



Veterans Administration Benefits Guide

Who can use VA benefits?

If a student is an active-duty service member or Veteran, a member of the National Guard or Reserves, or a qualified survivor or dependent, they may be eligible for educational assistance through the Veterans Administration. Below are the most frequent types of VA education benefits and how they are paid out.

Chapter 33: Post-9/11 GI Bill

The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) is an educational benefit for individuals with active-duty service after September 10, 2001. Post 9/11-GI Bill benefits can be [transferred to dependents](#) as well. Chapter 33 benefits will pay a certain percentage of tuition and fees directly to the school and pay a housing stipend directly to the student. The housing stipend is a set amount per month, so it may or may not cover your on-campus housing and dining expenses.

Chapter 35: Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35) is an educational benefit for dependents of a Veteran or service member who has died, is captured or missing, or is permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability. Chapter 35 benefits will pay a certain amount per month directly to you. This may or may not cover your remaining expenses after other types of financial aid is applied.

Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill - Guard/Reserve

The Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve Assistance (Chapter 1606) is an educational benefit for members of the military who have committed to a 6 year service obligation in the Selected Reserve. Chapter 1606 benefits will pay a specific portion to you directly for the term. This may or may not cover your remaining expenses after other types of financial aid is applied.

One of these applies to me! What do I do now?



Application Process

Below are the steps required to successfully certify and sometimes disburse VA benefits. For more information, please contact your Financial Aid Specialist.

- ☐ Confirm that the benefits are under your name and transfer them accordingly if they are under a parent's name.
- ☐ Apply for the benefit through the [VA website](#).
- ☐ Submit the Certificate of Eligibility to the Registrar's Office via email registrar@svu.edu.

The above steps are only completed for the student's first semester. The below steps are completed **each** semester that a student wants to use VA benefits.

- ☐ Submit a VA Benefits Certification form to the Registrar's Office via email.
- ☐ The Registrar's Office will certify the benefits and document it on the VA benefits spreadsheet.
- ☐ The Office of Financial Aid will preliminarily package benefits that are paid directly to the school according to the percentage of the benefit received.

I still have questions, who can I talk to?

No worries! Questions are normal, and we're happy to help!

Feel free to reach out to the Financial Aid Office at financial.aid@svu.edu; or Tabitha Martin at tabitha.martin@svu.edu