

VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFIT INFORMATION

Required Documentation:

- VA Letter of Eligibility
- Transcripts for ALL periods of education after high school (unofficial documents are acceptable)

Frequently Asked Questions:

GI Bill Benefits Available for Certification:

- Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33)
- Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty (Ch. 30) *
- Vocational Rehabilitation (Ch. 31)
- Montgomery GI Bill® – Selected Reserve (Ch.1606)*
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Ch. 35) - VA File # Required

How do I Apply for Benefits?

Please visit <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/> and click “**Find your education benefits form**” and follow the steps to complete your application online. After VA processes your Application, they will mail your Letter of Eligibility directly to you. Bring this to the school.

What do I need to complete if I have previously used benefits at another institution or college?

Please visit <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/> and under “**Find your education benefits form**” click “**Updating my program of study or place of training**” and follow the steps to complete your application online. After VA processes your Application, they will mail you an updated Letter of Eligibility directly to you. Bring this to the school.

What is my deadline to have all required documents turned in?

Post 9/11 GI Bill® (Ch. 33) **MUST** have Letter of Eligibility before meeting with the Financial Aid Officer. All other required documents **MUST** be submitted to the school and approved *before* Orientation.

When will my school certify my benefits?

1. After the SCO at your campus verifies all required documentation has been received and approved.
2. After the SCO at your campus verifies you attended the first day of class.

What will VA pay for?

This depends on: Chapter of Benefits, Remaining Eligibility, Benefit Level, Delimiting Date, etc. This information is listed on your Letter of Eligibility that VA sends to you once you complete your Application for Benefits. The Financial Aid Officer at your campus will guide you thru the process of estimating tuition amount covered by VA Benefits (Ch.33 only) and Applying for Title IV Aid. You will be provided with an Estimated Funding Plan for review.

What do I need to do once I start school?

* Chapters 30, 1606, 1607 must call 888-442-4551 or log onto www.gibill.va.gov to verify attendance each month in order to receive payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

* Chapter 33 / Post 9/11 must verify enrollment status each month in order to continue receiving monthly housing allowance. You can do this by Opting into automated text messages or by telephone through the Education Center 888-442-4551.

* Chapter 35, must call 888-442-4551 to certify their attendance. **DO NOT USE** the automated system.

* All VA students must report any changes in attendance or demographics to the Financial Aid Office.

Helpful Resources:

SCO at your campus (School Certifying Official)

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/

www.military.com

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage>

Benefit Rate Tables: <https://www.va.gov/education/benefit-rates/>

Determine my BAH Levels: <https://veteran.com/bah-calculator/>

VA Contact Information:

Hotline: 888-442-4551

Direct Deposit: 888-838-2778

Monthly Verification of Attendance: 877-823-2378