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Montgomery GI Bill Post 9/11 (AKA Chapter 33)

Overview

The Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The majority of Saint Rose veteran benefit students use this chapter.

Eligibility

Students may be eligible if they served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after September 10, 2001, or were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability after serving 30 continuous days following September 10, 2001.

The VA determines the amount of benefit funding students receive by using this chart:

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Percentage of Maximum Benefit Payable	
At least 36 months	100%	
At least 30 continuous days and discharged due to service-connected disability	100%	
At least 30 months < 36 months	90%	
At least 24 months < 30 months	80%	
At least 18 months < 24 months	70%	
At least 12 months < 18 months	60%	
At least 6 months < 12 months	50%	
At least 90 days < 6 months	40%	

Students receive Certificate of Eligibility (COE) letter from the VA after applying for veteran benefits. This letter shows the percentage the student will receive from the VA. For example:

ELIGIBILITY PERCENTAGE

Our records show, as of January 28, 2013 you are entitled to receive 70% of the benefits payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill program. We determined this percentage based on s length of creditable active duty service. We based our decision on the following service information:

Begin Date	End Date	Service Length (in days)	Training Length (in days)*	Total (Service/Training) *
05/24/2004	11/28/2005	554	0	554
То	tal:	554	0	554

^{*}Note: By law we can't include dates of entry level and skill training because your total aggregate service is less than 24 months.

Benefits

This benefit provides up to 36 months of education benefits, generally benefits are payable for 15 years following the student's release from active duty. The Post-9/11 GI Bill also offers some service members the opportunity to transfer their GI Bill to dependents.

Students' full tuition & fees paid directly to the school for all public school in-state students. For those attending private or foreign schools tuition & fees are capped at the national maximum rate.

The 2012-13 academic year tuition and fee cap is: \$18,077.50.

The 2013-14 academic year tuition and fee cap is: \$19,198.31.

Benefits may also include:

- A monthly housing allowance (MHA)
- An annual books & supplies stipend
- A one-time rural benefit payment

Housing Allowance from VA

Beginning August 1, 2011, break (or interval pay) will no longer be payable under Post-9/11 GI Bill (and other Chapters with housing allowances) except during periods the school is closed as a result of an Executive Order of the President or an emergency (such as a natural disaster or strike). For example, if the Fall term ends on December 15th and the Spring term begins January 10th, the student's January housing allowance will cover 15 days in December and their February housing allowance will cover 21 days in January.

Rate of Pursuit and the Housing Allowance

Rate of pursuit applies specifically to Chapter 33. VA calculates rate of pursuit by dividing the number of credit (or credit hour equivalents) being pursued by the number of credit considered to be full-time by the school. The resulting percentage is the student's rate of pursuit.

Examples: If full-time is 12 credits*, then rate of pursuit for:

• 6 credits (or credit equivalents) is 50% (6 ÷ 12 = 50%)

• 7 credits (or credit equivalents) is 58% (7 ÷ 12 = 58%)

The housing allowance is paid if the student's rate of pursuit is <u>more than 50%</u>. Rate of pursuit determines whether a student receives or doesn't receive the housing allowance. <u>If pursuit is more than 50%</u> the student receives the housing allowance. If the rate of pursuit is 50% or less, then the student doesn't receive the housing allowance."

*Full-time for undergraduate students at Saint Rose is 12 credits; for graduates, 9 credits is considered full-time.

Applying

Students must apply through the electronic system VONAPP, found at this link: http://www.gibill.va.gov/apply-for-benefits/application/

Yellow Ribbon Program

The Post 9/11 GI Bill can cover all in-state tuition and fees at public degree granting schools, but may not cover all private degree granting schools and out-of-state tuition. The Yellow Ribbon Program provides additional support in those situations.

Institutions voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to fund uncovered charges. The VA matches each dollar of unmet charges the institution agrees to contribute, up to the total cost of the tuition and fees.

At Saint Rose, an unlimited number of students participating in the Post-9/11 GI Bill at 100% eligibility will be able to benefit from the Yellow Ribbon Program. Eligibility is listed within the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) letter students receive after applying for benefits.

After students have spent the full cap of \$18,077.50 on tuition and fees, Saint Rose and the VA split the difference, to fully cover the costs of tuition and fees for the academic year.

Students are notified by the Bursar's Office if they require this additional funding. To use this program, the student simply completes an agreement form that can be obtained from one of the School Certifying Officials in the Registrar's Office.

Transfer of Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits to Dependents (AKA TEB)

The Department of Defense determines whether or not students can transfer benefits to their family members. To apply to transfer these benefits, please click the link below. The website is only available to military members.

While in the Armed Forces, transferors use the Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) website to designate, modify, and revoke a Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) request. After leaving the Armed

Forces, transferors may provide a future effective date for use of TOE, modify the number of months transferred, or revoke entitlement transferred by submitting a written request to VA.

Submit a Transfer Education Benefit (TEB) request for your Service Component Approval (non-VA Link)

Upon approval, family members may apply to use transferred benefits with the VA by completing VA Form <u>22-1990e</u>. VA Form 22-1990e should only be completed and submitted to VA by the family member *after* DoD has approved the request for TEB. <u>Do not use VA Form 22-1990e to apply for TEB</u>.

Click Here - To access the electronic version of VA Form 22-1990e (VONAPP)

Click Here - To access the paper version of VA-Form 22-1990e

http://www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/index.html