Making the most of your VA Benefits at UGA

Veterans Educational Services

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Agenda

• Office contact and mission
• Benefit types
• Applying for benefits
• Ways to maximize benefits
• Additional Resources
• Questions
Office Contact Information

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Mission

Provide student veterans and dependents of veterans quality and timely services
**Benefit Chapters**

- CH 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill)
- CH 30 (Montgomery GI Bill)
- CH 1606 (MGIB Selected Reserve)
- CH 35 (Dependents Education Assistance)
- CH 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation)

**Payment Types**

- Tuition & Fees (School)
- Monthly Housing Allowance, Book Stipend (Student)
- Monthly maximum $2150.00 (Student)
- Monthly maximum $407.00 (Student)
- Monthly maximum $1298.00 (Student)
- Varies depending on factors/needs

**Length**

- 36 Months
- Varies
Applying for Benefits

www.vets.gov

- **Veterans**
  - CH 33/30/1606
  - VA Form 22-1990

- **Dependents**
  - CH 33
    - VA Form 22-1990e
  - CH 35
    - VA Form 22-5490

- **Veterans**
  - UGA VA Contract
  - VA Form 22-1995 (Transfers)
  - Certificate of eligibility
  - DD-214
  - Joint Service Transcripts (If applicable)

- **Dependents**
  - UGA VA Contract
  - Certificate of eligibility
  - 22-1995(Transfers)
Ways to Maximize Your Benefits

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Ways to Maximize Benefits

- How do I know how many months of entitlement I have left?
  - www.ebenefits.va.gov
  - Certificate of eligibility (mail)
  - https://ask.va.gov/

Certificate of Eligibility

This certifies that you are entitled to benefits for an approved program of education or training under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

You must take this letter to your school. Your school must certify your enrollment before you can get paid.

You have 32 months and 3 days of full-time benefits remaining. You have until October 7, 2023 to use your benefits under this program, which is fifteen years from your last separation from active duty.

You're entitled to receive 100% of the benefits payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill program for training offered by an institution of higher education. We determined this percentage based on your length of creditable active duty service. We based our decision on the following service information:

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Yellow Ribbon

Because you are eligible at the 100% benefit rate, you may also be eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program. The Yellow Ribbon Program allows schools to enter into an agreement with VA to provide additional financial assistance to individuals who are charged tuitions and fees that exceed the in-state maximum amount payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill program. This benefit is only payable if the Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition and fee payment does not cover the full cost of your school's tuition and fees.

Note: Individuals on active duty are not eligible for this program. The Yellow Ribbon Program is not available at all schools. To determine if your school participates or to get a list of Yellow Ribbon Program participating schools please visit www.GIBILL.va.gov.
Ways to Maximize Benefits (conti.)

- Taking Advantage of Irregular Terms

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Ways to Maximize Benefits (conti.)

- Utilizing scholarships and financial aid
  - Tuition and Fee based scholarships
    - Reported to the VA
    - Hope
    - Zell - $4895 (7 or more hours)
  - Undergraduate (In-state)
    - $4895 (6 or more hours)
  - Graduate (In-state)
    - Standard Master & PHD - $370/hr
    - Individual programs vary
    - Professional – Ex MBA $15,400
  - Assistances
    - Residence assistant
    - Grad Assistantship
    - ROTC

### UGA HOPE Award Amounts

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Ways to Maximize Benefits (conti.)

- JST/Military Credit
  - 3 General Elective hours
  - 1 Physical Education hour
  - DLI/Advanced Credit
    - Credit granted by case-by-case

- Licensing, Certifications, and National Tests
  - Reimbursement up to $2,000
  - Charges 1 month of entitlement
  - Georgia State Approved Licenses/Certs
  - GRE/GMAT/CLEP
    - CLEP

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Additional Resources

- Tutorial Assistance
  - Monthly rate up to $100
  - Maximum amount payable is $1,200 per student

Entitlement charge
  - First $600 under Chapter 30 and 1606
  - No charge under Chapter 33 or 35
  - Complete (VA Form 22-1990t)

Eligibility
  - CH 33, rate of pursuit must be “at least 50%.”
  - Student must have a deficiency in a course that is part of his or her approved program
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