



DePaul University
Office of Financial Aid At DePaul Central
Veterans Affairs (VA) Educational Benefits (GI Bill®) FAQ

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What types of Federal VA Educational Benefits Programs can be used at DePaul?

The Office of Financial Aid coordinates processing for all major Department of Veterans Affairs Educational Benefit programs at DePaul, including:

- The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) – for those who served at least 90 days of aggregate service after 09/10/01, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days
- The Post-9/11 Yellow Ribbon program – for Post-9/11 GI Bill recipients
- The Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (Chapter 30) – for those who enlisted after 7/1/1985
- The Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) – part of the GI Bill effective 7/1/1985
- The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35) – for the spouse and children of deceased or disabled veterans
- The Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Chapter 31) – for disabled veterans approved by Veterans Affairs for study at DePaul
- The Marine Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship – for children of an active duty member of the Armed Forces, who died in the line of duty, on or after September 11, 2001. Eligible children may be married and under the age of 33.

For a complete listing of the Federal VA Educational Benefits Programs, go to www.benefits.va.gov.

Where can I find more information about the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008/Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) – This program provides comprehensive educational benefits to service members and veterans who served at least 90 days of aggregate service after 09/10/01, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. Some of its features include:

- Payment toward your tuition and fees, in an amount not to exceed the most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution of higher education (capped at \$22,805.34 as of 08/01/17). The tuition and fee payment is applied directly to your tuition account at DePaul University.
- Monthly housing allowance equal to the basic allowance for housing, which is paid directly to you.
- Yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1,000 per year, which is paid directly to you.

Note: DePaul participates in the Yellow Ribbon program for qualified veterans using Post-9/11 benefits at DePaul.

More details about the Post-9/11 GI Bill are available on the Veterans Affairs website at www.benefits.va.gov.

Is DePaul a Yellow Ribbon School? How does the Yellow Ribbon Program work at DePaul?

DePaul University is honored to participate in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Yellow Ribbon Program. The Yellow Ribbon Program is designed to supplement those veterans whose educational expenses are covered at 100% under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, as follows: the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides a tuition benefit up to the highest public, in-state undergraduate tuition rate (capped at \$22,805.34 as of 08/01/17). For veterans who qualify under Yellow Ribbon, DePaul (in partnership with VA) assists with the remaining tuition gap. Amounts vary based on tuition rates, hours enrolled, academic program and funding. If you are eligible for Yellow Ribbon benefits, we encourage you contact the Office of Financial Aid to learn more about using Yellow Ribbon benefits for your academic pursuits.

Is the Illinois Veterans Grant (IVG) available at DePaul?

The Illinois Veterans Grant (IVG) is not available for students at DePaul. Currently, it is restricted by the State of Illinois to students attending public universities in Illinois.

How do I apply for admission to DePaul University?

Students who have served in the armed forces are a valuable part of the DePaul family and we are committed to supporting them throughout their college careers. In order to take advantage of your VA educational benefits, you must be an admitted student at DePaul University with enrollment in an approved degree or certificate program. For information regarding the various undergraduate academic programs offered by DePaul, as well as those available for law school and graduate study please visit <https://www.depaul.edu/admission-and-aid/Pages/veteran-student.aspx>

Feel free to contact the appropriate admission office if you have any questions regarding applying for admission, receiving a credit evaluation, visiting campus or scheduling an appointment to speak with an admission counselor. For more information please visit www.depaul.edu/admission-and-aid.

I am not sure for which Federal VA Educational Benefits (GI Bill) Program I qualify. Where can I find more information about my eligibility?

If you're not sure what your benefits are, please contact the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in St. Louis at (888) 442-4551; follow the menu instructions and you'll be connected with a counselor. You also may obtain information through the Veterans Affairs website at www.benefits.va.gov.

What do I need to do to use my VA Educational Benefits, if I've never used my benefit before?

Visit the VA website to apply online with the VA. Look for the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) at www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp. Here you will find the application forms for Veterans Educational Benefits (Post-9/11, Montgomery GI Bill), as well as the application for Dependents Educational Benefits (Chapter 35):

- VA 22-1990 Application for VA Education Benefits
- VA 22-5490 Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits (Chapter 35 only)

Once the VA has completed the processing of your application, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility. You should submit a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility to DePaul. Please note, it does take approximately four to six weeks for the VA to process your application, so please plan accordingly.

What else does DePaul require to use my Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits?

Once you have completed the Veterans Affairs educational benefit online application form, you should contact our office at (312) 362-5656 or complete our form, "Certification Request for VA Educational Benefits" and submit it to our office. It can be found online at: <https://www.depaul.edu/admission-and-aid/Pages/veteran-student.aspx>. You should also submit your DD214 and Certificate of Eligibility to our office as soon as you have them.

What do I need to do to use my VA Educational Benefits at DePaul, if I've used them before at a previous school?

If you've used your benefits at another school, and you now want to use them at DePaul, please visit the VA website to complete the online "Change of Place Training" forms. Go to Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) to complete the appropriate form:

- VA 22-1995 Request for Change of Program or Place of Training
- VA 22-5495 Dependents' Request for Change of Program or Place of Training (Chapter 35 only)

Transfer students must also complete DePaul form, "Certification Request for VA Educational Benefits" at <https://www.depaul.edu/admission-and-aid/Pages/veteran-student.aspx> and submit it to our office, along with your DD214 and Certificate of Eligibility.

What is monthly certification? Do I need to do this while I am enrolled?

If you are receiving benefits under Chapter 30, you need to inform the VA each month that you are still enrolled at DePaul – this is called certifying your enrollment. You can do this by using their on-line 'Web Automated Verification of Enrollment' (WAVE) at www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do or by calling the toll-free Interactive Voice Response (IVR) telephone line at (877) 823-2378.

Note: If you are receiving benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), DEA (Chapter 35), you do NOT need to verify your attendance in this manner.

Do I need to enroll full-time?

You are not required to be enrolled full-time. However, your enrollment status (i.e., full-time, half-time, etc.) does affect the amount of your Veterans Educational Benefits. If attendance is less than full-time, payments are reduced proportionately. Payment rates can be found on the Veterans Affairs website at www.benefits.va.gov or by calling their toll-free number at (888) 442-4551.

How is my monthly payment determined?

Your monthly payment is determined by your enrollment level and your monthly eligibility. You can see current payment rates on the Veterans Affairs website at www.benefits.va.gov by following the path to "Payment Rates" under the Education Benefit section of the website or you can call the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in St. Louis toll-free at (888) 442-4551.

How do I contact the VA?

You can find more information at www.benefits.va.gov. Veterans Affairs has a preliminary fact sheet available for download and printing, and has more information in their Education Benefit FAQ. Additional information is available at education.military.com/money-for-school/gi-bill/new-gi-bill-overview. You can also call the VA at their toll-free number at (888) 442-4551.

How do I contact DePaul?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding about Veterans Educational Benefits and/or traditional financial aid programs, you are encouraged to call, email, visit DePaul Central, or schedule an appointment with DePaul's Assistant Director for Veterans Affairs, Megan Burda, by phone at (312) 362-8092, or via email at mburda1@depaul.edu.