



## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### POST-9/11 GI BILL: ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENTS



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE POST-9/11 GI BILL?

Eligible individuals include those who serve on Active Duty at least 90 aggregate days after September 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days of continuous service. (Individuals must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible).

### WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM PAY FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS?

- Your full tuition and fees directly to the school for all public school in-state students. For those attending private or foreign schools tuition and fees are capped at the national maximum rate.
- If you are attending a private Institution of Higher Learning in AZ, MI, NH, NY, PA, SC or TX you may be eligible for a higher tuition reimbursement rate.
- For those attending a more expensive private school or a public school as a non-resident out-of-state student, a program exists which may help to reimburse the difference. This program is called the **Yellow Ribbon Program**.
- Your Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) is generally the same as the military Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents. Your MHA is based on the ZIP code for your school. [For more information about the MHA rate click here.](#)
- An annual books and supplies stipend – paid to the student - up to \$1,000, paid proportionately based on enrollment.
- A one-time rural benefit payment of \$500 to individuals who reside in a county with six persons or fewer per square mile (as determined by the most recent decennial census), and who either:
  - Physically relocate at least 500 miles to attend an educational institution or
  - Relocate by air to attend an educational institution (if no other land-based transportation exists.)



Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

---

## WHAT TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS WILL BE PAID FOR UNDER THE POST-9/11 GI BILL?

Approved training under the Post-9/11 GI Bill includes:

- Graduate and undergraduate degrees,
- Vocational/technical training,
- On-the-job training,
- Flight training,
- Correspondence training,
- Licensing and National Testing programs,
- Entrepreneurship training and Tutorial Assistance.

All training programs must be approved for GI Bill benefits.

For more information, call toll-free 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GI BILL 1) or visit our website at

<http://www.gibill.va.gov>

