

### How long am I eligible?

You will be eligible for benefits for 15 years after your last period of active duty of at least 90 consecutive days. If you were released for a service-connected disability after at least 30 days of continuous service, you will also be eligible for benefits for 15 years.

### How do I apply?

An electronic application is available at [http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/How\\_to\\_Apply.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/How_to_Apply.htm). Select Form 22-1990 in VONAPP to apply. If you do not have the option to apply on-line, you can call 1-888-GI BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to have a form mailed to you. The VA recommends individuals send in supporting documents with the application. Supporting documents are documents that verify service such as a DD Form 214 or mobilization orders. Once your application has been processed, you will receive a letter explaining VA's decision regarding your eligibility for the program.

### What is the Yellow Ribbon Program?

The Post-9/11 GI Bill pays up to the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition and fees. You may have tuition and fees that exceed that amount if you are attending a private institution or graduate school, or are attending in an out-of-state status. The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program) is a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning (degree-granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. The institution can contribute up to 50 % of those expenses and VA will match the same amount as the institution.

### How do I apply for the Yellow Ribbon Program?

Schools that participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program will establish application procedures for eligible students. The school will determine the maximum number of students that may participate in the program and the percent of tuition that will be contributed. A list of schools currently participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program is available at the VA website. You must be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 100 % rate to be considered for the Yellow Ribbon Program. Contact your school for details about its program.

### Can I transfer my entitlement to my dependents?

Servicemembers on active duty or in the selected reserve on 1 August 2009, and who are eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill may be entitled to transfer all or a portion of their

education entitlements to one or more Family members. The Department of Defense established the criteria for eligibility and transfer of education benefits.

Details on eligibility and transfer procedures can be found on the VA website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>. The DOD Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) website can be found at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB>. You may also want to request the Post-9/11 GI Bill Transferability Quick Reference from your local Army education center.

### I still have questions.

#### How can I get more information?

For the most up-to-date information, visit the VA website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov> or call the VA helpdesk at 1-888-GI BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

Your local Army education center can also assist you in understanding and using the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

### Online Resources

#### VA website:

<http://www.va.gov>

#### Transferability policy:

[http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409\\_gibill/](http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409_gibill/)

#### Transferability website:

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/>



#### Army Continuing Education System website:

<https://www.brc.army.mil/site/education/index.html>

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# Post-9/11 GI BILL

## Overview

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The Post-9/11 GI Bill is a new education benefit program for individuals who served on active duty on or after 11 September 2001.

### When Can I Receive Benefits Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits are payable for training pursued on or after 1 August 2009. No payments can be made under this program for training pursued before that date.

### Am I Eligible?

You may be eligible if you served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after 10 September 2001, and you are still on active duty or were honorably—

- Discharged from the active duty.
- Released from active duty and placed on the retired list or temporary disability retired list.
- Released from active duty and transferred to the Fleet Reserve or Fleet Marine Corps Reserve.
- Released from active duty for further service in a Reserve component of the Armed Forces.

You may also be eligible if you were honorably discharged from active duty for a service-connected disability and you served 30 continuous days after 10 September 2001.

**Note:** Detailed information about qualifying service and applying for benefits can be found on the VA webpage at <http://www.gibill.va.gov>. You must file a claim with VA for an official determination.

### If I am eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty, Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve, or the Reserve Educational Assistance Program, am I eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

If, on August 1, 2009, you are eligible for one of these programs and you are eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill, you may make an irrevocable election to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

**Note:** Once you elect to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, you will no longer be eligible to receive benefits under the above program from which you elected the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

### How can I determine if the Post-9/11 GI Bill is the best choice for me?

For many eligible participants, the Post-9/11 GI Bill is a better solution than other education benefit programs, such as the Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty, Montgomery GI

Bill-Selected Reserve, and the Reserve Educational Assistance Program. However, this decision depends on many factors, including but not limited to the type of education or training you plan to take, where you plan to take it, and the amount of benefits received under each program. You should visit the VA webpage at [http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/CH33/Benefit\\_Comparison\\_Chart.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/CH33/Benefit_Comparison_Chart.htm) and carefully review the comparison charts and example scenarios before making the decision to elect Chapter 33. Assistance is also available from the VA helpdesk at 1-888-GI BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).

**Recommendation:** If you are not planning to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill now, you do not need to make your election immediately. Consider waiting until closer to the time you wish to use benefits so that you can make the best decision.

### How much will I receive?

Based on your length of active duty service, you are entitled to a percentage of the following:

- 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).
- Monthly housing allowance\* equal to the basic allowance for housing payable to a military E5 with dependents, in the same zip code as your school (paid to you).
- Yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1,000 per year (paid to you).
- A one-time payment of \$500 paid to certain individuals relocating from highly rural areas.

**\*NOTE:** The housing allowance is not payable to those pursuing training at half time or less or to individuals enrolled only in distance-learning.

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after 10 September 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

### Examples:

Tuition and fees for full-time enrollment: \$6,700. Highest in-state tuition and fees: \$7,000.

**Scenario 1:** If you separated after 3 years on active duty and are going to school full-time, the VA would pay your school \$6,700 for tuition and fees and you would receive up to \$1,000 for books and supplies, and the monthly housing allowance.

**Scenario 2:** If you have an aggregate of 12 months of active duty in the Guard or Reserves and are going to school full-time, the VA will pay your school \$4,020 (60% of \$6,700) for tuition and fees, and you would receive up to \$600 (60% of \$1,000) for books and supplies, and 60% of the monthly housing allowance.

If you are on **active duty** when you use Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, you are not limited the highest in-state undergraduate tuition. Active duty members receive 100% tuition and fees at the school they attend, but do not receive the housing allowance or books and supplies stipend. Soldiers should verify the amount VA will pay before committing to a program of study.

An individual on active duty becomes eligible to use the Post-9/11 GI Bill on the 90th day of eligible service after completion of entry level and/or skill training.

### What does the Post- 9/11 GI Bill cover?

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. Visit the VA's website at [http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI\\_Bill\\_Info/programs.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/programs.htm) to verify that the program at your school, or the program at the school you would like to attend, is approved. You may also receive benefits for tutorial assistance or up to \$2,000 for the reimbursement of one licensing or certification test. If you transferred to the Post-9/11 GI Bill from the Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty, Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserves, or the Reserve Education Assistance Program, you may also receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits for flight training, apprenticeship or on-the-job training programs, and correspondence courses.

### How many months of assistance can I receive?

Generally, you may receive up to 36 months of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. If you are eligible for more than one education benefit program, you should review the detailed information on the VA website <http://www.gibill.va.gov> for information on how the months of entitlement will be determined.