

Kutztown University Office of Military and Veterans Services

Fast Facts VA Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) GI Bill Assistance

VA Chapter 33 General Overview

The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) program offers up to 36 months of education and training benefits. The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) helps you pay for school or job training. If you've served on qualifying active duty after September 10, 2001, you may qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33).

Basic Eligibility Website:

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>

Apply

- Student must complete VA Form 22-1990 (Application for VA Education Benefits) online application. Open application period, no deadline. The online application is processed faster.
 - Manual Application: <https://www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-22-1990/>
 - Online Application: <https://www.va.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/1990/introduction>
 - Start your application without signing in if you do not have an online VA account
 - Print or take a screenshot of the confirmation page for future reference
- VA will process your application and reply by mail or email within 5 to 7 weeks.
- Students who are approved will receive a *Certificate of Eligibility* (COE) via mail or email.

Submit Required Forms to KU

1. Submit these forms to KU's VA School Certifying Official (see Contact section).
 - DD214, member 4 copy (Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty)
 - VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE)
 - Your electronic KU Enrollment Certification form (see bullet #2)

Contact for more information:

Office of Military and Veterans Services veterans@kutztown.edu
Send Forms To: School Certifying Official kopecky@kutztown.edu

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2. Each semester you plan to use military benefits, they must submit the electronic KU Veterans Services Enrollment Certification Form. KU uses this form to submit your initial certification to the VA so you can receive your first payment.

- New Students complete form after they register for classes. Office of Veterans Services will provide instructions during Military & Veterans Orientation.
- Returning Students complete form after they register for classes. An email reminder is sent to students.
- Certification form should be submitted as early as possible. (No form submission=no benefit payment. Late form submission=late benefit payment)

Certify Your Enrollment Monthly (Required)

1. Students must certify their enrollment monthly during the semester they are enrolled to receive their housing stipend. Benefit payments will be delayed if student does not certify.
2. Students can sign up for the VA OPT-IN text message monthly certification service through the VA Education Call Center. 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551). **Call** between 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. CST.

Payment (VA and KU)

1. Rates: *Scroll to VA Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) section*
https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp
2. VA Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill payment is made monthly during the months the student is enrolled. Maximum payment is made for Full Time enrollment (12 credits or more). Partial payments are made when classes are in session less than 30 days (i.e., Aug, Dec, Jan, May).
3. The VA pays:
 - A. Tuition and Fees (up to eligibility percentage) – payment is made to the school. A temporary courtesy credit will be made to the tuition bill for payments made to the school.

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B. Housing and Book & Supplies (up to eligibility percentage) - payment is made directly to the student. KU cannot provide a courtesy credit on the tuition bill for payments that are sent directly to the student.

- Housing stipend is based on the BAH rate for KU's zip code (duty zip code) at an E-5 Pay Grade with dependents (up to the eligibility percentage). <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>
- Book stipend is \$1,000 an academic year (up to eligibility percentage). Payment is split between academic semesters.

4. VA payments do not start until after the semester begins. The first payment is usually made 6-8 weeks after the start of the semester. You must pay all costs (any tuition & fees balances not paid by the VA, housing, meal plan) and purchase textbooks before your payment arrives. View Financial Aid options here, <https://www.kutztown.edu/affordability/guide-to-financial-aid.html>.

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Note: if you are receiving VA benefits, you may also qualify for educational and career counseling (VA Chapter 36). Call the VA Education Center to see if you may qualify for this benefit.

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