

**OFFICE OF MILITARY AND VETERAN STUDENT SERVICES
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
HOUCHENS BLDG LL-32
LOUISVILLE KY 40292**

**A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE AND IMPORTANT
INFORMATION FOR**



CHAPTER 33-(POST 9/11)



APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS



To apply for the Post 9/11 G I Bill, go to <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp>. It will take approximately 8 to 12 weeks for the Department of Veterans Affairs to process the application for benefits. Once the application is finalized, the student will receive a CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY verifying the amount of benefits and months of entitlement available. The VA Certifying Official will need a copy for your file.

REQUESTING BENEFITS

To request the use of your benefits please fill out the Benefit Enrollment Form at <http://louisville.edu/admissions/apply/transfer/veterans/veterans-educational-benefits-enrollment-form-new>. When you have completed the form, click 'submit' at the bottom of the page. **THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH SEMESTER THAT YOU ARE USING BENEFITS.**

TUITION PAYMENT

The University of Louisville requires tuition to be paid at the time of registration. Due to extended processing time of the VA, you cannot rely on your education benefits to cover the initial tuition payment. It may be necessary to seek an alternate payment plan. Please contact the Bursar's Office or the Veteran Affairs representative for more information.

SECTION 702-

Enacted by Congress as of 7/1/2015

- State of Kentucky's application of Section 702:
 - Website: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/013/002/045.htm>
 - Section 7, (4)
 - (4) A person eligible for benefits under the federal Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008, 38 U.S.C. 3301-3325, or any other educational benefits provided under Title 38 of the United States Code shall be entitled to Kentucky resident status for purposes of tuition charged at state-supported institutions.

APPROVED DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Department of Veteran Affairs will only pay education benefits for courses that apply towards an approved major or degree program. It is the responsibility of the veteran/dependent to make sure courses he/she is enrolled in are approved as general education requirements.

CONTINUING STUDIES

The VA will allow a student to enroll in Continuing Studies and earn up to 24 credit hours. Once 24 credit hours have been completed, the student *must* transfer to a degree-granting program within the university to receive VA benefits.

CHANGING MAJORS

It is the responsibility of the veteran/dependent to notify this office if you are changing majors or degree programs. Failure to comply will terminate VA education benefits.

VISITING STUDENT AT ANOTHER SCHOOL

If you are attending another university as a visiting student, **you must have a visiting student letter on file in the Registrar's Office before the course can be certified for VA benefits at the visiting institution.** You will need to obtain a copy of the visiting student letter to send to the Veteran Affairs Certifying Official at the visiting institution. The visiting institution will also need a copy of your certificate of eligibility for proof of benefits.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is the responsibility of the veteran/dependent to keep the Department of Veteran Affairs and the certifying official informed of your current address. To update your address, go to www.gibill.va.gov (Ask a question/find an answer) and submit the information.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

To establish or change direct deposit information, contact the Department of Veteran Affairs at 1-877-838-2778 **IMMEDIATELY**. Failure to contact the VA with changes will delay your payments.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Chapter 33 veterans transferring from another school must complete a Change of Place of Training (22-1995) online.

Dependents transferring from another institution using the Post 9/11 G I Bill must fill out a Change of Place of Training (22-5495) online.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

If you are pursuing teacher certification, please submit a listing of the courses required for certification. Courses not on the list will not be certified for VA benefits.

DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

The Disability Resource Center is located in room 119 in Stevenson Hall. The staff coordinates services and programs for students with disabilities. Accommodations and support are individualized depending on the needs of each student. For more information, please contact the Disability Resource Center at (502)852-6938.

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS (VA purposes only)

UNDERGRADUATE	Fall/Spring	GRADUATE	Fall/Spring
12 hrs+	Full Time	9 hrs+	Full Time
9 hrs-11 hrs	¾ time	6 hrs-8 hrs	¾ time
6 hrs-8 hrs	½ time	4 hrs-5 hrs	½ time
1 hr-5 hrs	Less than ½ time	3 hrs	More than ¼ but less than ½ time

Please contact the Veterans Affairs Representative regarding summer enrollment status.

UNAUTHORIZED REPEATS

The Department of Veteran Affairs will only pay for repeated courses when the initial grade is an “F”. A grade of “D” or higher is considered a satisfactory grade by the Department of Veteran Affairs and will not be paid if the course is repeated.

VA POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING PUNITIVE GRADES:

- “EF”(Earned F)- VA will pay for the course
- “UF”(unearned failure-student stopped attending)- VA will not pay
- “NP”(Non-participatory-student never attended class)-VA will not pay

You are responsible for ALL debts resulting from reductions or terminations of your enrollment even if the payment was submitted directly to the school on your behalf.

AUDITS

THE VA WILL NOT PAY FOR AUDITED COURSES UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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CHAPTER 33- VETERANS

The Post 9/11 G I Bill pays tuition and fees, a monthly housing allowance and a book stipend. All benefits are paid on a sliding scale based on the length of service. (See scale below)

Post 9/11 Service	% of Maximum Amount Payable
At least 36 cumulative months	100%
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability	100%
At least 30 cumulative months	90%
At least 24 cumulative months	80%
At least 18 cumulative months	70%
At least 12 cumulative months	60%
At least 6 cumulative months	50%
90 aggregate days	40%

Tuition

VA pays in state resident tuition rate for undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

PLEASE note: We do not submit tuition and fees to the VA until AFTER the 100% drop date for each semester. Students have the first full week of the fall semester to add/drop courses. Keep this in mind when you receive a letter that states we did not submit tuition and fees when the VA processes your enrollment. This letter explains that we submit your enrollment so that your remaining benefits are not delayed.

Basic Allowance for Housing

The Basic Allowance for Housing is calculated for the zip code at U of L (40292) and is currently **\$1464.00** per month. **Those enrolled solely in distance education courses will be entitled to ½ the national average BAH, \$783.00 per month.** The housing allowance is paid one month behind, on the 1st of each month.

Book Stipend

The book stipend is \$41.67 per credit hour to a maximum of 24 credit hours per calendar year, up to a maximum of \$1,000.00. The book allowance is generally sent out two weeks prior to the start of each semester.

Please note:

Receipt of the book allowance and the housing stipend are dependent upon certification.

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CHAPTER 33- TRANSFEREE

Transfer of Benefits to Dependents and/or Spouses

The service member's 36 months of benefits could be transferred to:

- A spouse
- One or more children
- Or split between the spouse and child(ren)

VA/DOD will determine eligibility for educational benefits for dependents/spouses. In order to transfer benefits, the individual must be on active duty and serve for at least 6 years and choose to serve an additional 4 years.

Transfer websites:

To apply for transfer of benefits to your spouse/child(ren), you must first apply through the Department of Defense: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/>.

After your transfer has been approved, the spouse/child(ren) must apply (complete 1990E) through VA:<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

ATTENTION INCOMING FRESHMAN AND PARENTS!!!!

Do not expect to use the housing allowance as a means to pay the on campus housing and meal plan balance before the tuition deadlines for the fall and spring semesters

Academic Year 2016-2017					
Eligibility Percentage	100%				
Tuition- FT (not online)		Resident*	VA Payment		
(Does not include fees)	UGRD- 12+	\$5,271.00	\$5,271.00		
<i>*Subject to increase</i>	GRAD- 9+	\$5,832.00	\$5,832.00		
	LAW- 12+	\$10,046.00	\$10,046.00		
Distance Education-Online	Hours	UGRD	VA Payment	GRAD	VA Payment
	1	\$483.00	\$483.00	\$693.00	\$693.00
	3	\$1,449.00	\$1,449.00	\$2,079.00	\$2,079.00
BAH- Full time student					
BAH (30 days) Fall 2016	Month	Per day	# days/ month	BAH	Date Paid
\$1,464.00	August	\$48.80	9	\$439.20	9/1/2016
Online BAH	September		30	\$1,464.00	10/1/2016
\$783.00	October		30	\$1,464.00	11/1/2016
	November		30	\$1,464.00	12/1/2016
	December	\$48.80	14	\$683.20	1/1/2017
			Fall BAH	\$5,514.40	
BAH (30 days) Spring 2017	Month	Per day	# days/ month	BAH	Date Paid
\$1,464.00	January	\$48.80	24	\$1,171.20	2/1/2017
	February		30	\$1,464.00	3/1/2017
	March		30	\$1,464.00	4/1/2017
	April		30	\$1,464.00	5/1/2017
			Spring BAH	\$5,563.20	
			Yearly BAH	\$11,077.60	
Book Stipend per credit hour	Yearly Max	Semester	Hrs Enrolled	Payment	
\$41.67	\$1,000.00	Fall	15	\$625.05	
Yearly Book Allowance		Spring	12	\$374.95	
\$1,000.00					
Max Credit Hours					
24					

For more information regarding veteran education benefits and admission questions please contact the Office of Military and Veteran Student Services staff.

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For specific questions regarding your benefits, call the G I Bill hotline at 888-442-4551.