / \$1,488 - \$1,622

Submission: Online or Mail to –
Riverbend Housing Company, Inc.
Studio Lottery
P.O. Box 700
114 John St. New York, NY 10038

Riverbend Housing Company, Inc.
Two Bedroom Lottery
P.O. Box 757
114 John St. New York, NY 10038

Riverbend Housing Company, Inc.
Three Bedroom Lottery
P.O. Box 775
114 John St. New York, NY 10038

[Login to Mitchell-Lama Connect and Apply Here!](#)

**Confucius Plaza, Co-
op: Three- & Four-
Bedroom**

Address: 33 Bowery New York, NY 10002

Deadline: December 5th, 2022

Income Limits:

Three-Bedroom: \$21,243 - \$206,875

Four-Bedroom: \$23,408 - \$220,125

Purchase Price/Monthly Maintenance:

Three-Bedroom: \$3,420 / \$531.09 - \$1,062

Four-Bedroom: \$3,990 / \$585.22 - \$1,170

Submission: Online or Mail to –

Confucius Plaza

Three Bedroom Lottery

P.O. Box 261

114 John St. New York, NY 10038

Confucius Plaza

Four Bedroom Lottery

P.O. Box 916

114 John St. New York, NY 10038

[Login to Mitchell-Lama Connect and Apply Here!](#)

Join Our Team! Be Part of the Mission!



Being part of our team is a great way to continue to serve. The [NYC Department of Veterans' Services \(DVS\)](#) empowers communities with Veteran

talent, skills, and preparedness. Join us in serving again - your community.

See below for current job openings at DVS:

Current DVS Job Openings

[Visit NYC.gov/jobs and select “Veterans’ Services” from the agency menu to learn more about and apply to any of the jobs below:](#)

Burials Care Coordinator

VA Work Study Positions at DVS

The NYC Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) supports VA Work-Study Positions! Here is a current list of available VA Work-Study openings:

- [Administrative Intern](#)
- [Benefit Intern](#)
- [Care Coordination Intern](#)
- [Communications Intern](#)
- [Data Analyst Intern](#)
- [Information Technology Intern](#)
- [IT Support Intern](#)
- [Legal Intern](#)
- [Outreach Coordinator Intern](#)
- [Veteran Business Promotion Intern](#)

Check Here for VA Work-Study Postings

If you are interested in applying for a DVS-specific Work-Study position and meet eligibility requirements, please submit the following to VAWorkStudy@veterans.nyc.gov:

- Resume
- Job Specific Cover Letter
- Supporting Documents found in the Job Description

NYC Civil Service Job Openings and Exams



You served your country. Now serve your city!

Do your part to keep the city running! The [NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services \(DCAS\)](#) makes City government work for all New Yorkers.

There are many diverse career opportunities with NYC DCAS.

Veterans are no longer required to pay application fees for NYC Civil Service examinations.

See below for open competitive NYC Civil Service exam highlights:

Open Competitive Exams

Emergency Medical Specialist - EMT

Emergency Medical Specialist - Trainee

To receive monthly updates on upcoming civil service exams click the button below to be directed to the Subscribe to the DCAS Newsletter page. On the registration form, select "City Jobs and Civil Service Announcements".



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VetConnectPro: A First-in-the-Nation Employment Tool

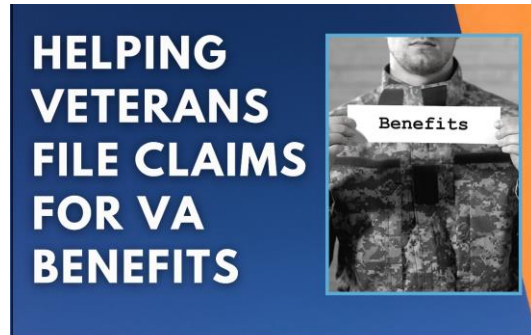


[VetConnectPro](#), is a new employment tool designed to help Veterans find employment within NYC government. The platform features a military skills translator that can match your service experience and Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) to City jobs and civil service exams. Upload your resume and get started today: nyc.gov/vetconnectpro.

Programs and Initiatives

Are You Getting the Benefits You Deserve?

The [NYC Department of Veterans' Services \(DVS\)](#) represents NYC Veterans in claims for benefits from the [U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs](#). During a time of economic crisis and high unemployment, we want to ensure that all Veterans get the financial benefits they earned and deserve. To file a claim, fill out the [VetConnectNYC.org](#) form and select **Benefits Navigation** as your preferred service.



To request claims support, visit VetConnectNYC.org.



Our Fight to End Veteran Homelessness



Over the past five years, our [Housing Support Services \(HSS\)](#) team has found homes for over 1,000 formerly unhoused Veterans. Click [here](#) to learn more about DVS's efforts to end chronic homelessness among Veterans in New York City.

VetBizNYC: Supporting Veteran Entrepreneurship

DVS has launched [VetBizNYC](#), an interactive map that identifies Veteran-owned businesses across the five boroughs. New Yorkers can use our interactive map to find and support Veteran-owned businesses in their community.



Veterans Voices Project: Changing the Narrative of Veterans



Administered by the [NYC Department of Veterans' Services](#), the [Veteran Voices Project \(VVP\)](#) is an oral history initiative designed to preserve the stories of New York City's Veterans across all military branches and

service areas. For more information, visit nyc.gov/vetvoices.

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- Complete the services request form at vetconnectnyc.org
- [Message the Commissioner](#)
- [Partner with DVS](#)
- [Press Inquiries](#)

Stay tuned on our website www.nyc.gov/vets and social media platforms [@nycveterans](#), or via email at connect@veterans.nyc.gov.