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Office of Veterans Services

Resources for Veterans and Active Military

- This resources if for our prospective and current student veterans and active military who are or are planning to use Veterans Affairs educational benefits, including spouses and dependents.

veterans.vt.edu

- Our office helps coordinate your educational benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Please review the information in this presentation and, if you still have questions, please call (540.231.5815) or email (veteran@vt.edu) for assistance.



Accessing Your VA Benefits

- **Apply for benefits through Veterans Affairs (VA)**
 - <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp>
 - Paper forms are also available through the Office of Veterans Services
- **After approval, the VA will mail your eligibility documentation**
 - Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
 - Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
 - Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30) recipients
 - Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE)
 - 1606-Selected Reserve
 - National Guard recipients
 - The process takes 30-45 days so plan ahead to receive benefits on time

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Accessing Your VA Benefits

- **Send a **copy** of the COE or NOBE to the Office of Veterans Services**
 - by mail, fax, or email
- **Register for classes**
 - Enroll **only** in classes required for your degree
- **Complete the VA Enrollment Certification Forms**
 - Available on HokieSpa
 - Must be completed every semester or your benefits will not be certified
 - Complete the form at least 45 days prior to a semester bill due date

Post 9/11 GI Bill - Chapter 33

- **Tuition and Fees**

- Once paperwork is received and the student is certified, a pending credit is placed on the account, relieving the student from payment responsibilities
- The pending credit is for in-state tuition and fees only
- Most study abroad expenses will NOT be paid by the VA

- **Basic Housing (BAH) and Books & Supply Stipend**

- BAH is paid by the VA directly to eligible students
- Online/distance education (virtual) students BAH is ½ the national average for E-5 with dependents
- Students must enroll in at least 50% of full-time credit hours to receive BAH
- Active duty personnel qualify for books and supply stipend but not BAH

Chapter 30 and 1606

- **Benefit Stipend**

- You must verify enrollment to the VA on the last day of each month and the last day of the semester
- You will not receive your VA payment until you have verified your attendance
- You can verify your attendance by:
 - calling 877.823.2378
 - via W.A.V.E. <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>

Survivors and Dependents

There are two main GI Bill programs offering education assistance to survivors and dependents of Veterans:

- **The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) Program (Chapter 35)**
- **The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship)**

Chapter 33 Transfer of Benefits

- **Make sure benefits have been transferred**
 - The military service member must use the DEERS system to complete a DOD transferability application.
 - When approved by the VA, the military service member will be mailed a Transfer of Eligible Benefits document.
- **Apply for benefits**
 - Once the Transfer of Eligible Benefits is received, the dependent must apply to use the benefits.
 - Fill out the VA Form 22-1990E Application for Transfer of Entitlement
<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp>

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Chapter 33 Transfer of Benefits

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Chapter 35

- Survivors and dependents qualify if they meet one of the following conditions:
 - The veteran is permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition
 - The veteran died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition
- Chapter 35 benefits provide a monthly amount paid directly to the student
 - The currently monthly payment for full-time (9 hours for graduate students) is \$1,021
 - Students will be required to pay all tuition fees, and related charges by the bill due date, and are subject to late fees and holds
 - There is a payment plan available through the Bursar's office called the Budget Tuition Plan

Fry Scholarship

- The Fry Scholarship provides
 - in-state tuition costs
 - monthly housing allowances (BAH)
 - books and supplies stipend
 - Please review information on the Post 9/11 GI Bill - Chapter 33 for details

Chapter 35 or Fry Scholarship

- **Apply for benefits through Veterans Affairs (VA)**
 - VA Form 22-5490 Dependents Application for VA Education Benefits
<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp>
- **After approval, the VA will mail your eligibility documentation**
 - The VA will process your request in about 30-45 days
- **Send a **copy** of the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to our office**
 - by mail, fax, or email

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Chapter 35 or Fry Scholarship

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VA Military Survivors & Dependents

The Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Program (VMSDEP) provides education benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner, or who became at least 90 percent disabled as a result of military service in an armed conflict.

There are very specific requirements to be eligible for this program. You must apply directly with the Virginia Department of Veterans Services. Please visit the website below for details and contact information

dvs.virginia.gov/education-employment/virginia-militarysurvivors-and-dependents-education-program

Student Veterans Resource Guide

In true embodiment of the university's motto *Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve), and as way of saying thank you for the sacrifices made by U.S. military servicemen and women, Virginia Tech provides ongoing assistance to veterans returning to the workforce.

- Contact us by phone (540.231.5815)
- Contact us by email (veteran@vt.edu)
- Download our Student Veterans Resource Guide

veterans.vt.edu/content/dam/veterans_vt_edu/Attachments/resguide.pdf

