

Post 9-11 (Chapter 33) GI Bill Benefits

Who is Eligible

- Service members mobilized 90 days or longer in support of a contingency operation on or after September 11, 2001.
- Service members honorably discharged from (Title 10) Active duty for a service-connected disability and you served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001.
- Service members must make an **irrevocable** election of Chapter 33 and relinquish eligibility for one other qualifying benefit (if applicable)
- Time served in an AGR status does not qualify for Chapter 33 benefits (Title 10 AGR does qualify)

Cost

- No cost to Service member

Benefit – Who gets how much

- Chapter 33 payments rates are determined by the amount of qualifying Active Duty Service as follows:

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

* If a Service member separates with less than 24 months of active duty service, the length of entry level skill training is not qualifying for Post 9-11 GI Bill benefits. If a Service member separates with 24 or more months of active duty service, the length of entry level skill training is qualifying for Post 9-11 GI Bill benefits.

- Cost of tuition and fees, not to exceed the most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution of higher education (paid to school); Current Instate MN Highest Tuition rate is \$750 per credit hour, fees not to exceed \$4493.86 per term
Check current rates at http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Tuition_and_fees.htm
- Monthly housing allowance equal to the basic allowance for housing payable to a military E-5 with dependents, in the same zip code as your school (paid to you)
- Yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1000 per year (paid to you); and -A one-time payment of \$500 paid to certain individuals relocating from highly rural areas.

Limitations

- Service members choosing to elect Chapter 33 benefits may receive lesser amount of Federal Tuition Assistance and State Tuition reimbursement in accordance with each programs guidelines

What Do I Need To Know

- Service members considering transfer from a previous GI Bill Chapter should carefully weigh the benefits of their current GI Bill benefits and other benefit programs (FTA/STR), prior to electing participation in Chapter 33

- You may receive benefits for any approved program offered by a school in the United States that is authorized to grant an associate (or higher) degree.
- To be eligible for the Monthly housing allowance students must be enrolled at MORE than ½ time and attend at least one class in residence
- You remain eligible for benefits for 15 years from the date of last discharge from Active Duty
- To use this benefit, complete an application for benefits either VA Form 22-1990 or online at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>
- Once your application is approved and processed the VA will send a Certificate of Eligibility. Provide this certificate to the VA Officer at the school you are attending to coordinate payment of benefits
- Amount of Eligibility
 - Service members are entitled to 36 months of benefits (4 years of School)
 - If transferring from a Chapter 30 - Service members gain eligibility for the unused portion of the previous Chapter30 benefit. Example - Service member qualified for Chapter 30 benefits and used 12 months under this program, once transferred to Chapter 33 will be entitled to 24 additional months of benefits
 - Service members may not use more than 48 months of benefits when qualifying for 2 or more chapters of the GI Bill

Transferability

- Chapter 33 Benefits are transferable to eligible family members providing the following conditions are met:
 - Service member must meet eligibility requirements for Chapter 33 (see eligibility criteria)
 - Applicant must be currently serving in the Armed Forces on or after 1 August 2009.
 - Applicant must have completed a minimum of 6 years in the Armed Forces.
- Transferability is not an entitlement like the basic program; it is an option that requires up to a four year service commitment.
 - Service member must have current contractual obligation or extend their current enlistment agreement to meet the four years service commitment
 - Special provisions are allowed for Service members eligible for retirement between 1 Aug 2009 thru 1 August 2013
 - Eligible to retire prior to 1 Aug 2009 – No additional Service required
 - Eligible between 1 Aug 2009 and 31 Jul 2010 – 1 Year service required
 - Eligible between 1 Aug 2010 and 31 Jul 2011 – 2 Year service required
 - Eligible between 1 Aug 2011 and 31 Jul 2012 – 3 Year service required
- Family members must be enrolled in DEERS to receive transferred benefits
 - Spouse
 - May to use the benefit immediately
 - Remains eligible to use benefit for 15 years from Service members last separation from Active Duty
 - Not entitled to Monthly Housing allowance while Service member is serving on (Title 10) Active Duty (Mobilized)
 - Children
 - May begin to use the benefit after Service member has completed 10 years of service
 - Eligible to use after age 18 (or secondary school diploma received)
 - Eligibility ends at age 26
 - Is entitled to Monthly housing allowance and book stipend while Service member is serving on Active Duty
- Service members retain full control of the amount of benefit transferred and may revoke or change at any time
- Family members receive the same benefit level as the Service member
- Family members whose Service member transferring the benefits fails to satisfactorily complete the required service obligation will be jointly required to reimburse the DVA for any transferred benefits used.