Back to Basics – GI Bills® Revisited

2016 CONFERENCE ON SERVING MILITARY CONNECTED STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
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SAA PURPOSE & NUMBERS

**Purpose:** The Oklahoma SAA was established through *Oklahoma Statute 72, Section 241* in 1953 as a federally funded state agency to serve Oklahoma veterans after the Serviceman’s Readjustment Act of 1944, Title 38, United States. Through a contract with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, this agency is responsible for approving education and training entities to allow veterans to access their GI Bill benefits. This includes Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL), Non-Degree Schools (NCD), On-the-Job Training (OJT), and Apprenticeships (APP).

**The Numbers:** The Oklahoma SAA oversees 1,100 approved facilities in the State. 310 facilities have active veterans or dependents utilizing the GI Bill.
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CHAPTERS OF VA EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

- Ch. 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Ch. 33T Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Entitlement
- Ch. 30 Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty)
- Ch. 1606 Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve
- Ch. 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance Program
- Ch. 35 Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)
WHERE CAN BENEFITS BE USED?

- Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL)
- Non-College Degree School (NCD)
- On the Job Training (OJT)
- Apprenticeships (APP)
CH. 33 POST 9/11 GI BILL

Eligibility Requirements:
- Honorable Discharge from service
- 90 days of aggregate service after September 11, 2001
- Discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days of service

Benefit Details:
- 36 months of entitlement for approved training programs at institutions of higher learning, non-college degree schools, on the job training, etc.
- Expires 15 years after last period of Active Duty Service of at least 90 days
- Value of benefit determined by length of service (40% to 100%)
# CH. 33 POST 9/11 GI BILL
## PAYMENT TIERS

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<th>Service Requirements</th>
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<td>At least 36 months</td>
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<td>At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Must be discharged due to service-connected disability)</td>
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<td>At least 30 months, but less than 36 months</td>
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<td>*At least 90 days, but less than 6 months</td>
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*Excludes time in Basic Training and / or Skill Training
DETAILS OF POST 9/11 GI BILL

• **Tuition and Fees:**
  - Paid directly to the school on the student’s behalf
  - Full tuition and fees for public institutions
  - Private and Foreign school cap at $21,084.89 per academic year

• **Residency:**
  - Section 702 of the Veterans Access: Choice and Accountability Act of 2014
    - In State Tuition to “Covered Individuals”
  - Yellow Ribbon may be available for students with out of state residency (Active Duty Excluded)
CH. 33 POST 9/11 AND SECTION 702

Who is considered a “covered individual” under Section 702?

- A Veteran
- A spouse or child using transferred benefits
- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship
  - The student must live in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of student’s formal state of residence) and enroll in the school within three years of a military member’s discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more or a member’s service connected death.
POST 9/11 GI BILL AND YELLOW RIBBON

- Institutions voluntarily enter into agreement with the VA to share tuition and fee costs that exceed in state or tuition and fee cap.
- VA will match the institution dollar amount.
- When is Yellow Ribbon necessary?
  - Any tuition over the annual $21,084.89 cap.
  - Out of state tuition charges.
POST 9/11 GI BILL AND YELLOW RIBBON

Who Can use Yellow Ribbon?

- A veteran using Ch. 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill at the 100% rate
- Spouses and dependents utilizing transferred Post 9/11 benefits
- Excludes Active Duty Members using Ch. 33

Example:
A student has $5,000 in charges.
In state: $3,000
Out of State: $2,000
VA will match with school for Yellow Ribbon
VA Yellow Ribbon: $1,000
School Yellow Ribbon: $1,000
Student has the total $5,000 covered
## POST 9/11 GI BILL ALLOWANCES

### HOUSING ALLOWANCE
- Must attend more than $\frac{1}{2}$ time
- Prorated based on pursuit
- Equal to BAH for E-5 with dependents based on school’s zip code
- Online only students receive $\frac{1}{2}$ the national average monthly housing allowance
- Active Duty not eligible

### BOOKS AND SUPPLIES
- Pays up to $1,000 per academic year
- Institution of Higher Learning
  - Determined by credit hour
  - Maxes out at 24 credit hours
- Non-College Degree
  - Paid $83/month up to the $1,000 max
POST 9/11 GI BILL FOR ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OR APPRENTICESHIP

- Benefit is Paid in Increments
  - Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) based on Zip Code of Facility
  - 100% of MHA 1st 6 months of training
  - 80% of MHA 2nd 6 months of training
  - 60% of MHA 3rd 6 months of training
  - 40% of MHA 4th 6 months of training
  - 20% for remainder of the training

- Receive up to $83 per month for books and supplies.
PURPOSE AND REQUIREMENTS

- Retention Program for Department of Defense (DOD)
- Must be on Active Duty to be eligible to transfer benefits to family members
- Agree to serve 1-4 additional years per DOD and DHS Regulations with a minimum of 10 years already served
- Must transfer at least 1 day to family members you wish to use it **BEFORE** leaving Active Duty
Once approved through DOD, veteran can transfer remaining educational entitlement up to 36 months

Not limited on the number of beneficiaries

Can revoke or add as long as beneficiary was listed in system while you were still on active duty and entitlement is remaining

Can change until the member’s 15 year eligibility period ends
MARINE GUNNERY SERGEANT JOHN DAVID FRY SCHOLARSHIP

- **Who is Eligible?**
  - Children and Spouses of Service Members who die in the line of duty after September 11, 2001

- **How it works?**
  - 36 months of Ch. 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill
  - 45 months of Ch. 35 DEA Benefits
CH. 30 MONTGOMERY GI BILL

Eligibility Requirements:

- Honorable Discharge from service
- Served on Active Duty after June 30, 1985
- Has 3 years active duty service or combination of Active Duty and Reserve time
- Paid the $1,200 military pay reduction
- Realize may be eligible for Ch. 30 and Ch. 33 to total 48 months
Benefit Details:

- 36 months of entitlement for approved training programs at institutions of higher learning, non-college degree schools, on the job training, etc.
- Expires 10 years after release from Active Duty
- Can be used in conjunction with Tuition Assistance
- Monthly stipend benefit paid based on training pursuit
  - Can Range from $626.15 to $1789.00 based on type of training
OTHER VA EDUCATION BENEFITS

- **Ch. 1606 Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve**
  - Guard or Reserve who have completed Basic Training and training school (AIT, “A” school, etc.)
  - Cannot be used in conjunction with Federal TA
  - 36 Month Benefit with monthly stipend

- **Ch. 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance Program**
  - *Program being phased out. Not able to utilize unless using benefit prior to November 2015*
  - Guard or Reserve who have been mobilized
  - Rate based on time accrued while mobilized
  - Cannot be used in conjunction with Federal TA
  - 36 Month Benefit with monthly stipend

- **Ch. 35 Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)**
  - Spouses and Dependents of 100% permanent and totally disabled veterans
  - 45 Month Benefit with monthly stipend
OJT & APPRENTICESHIP PAYMENT MODEL FOR NON CH.33

Montgomery GI Bill, REAP, or DEA

- 75% of the fulltime benefit for each full month of training during the first 6 months of training
- 55% of the fulltime benefit for each full month of training during the second 6 months of training
- 35% of the fulltime benefit for each full month of training during the remainder of the training

*Most current rates of pay may be found on the VA website.
CONTACTING THE VA

**Educational Phone Line:**
1- (888) 442-4551

**VA Website:**
www.benefits.va.gov
- VONAPP to Apply for Benefits

**eBenefits:**
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