

VA EDUCATION BENEFIT PROGRAMS

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Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (Chapter 30)

- First entered active duty after 6/30/85 or entered active duty before 1/1/77 & remained on active duty until sometime after 7/1/85.
- Did not decline the MGIB or accepted it during an open season.
- Had military pay reduced by \$1,200.
- Entitlement is generally 36 months of full time benefits payments.
- Delimiting date is 10 years after last release from active duty.



Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (Chapter 30)

- Programs include college degrees, non-degree technical programs, flight training, correspondence courses, OJT & apprenticeship, licensing & certification exams. Did not decline the MGIB or accepted it during an open season.
- Payment is made to the student directly.
- Must claim benefit by completing VA Form VA Form -22-1990.

*Payment Rates can be found at:
<http://www.benefits.va.gov/resources/>*



Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)

- The reservist must have an obligation to serve for a period of not less than 6 years after 6/30/85.
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Completed Initial Active Duty Training (IADT).
- Member must maintain satisfactory participation.
- Entitlement is 36 months of full-time benefits.
- Public Law 110-252 eliminated the 14-year period of eligibility for individuals to use benefits. (S)he will remain eligible until either exhausting entitlement or DoD/DoH reports that (s)he is no longer eligible.
- Must claim benefit by completing VA Form 22-1990.

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607)

- A member of the ready reserve must have served on active duty on or after 09/11/01 in response to a war or national emergency declared by the president or Congress.
- Amount of monthly rate depends on how long member was active.
- Benefit can be 40%, 60% or 80% of Ch30 monthly rate.
- Must claim benefit by completing VA Form 22-1990.

Dependents Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)

Spouse, surviving spouse or dependent child of a veteran or service member who:

- Died on active duty;
- Died as a result of a service-connected disability;
- Is determined by VA to be permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability
- Is missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force;
- Is forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power;
- Is hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment for a service-connected, permanent and total disability, and is likely to be discharged for that disability.
- Must claim benefit by completing VA Form 22-5490.

Dependents Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)

Period of Eligibility

- Child- 18-26 years of age
- Spouse-10 years, 20 years if veteran is rated permanently disabled within 3 years of discharge
- Surviving Spouse-10 years, 20 years if service member died while on active duty.

Payments

- Flat monthly rate based on training time (\$1,003 for full-time)
- Check sent directly to student (or via direct deposit)
 - 45 months of full-time entitlement
 - Up to 5 additional months for high school, remedial , or deficiency courses

TOE Eligibility Requirements

- Department of Defense (DoD) determines eligibility.
- Members of the DoD Armed Forces, Homeland Security, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration may qualify.
- Service member must request transfer while on active duty through DoD website: www.defenslink.mil/home
- Member must serve 6 years and reenlist for 4 more years, or have to at least 10 years of service.
- Approved individuals may transfer all or part of their entitlement to one or more dependents.
- Transfer may be modified or revoked.

TOE- Eligible Dependents

- Spouse
- Children, including stepchildren

The family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) at the time of transfer.

TOE –Period of Eligibility

Spouse

- May start to use the benefit immediately.
- May use the benefit while the member is on active duty or after separation
- Is not eligible for a monthly housing allowance (BAH) or books/supplies stipend while the member is on active duty.
- Can use the benefit for up to 15 years after the service member's last separation from active duty.

Child

- May begin using after transferor has served 10 years.
- May use the benefit while the member is on active duty or after separation
- May begin using the benefit at age 18, or upon receipt of a secondary school diploma (or equivalent certificate)
- May not use the benefit after reaching age 26.
- May receive a monthly housing allowance (BAH) and book stipend, even while the member is on active duty.

TOE- Certification Issues

- Application: VA Form 22-1990e
- Claim number: Student's Social Security Number
- Benefit Type: Chapter 33

Individuals eligible for TOE from multiple transferors may not receive benefits from multiple sources concurrently. Individuals eligible for TOE and the Fry Scholarship may not receive benefits from both sources concurrently.

Fry Scholarship- Eligibility

- Child of service member who died in the line of duty after 09/10/01.
- Eligibility begins on 18th birthday, or upon completion of post-secondary education.
- Eligibility ends on 33rd birthday (15 years eligibility period).
- Married beneficiaries are eligible.

Fry Scholarship- Benefits

- 36 months of full-time entitlement
- Paid the same as a veteran eligible for chapter 33 benefit at 100% level:
 - ❖ Tuition & Fees
 - ❖ Monthly Housing Allowance (BAH)
 - ❖ Books & Supplies Stipend

Not eligible for Yellow Ribbon Program

Fry Scholarship- Application/Certification

- Application: VA Form 22-5490
- Claim number: Student's Social Security Number
- Benefit Type: Chapter 33

Training Time (Chapters 30, 35, 1606 and 1607)

VA benefits are paid based on the number of credit or clock hours the student takes.

- 12 is full-time
- $\frac{3}{4}$ time = 9-11 credits
- $\frac{1}{2}$ time = 6-8 credits
- less than $\frac{1}{2}$ but more than $\frac{1}{4}$ = 4-5 credits
- $\frac{1}{4}$ time or less = 1-3 credits

Training Time (Chapters 30, 35, 1606, and 1607)

Clock Hour courses:

Theory Predominates (FT=18)

13-17 clock hours = 3/4 time

9-12 clock hours = 1/2 time

5-8 clock hours = less than 1/2 time

1-4 clock hours = 1/4 time or less

Shop/Practoce Predominates (FT=22)

16-21 clock hours = 3/4 time

11-15 clock hours = 1/2 time

6-10 clock hours = less than 1/2 time

1.5 clock hours = 1/4 time or less

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

➤ Service Requirements:

- ✓ Served on active duty on or after 09-10-01
- ✓ Served a minimum of 90 aggregate days (excluding entry level and skill training), or
- ✓ Service Connected Disability discharge: eligible if served at least 30 continuous days on active duty
- ✓ Active duty served as a member of the Armed Forces or as a result of a call up order to active duty from a reserve component under section 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302, or 12304 of Title 10 is qualifying active duty service or under special approved positions of Title 32 (beginning October 1, 2011)

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

- Program came into effect **August 1, 2009**
- Provides up to 36 months of education benefits
- Pays tuition & fees directly to schools
- All payments (to student & school) are prorated based on the eligibility %

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)-Eligibility

Service Requirements (after 9/10/01 an individual must serve an aggregate of)	Payment Tiers Percentage
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Must be discharged due to service-connected disability)	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
*At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70
*At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60
*At least 06 months, but less than 12 months	50
*At least 90 days, but less than 06 months	40

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)- Elections/Entitlement

- Individuals eligible for more than one VA Chapter must make an **irrevocable** election to receive benefits under CH33.
- Election requests can be **withdrawn only** if the Regional Processing Office receives the withdrawal request in writing before a certificate of eligibility is issued or a payment is processed.
- Individuals have 15 years from the date of discharge to use CH33
- Individuals will generally receive 36 months of *full time* benefits under Ch33
- Individuals who are eligible for more than one chapter are *generally* limited to a total of 48 months of combined benefits
- Individuals who elect to receive Ch33 in lieu of Ch30 benefits are limited to their remaining Ch30 entitlement at the time of the election

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)- Payments

For VA the Academic year is from 8/1 through 7/31 of following year

T&F Paid to School & *prorated* if student is less than 100% eligible

➤ **Public IHL:**

- Pays full NET in state T&F

➤ **Private IHL OR NCD:**

- Pays T&F up to the max for the academic year
- Effective 8/1/13 max is \$19,198.31

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)- Payments

➤ **Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA)**

- Must be training at greater than 50% (1/2 time) to qualify
- Based on the Military housing rate of an E-5 *with* dependents
- Determined by the zip code of the school (zip based on facility code)
- Prorated by eligibility % *and* ROP
- If training solely on-line- only ½ the national average is payable

➤ **Books & Supplies Stipend:**

- Pays \$41.67 per credit at IHLs up to a max of \$1000 per academic year (24cr)
- Pays \$83 per month at NCDs up to a max of \$1000 per academic year
- Prorated by eligibility % only

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)- Payments

- **TUITION** - The charges must be defined in the school's catalog & listed as tuition on the billing ledger
- **FEES** - Any mandatory charges for all students including, but no limited to:
 - Orientation/registration Fees as long *as they are attached to a term*
 - Lab fees & Technology fees
 - Kit or supplies fees that can only be purchased from the school
 - If a student can opt out of a fee its not mandatory
 - Health Insurance fees can be certified if the student did not opt out
 - Graduation fees can only be certified if mandatory and attached to a term
 - Parking or transportation fees can be certified if *all* students are charged
 - The following fees are never certifiable
 - Application fees
 - Penalty fees (late registration, Course add/drop fees or overload fees etc)

NOTE: If the fee is not paid to the school it is not certifiable

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)- Payments

- **Net Tuition & Fees** - The actual net cost of T&F after deducting:
 - Waiver, private scholarship, aid , assistance, employer payment, institutional
 - Federal funds(such as ROTC, MYCAA, HPSP, GETA etc
 - Military Tuition Assistance (TA)

- **EXCEPTIONS** - The following types of aid do not have to be deducted:
 - Title IV Financial Aid under Section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 including but not limited to:
 - Pell Grants, FSEOG,
 - Stafford Loans, Perkins, Parent, Grad, FFEL, PLUS Loans
 - Any state, institutional, employer, local or private that is not specifically designated for the sole purpose of defraying T&F

Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)- Payments

Example:

What amounts would the SCO report?

Term: 01/10/14 – 05/20/14

Hours: 13 Residence hours

T&F: 3,994

Financial Information:

Pell Grant \$750

Honor roll* \$250

NG TA \$350

Nursing Scholarship* \$300

*Honor roll is to pay T&F

*Nursing Scholarship is to pay T&F

Answer:

\$3,994 T&F

\$250 Honor roll

\$350 NG TA

\$300 Nursing Scholarship

\$ 3,094 Net Actual Cost to be certified to VA

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