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## Chapter 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill® and Marine Gunnery Sgt John David Fry Scholarship Information

### Chapter 33- Post-9/11 GI Bill®

#### Basic Eligibility

- Only Active Duty performed after September 10, 2001, may be considered for determining eligibility for this benefit.
- The maximum benefit is earned after serving an aggregate of 36 months of active duty service or after 30 days of continuous service for those individuals who were discharged for a service-connected disability. Or purple heart recipients after 9/11/01. Individuals serving between 90 days and 36 months of aggregate active duty service will be eligible for a percentage of the maximum benefit.

Service Requirements (aggregate service after 9/10/01)	Maximum % of Benefit Payable
At least 36 months or received a purple heart	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Must be discharged due to service-connected disability)	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70
At least 6 months, but less than 18 months	60
At least 90 days, but less than 06 months	50

- Individuals will generally receive 36 months of full-time education benefits.
- If an individual is eligible for more than one VA education program, individuals are limited to a maximum of 48 months of benefits
- Those individuals transferring to the Post 9/11 GI Bill® from the Montgomery GI Bill® (CH30) will be limited to the amount of their remaining Chapter 30 entitlement.
- If a veteran has used all of their Montgomery GI Bill® they may then use the Post 9/11 GI Bill® to receive an additional 12 months of benefits. However, if the veteran first entered active duty after August 1, 2011, they need at least two periods of qualifying active duty service to be eligible.
- Your decision to use CH 33 is irrevocable
- This benefit must be used within 15 years from your last discharge or release of active duty of at least 90 continuous days except those who were discharged on or after 1/1/13, children of deceased service members, or spouses using the fry scholarship. These individuals do not have a delimiting date.
- Those individuals transferring from the Montgomery GI Bill® (Chapter 30) will have a proportional amount of their basic \$1200 contribution refunded in the last monthly housing allowance payment when entitlement exhausts. Individuals who do not exhaust entitlement under the Post 9/11 GI Bill® will not receive a refund. A refund of the \$600 additional contribution is not authorized.

#### Transfer of Entitlement

- If the individual is still a member of the Armed Forces, the Department of Defense MAY offer the service member the opportunity to transfer benefits to a dependent.
- Any member of the armed forces (active duty or selected reserve, officer or enlisted) who is eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill® and
  - Has at least 6 years of service in the armed forces on the date of election and agrees to serve 4 additional years from the date of election
  - Has at least 10 years of service in the armed forces on the date of election, is precluded by either standard policy (service or DOD) or statute from committing to 4 additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum time allowed by such policy or statute, or
  - Is or becomes retirement eligible during the period August 1, 2009 through August 1, 2013. A service member is considered to be retirement eligible if he/she has completed 20 years of active duty or 20 qualifying years of reserve service.
  - For those individuals eligible for retirement on August 1, 2009 no additional service is required.
  - For those individuals who have an approved retirement date after August 1, 2009, and before July 1, 2010, no additional service is required.

- For those individuals eligible for retirement after August 1, 2009, and before August 1, 2010, one year of additional service after approval of transfer is required.
- For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2010, and before August 1, 2011, two years of additional service after approval of transfer is required.
- For those individuals eligible for retirement on or after August 1, 2011, and before August 1, 2012, three years of additional service after approval of transfer is required.
- Veterans who transferred entitlement to a dependent can designate a new dependent if the original dependent dies.
- If the veteran dies, a dependent who received transferred entitlement can now designate a new eligible dependent of the veteran to transfer any of the dependents remaining entitlement.

### Eligible dependents

- The individual's spouse
  - One or more of the individual's children
  - Any combination of spouse and child
  - A family member must be enrolled in the defense eligibility enrollment reporting system (DEERS) and be eligible for benefits, at the time of transfer, to receive the transferred educational benefits.
- A child's subsequent marriage will not affect his/her eligibility to receive the educational benefit, however after an individual has designated a child as a transferee, the individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.
  - A subsequent divorce will not affect the transferee's eligibility to receive educational benefits, however after an individual has designated a spouse as a transferee, the eligible individual retains the right to revoke or modify the transfer at any time.

### Nature of transfer

An eligible service member may transfer up to the total months of unused Post 9/11 GI Bill® benefits unless DOD/DHS limits the number of months an individual may transfer.

- Spouse
  - May start to use the benefit immediately
  - May use the benefit while the member remains in the armed forces or after separation from active duty
  - Is not eligible for the monthly stipend or books/supplies stipend while the member is serving on active duty
  - May use the benefit for up to 15 years after the service member's last separation from active duty
- Child
  - May start to use the benefit only after the individual making the transfer has completed at least 10 years of service in the armed forces
  - May use the benefit while the eligible individual remains in the armed forces or after separation from active duty
  - May not use the benefit until he/she has attained a secondary school diploma or equivalency certificate or reach 18 years of age
  - Is entitled to the monthly stipend and books/supplies stipend even if the eligible individual is on active duty
  - Is not subject to the 15 year delimiting date, but may not use the benefit after reaching 26 years of age

### How to apply for TEB (Transfer of Educational Benefits)

- Complete transferability application at <https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil>.
- Upon approval from DOD, must complete VA Form 22-1990e at [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov).

### FRY Scholarship

Spouses or children of service members that died in the line of duty or died from a service-connected disability after 9/10/01 are eligible for this benefit.

- Are entitled to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level.
- Have 15 years to use the benefit, beginning on his/her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- May use the benefit until his/her 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
- Cannot use the benefit before age 18, even though he/she has completed high school.
- If the child is eligible for any other GI Bill®, they must relinquish eligibility to use this benefit. Their own character of discharge from their own service does not impact eligibility.
- A child on active duty will receive benefits at the active-duty benefit rate.
- A child who meets the service requirements to transfer entitlement under Post 9/11 GI Bill® may be eligible to transfer up to 36 months to his/her dependents.
- You may apply for this benefit at [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov).

### Benefits

The maximum basic benefit provides the following:

- Cost of tuition and fees, not to exceed the \$26,381.37 annually for private institutions. All net public in-state charges are covered

- Monthly housing allowance equal to the basic allowance for housing payable to an E-5 with dependents. The law requires the monthly housing allowance under the Post 9/11 GI Bill® program to be calculated based on the zip code of the campus where the student physically attends the majority of classes, rather than the location of the institute of higher learning where the student is enrolled. You can determine the payment amount online at: <https://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool>. If a student is solely pursuing distance learning, they will be eligible to receive a BAH that is ½ the national average for an E-5 with dependents.
- Yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1000 per year
- For those individuals entitled to the maximum tuition and fee benefit and whose tuition and fees exceed the highest in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution, the amount payable is equal to the highest in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution, unless benefits under the Yellow Ribbon provision apply.

### **Initial Application**

- Submit an application for benefits (VA Form 22-1990) online at [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov).
- Submit an Initial Certification Request Form to the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services

### **Prior Credit Evaluation**

- If you have previously attended any other colleges, you MUST have academic transcripts submitted to the Parkland Office of Admissions and Records so that previous credit can be evaluated. The transcript must come directly from the previous institution. It cannot be hand carried by you. Military credits can be evaluated by submitting a joint services transcript. After submitting the transcript, contact the admissions office for them to evaluate the classes for credit.

### **Certification**

- Each semester after registering for classes, and after submitting a **Veterans Certification Request Form** to our office, you will be certified after it is confirmed that the classes that you are enrolled in will count towards your degree/certificate program.
- Any changes made to your schedule after the initial certification will be submitted to the VA after the add/drop period.

### **Enrollment Guidelines and Helpful Hints**

- It may take up to twelve weeks to process your initial claim for benefits with the VA.
- A repeat class can only be certified if it was failed the first time taken or if a grade was earned that precludes you from moving on to the next level.
- Remedial/developmental classes must be taken on campus.
- You must be enrolled in at least 7 hrs. to receive a BAH payment.
- You must be degree/certificate seeking to receive this benefit.
- The VA pays you based on the classes you are enrolled in each day of the semester. Be aware of shortened terms as this may affect your payment.
- The VA is prohibited from paying you for any courses in which you enroll that do not apply to the academic major you specified when applying for benefits.
- If you withdraw from any classes, you can be charged with a financial “overpayment” retroactive to the beginning of the semester. This overpayment includes money from tuition, fees, books, and the living stipend. Before withdrawing from any classes, you should speak with a Financial Aid Advisor.
- You cannot remain on academic probation longer than two terms without your enrollment certification being interrupted for “lack of satisfactory academic progress”. (See college catalog, “Veterans Affairs (VA) policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress)
- You have a right to file a “Statement in Support of Claim” (VA Form 21-4138)
- It is your responsibility to inform the Office of Financial Aid in a timely manner of any changes in your address and Parkland College enrollment status.
- Never make assumptions when it comes to your academic program or VA benefits. If you have any questions about educational benefits, contact the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services. If you have any academic questions, contact your academic advisor/counselor.
- Individuals on active duty, training at less than half time and those solely pursuing distance learning are not eligible for the monthly housing allowance.
- The maximum yearly books and supplies stipend is \$1000 and will be paid proportionally for each quarter, semester, or term attended in a school year. Payment will be made to the individual during each term he or she is enrolled.
- Chapter 33 is the “last payer” on your account. Any other aid is designated to use toward tuition and fees will be used first.