

# Higher Education and Prior Learning Assessment

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# Objectives

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# VA Educational Benefits

Benefit	Education Programs	FY 11 Trainees Dollars Paid	FY 12 Trainees Dollars Paid	FY 13 Trainees Dollars Paid	FY 14 Trainees Dollars Paid	FY 15 Trainees Dollars Paid
Chapter 30	Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB)-AD	185,220 / \$1.4B	118,549 / \$932M	99,755 / \$775M	77,389 / \$512M	61,403 / \$442.2M
Chapter 32	Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)	112 / \$1.3M	76 / \$682K	29 / \$496K	8 / \$359K	4 / \$35K
*Chapter 33	Post-9/11 GI Bill	555,329 / \$7.7B	646,302 / \$8.5B	754,229 / \$10.2B	790,408 / \$10.8B	790,507 / \$11.2B
Chapter 35	Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)	90,657 / \$463M	87,707 / \$455M	89,160 / \$483M	90,789 / \$514M	91,755 / \$493.2M
Chapter 1606	Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)	65,216 / \$201M	60,393 / \$157M	62,656 / \$156M	63,745 / \$150M	63,030 / \$141.1M
Chapter 1607	Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)	27,302 / \$95M	19,774 / \$77M	17,297 / \$70M	13,784 / \$56M	9,965 / \$40.5M
	Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)	N/A	12,251 / \$6.1M	67,918 / \$428M	52,288 / \$413M	N/A
	<b>Total</b>	<b>923,836 / \$9.8B</b>	<b>945,052 / \$10.1B</b>	<b>1,091,044 / \$12.1B</b>	<b>1,088,411 / \$12.4B</b>	<b>1,016,664 / \$12.3B</b>

As of May 10, 2016, VA issued \$63 billion in Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit payments to 1,577,361 individuals since program inception (August 2009).

# Educational Benefits

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## CH 30 Montgomery GI Bill

- Provides monthly stipend while attending school (\$1850)
- Assistance may be used for college degree and certificate programs, technical or vocational courses, flight training, apprenticeships or on-the-job training, high-tech training, licensing and certification tests, entrepreneurship training, certain entrance examinations, and correspondence courses
- [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib\\_ad.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_ad.asp)

# Educational Benefits

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## CH 31 Vocational Rehabilitation

- A VA Employment Benefit – work with VA Case Manager
- Have received a discharge that is other than dishonorable
- Have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10% from VA
- On the Job Training (OJT), apprenticeships, and non-paid work experiences
- Post-secondary training at a college, vocational, technical or business school
- [http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/eligibility\\_and\\_entitlement.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/eligibility_and_entitlement.asp)

# Educational Benefits

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## CH 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill

- If you have at least 90 days of aggregate active duty service after Sept. 10, 2001, and are still on active duty, or if you are an honorably discharged Veteran or were discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days
- Provides up to 36 months of education benefits, generally payable for 15 years following your release from active duty
- Can transfer benefits to dependents while still on active duty
- Pays Tuition / Fees, monthly BAH, and Book stipend
- Assistance may be used for college degree and certificate programs, technical or vocational courses, flight training, apprenticeships or on-the-job training, high-tech training, licensing and certification tests, entrepreneurship training, certain entrance examinations, and correspondence courses
- [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911\\_gibill.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp)

# Educational Benefits

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## CH 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program

- Offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.
- Provides monthly stipend while attending school (\$1024)
- Dependents – typically to age 26
- Spouses – typically 15 years from date of disability rating
- [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor\\_dependent\\_assistance.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp)

# Educational Benefits

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## CH 1606 Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

- For Reservists with a six-year obligation in the Selected Reserve who are actively drilling.
- Requires DD Form 2384-1, Notice of Basic Eligibility, when you become eligible for the program from your unit.
- Provides monthly stipend each month you are in school (\$370)



# State Veterans Tuition Waiver

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Provides a tuition waiver of approximately 50% resident undergraduate tuition

Must be a Washington State resident and honorably discharged veteran who served on active duty

Pursuing a first bachelor's degree

# Veterans Spouse/Dependent Tuition Waiver

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This waiver covers all tuition and course fees.

Granted to dependents, spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran or National Guard member who became totally disabled (100% VA disability rating)

Must be a Washington State resident

Dependent must be between the age of 17 and 25 (inclusive) to be eligible for the waiver

A spouse or surviving spouse has ten years from the date of death, total disability to be eligible for the waiver

# Best Practices on Campuses

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1. Incorporate veterans and military family members into the institution's long-term strategic plan.
2. Create a veteran's advisory committee to help direct institutional policies, programs, and services.
3. Ask about 'prior military service' on enrollment forms.
4. Track veteran-specific data and use it to help develop policies, programs, and services.
5. Attend veteran cultural competency trainings and learn about the invisible wounds.

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[http://veteranstrainingsupportcenter.org/images/uploads/raq/best\\_practices061813.pdf](http://veteranstrainingsupportcenter.org/images/uploads/raq/best_practices061813.pdf)

# Best Practices on Campuses

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## **Vet Corps Members:**

- Provide a peer connection for veterans new to higher education.
- Help the campus meet the needs of student veterans by connecting them to federal, state, and local benefits.
- Connect with other veterans on campuses so they can organize, partner, volunteer and serve on community service projects.
- Collaborate to create an on-campus veteran community and increase services to student veterans.
- Connect veterans recovering from Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and PTS as a result Military Sexual Trauma to services, support groups, and the larger veteran community, while educating campus leaders and communities on veteran issues.
- Provide training and support to college faculty, staff and administration to increase awareness of student veterans' needs.

# Best Practices on Campuses

VA Comparison Tool - <https://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>

- Learn about education programs and compare benefits by school.

## GI Bill® Comparison Tool

Learn about education programs and compare benefits by school.

What is your military status?

Which GI Bill benefit do you want to use? ([Learn more](#))

Cumulative Post-9/11 active duty service ([Learn more](#))

How do you want to take classes?

- Online only
- In person only
- In person and online

Enter a city, school or employer name

[Search Schools](#)

[About this Tool](#)

[Download Data on All Schools \(Excel\)](#)

## Estimate your benefits

[Edit eligibility details](#)

[Hide calculator fields](#)

Are you an in-state student?

- Yes
- No

Tuition and fees per year ([Learn more](#))

Scholarships (excluding Pell) ([Learn more](#))

Enrolled ([Learn more](#))

School Calendar ([Learn more](#))

Eligible for kicker bonus? ([Learn more](#))

- Yes
- No

## Your estimated benefits

<b>GI Bill pays to school:</b>	<b>\$7,866/yr</b>
Tuition and fees charged:	\$7,866
<b>Out of pocket tuition:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Housing allowance:</b>	<b>\$1,185/mo</b>
<b>Book stipend:</b>	<b>\$1,000/yr</b>
<b>Total paid to you:</b>	<b>\$11,665</b>

## Estimated benefits per term

### Tuition and fees ([Learn more](#))

Fall:	\$2,622
Winter:	\$2,622
Spring:	\$2,622
<b>Total per year:</b>	<b>\$7,866</b>

### Housing allowance ([Learn more](#))

Fall:	\$3,555
Winter:	\$3,555
Spring:	\$3,555
<b>Total per year:</b>	<b>\$10,665</b>

### Book stipend ([Learn more](#))

Fall:	\$333
Winter:	\$333
Spring:	\$333
<b>Total per year:</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

# Best Practices on Campuses

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## WDVA Partners for Veteran Supportive Campuses

- <http://www.dva.wa.gov/benefits/partners-veteran-supportive-campuses>

## Principles of Excellence

- Executive Order - Establishing Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and Other Family Members

Coordinated and centralized campus efforts for all veterans, together with the creation of a designated space (even if limited in size).

# Military training and experience for College Credit

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Joint Service Transcript - <https://jst.doded.mil/official.html>

Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Transcript

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