GETTING STARTED

How can I use my benefits?

You can use your benefits for several types of training:

- Undergraduate and graduate degrees
- Non-college degree programs and trade schools
- On-the-job training and apprenticeships
- Licensing and Certification test reimbursement

How do I apply for my education benefits?

You can apply for benefits directly from the VA website at www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/

- Scroll to the green "Find my education benefits form" button.
- Answer the questions that pop up to take you to the correct application.

If you already have a VA.gov login, scroll to the bottom of your landing page and click "Education Benefits" to get started.

Disclaimer

The information in this booklet is educational. The VA is the only entity that can determine eligibility.

About Us

The West Virginia State Approving Agency approves programs for veterans and beneficiaries to use GI Bill benefits.
We safeguard the integrity of the GI Bill by ensuring the programs approved are of good quality and content. Our mission is to protect our veterans and the benefits they have earned through their sacrifice.

Contact VA

VA Education Help Line: (888)442-4551

VA's Website: https://www.va.gov
VA Education Website: https://www.va.gov/education/

Contact Us

If you have more specific questions, reach out to our office.
Phone: (208)780-1334
Email: wvovet@wvovet.wvhepc.edu
WV SAA Webpage:
http://www.cfwvconnect.com/veterans-education/

WEST VIRGINIA OFFICE OF VETERANS EDUCATION & TRAINING

Veterans Education Benefits Overview

Caring for America's Heroes

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at the official U.S. government website at https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

CHAPTER 35-DEA

Dependents of veterans who are rated permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected disability, or died while on active duty, or as the result of a service-connected disability may receive educational assistance through this benefit.

Beneficiaries using Chapter 35 are entitled to a monthly stipend for the time that they are enrolled in school, prorated based on the rate of pursuit.

CHAPTER 31

VR&E assists veterans with service-connected disabilities which prevent them from working. The benefit will assist with job skills and training, employment accommodations, training in job-seeking and resume-building skills, other education and training needs.

CHAPTERS 1606

To use this benefit, you will need to obtain a copy of your Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) from your unit and apply online. Eligibility for this program ends when you leave the reserves; there are exceptions, so reach out to a VA representative regarding any exception to this rule. If using this benefit and attending courses at a rate of half-time or greater, you may also use Tuition Assistance.

CHAPTER 30

With the Montgomery GI Bill®, you will receive a lump sum payment to your bank account and will use that to pay school tuition and fees. You will also receive a monthly housing allowance while enrolled in your program. You may qualify for the Montgomery GI Bill® if you paid $100/month for 12 months while in service. The Montgomery GI Bill® has a 10-year delimiting date, meaning that you have 10 years from the last day of active-duty service to use this benefit.

The amount you receive will depend on your length of service and the type of training program you choose. If you paid into this benefit and did not use it, you may qualify for a refund.

CHAPTER 33

You may be eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill® if you have a qualifying term of active-duty service after 9/11/2001. If you have 90 days or more of active-duty service, you may qualify for a percentage of this benefit.

Chapter 33 or Post 9/11 GI Bill® pays tuition directly to the school if attending a trade school, college, or university.

Qualifying active-duty service for this chapter are outlined on the VA website by scanning this QR code.

TRANSFERING CHAPTER 33

You may be eligible to transfer your Post 9/11 GI Bill® benefits **if all the following are true**:

- You've completed at least six years of service on the date your request is approved, **and**
- You agree to add four more years of service, **and**
- The person getting benefits has enrolled in DEERS.

Children of service members must use this benefit prior to age 26 & only after the service member has completed 10 years of service.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE ABOUT TRANSFERING BENEFITS:

- You must enroll dependents while you are still in service.
- You will not be able to enroll dependents once you have left the military.
- Once you have enrolled your dependents, you may assign or remove benefits as needed.