Veteran Benefit Workshop

HELPING VETERAN’S, SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS NAVIGATE EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS
Submit this form *each semester* to the Registrar’s Office.
Various Types of Military Benefits

- Federal – VA
- State – EAP
- Individual Component – TA (DoD)
### At Home Benefits

- Benefits paid to soldier or family member directly.
  - Direct deposit, checks mailed home.
- Includes stipend payments.
- Not rolled over.
- Deferments not available.
  - Payment must be made to the school by the student by the appropriate due date.
  - At home benefits can help reimburse the student.

### School Paid Benefits

- Benefits paid directly to the school by the military source.
  - By certification or invoicing.
- Not rolled over.
- Deferments may be available.
  - Support must be supplied to the Office of Student Accounts by the due date on the invoice.
  - All other funds must be paid or showing as pending – so full bill is covered.
At Home Benefit

- No deferment available towards invoicing.
- Generally up to 36 months.
  - 30 - Active Duty
  - 1606 – Selected Reserve
  - 1607 – Selected Reserve – DoD or DHS determines eligibility.
- Monthly payments based on type of training you take, length of service, and if DoD put extra money in (kickers).
- Typically 10 years to use, or 14 year expiration...
- [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) – more info!

Combining benefits?

- TA & 1606 – OK?
  - Yes, but not for the same course. Student must choose which course is using which benefit.
### Eligibility
- If deemed eligible, can receive up to 45 months of full time or equivalent benefits.
- Generally have 10 years from the date VA establishes eligibility to use the benefit.
  - Can be longer if meets other eligibility criteria.

### At Home Benefit
- Amount paid is based on the type of training program and training time.
- Benefits paid monthly to student/family.
- Deferments not available.
Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill

School & At Home Benefit

- Deferment available for In-State Tuition and Fees at % of coverage.
  - Paid to KU after certification after semester starts.
- Deferment available for **Yellow Ribbon** approved coverage!
- Deferment NOT available for Housing & Meals.
  - Paid to beneficiary after certification monthly stipends.
- COE due to Office of Student Accounts by due date on invoice to defer that portion of expenses only.

Facts & Combining Benefits

- % based on months served (excluding basic and entry level/skill training) – COE
  - Capped at Full Time IN-STATE rates
  - If 100% coverage - no need to apply for TA
- TA & Chap 33 – OK?
  - Yes. Cannot exceed 100% of full time instate costs.
- TA, EAP & Chap 33 – OK?
  - Yes, TA & 33 cannot exceed 100% of full time instate costs.
  - EAP not in calculation – can get for other costs of attendance.
For out of state students who are covered with Chapter 33 at 100%.
  ○ Apply with Reg Office.

Chapter 33 covers instate costs at 100%.

Yellow Ribbon covers 50% of the difference of out of state to in.

Yellow Ribbon Matching (KU funding) covers the other 50% of the difference of out of state to in.
Eligibility

- Members of PA National Guard contact your readiness NCO (non-commissioned officer).
  - Others contact PA Dept of Military and Veteran’s Affairs website for info.
- 2015/2016 applications available to members about April 1, 2015.
- Deadline June 30, 2015.
  - Include Fall 15, Winter 16, Spring 16 and Summer 16.

School Paid Benefit & Combining Benefits

- Limited to 100% of full time IN-STATE tuition cost.
- Deferment available for EAP amount if all other paid and Intent to Attend done.
- EAP & TA – OK?
  - Yes. TA covers tuition, EAP pays rest. Extra can be refunded or used for other costs of attendance.
- EAP, TA & Ch. 33 – OK?
  - Yes. TA & 33 cannot exceed 100% of tuition and fees instate costs. EAP can be received in addition.
Eligibility

- Provides financial assistance for voluntary off-duty educational programs in support of...
  - Will incur a service obligation.
- At KU typically Army used with Go Army Ed website.
  - Non-Army goes through branch of service. NAVY uses WAWF.
- TA Statement of Understanding (TA SOU) must be signed and submitted annually to Army.
  - GAE sends notice 90 days before due.
- Covers Tuition Amount, caps:
  - $250 per credit hour
  - $4,500 per fiscal year

School Paid Benefit & Combining Benefits

- Deferment available
  - Must supply Tuition Assistance Authorization Form by due date to Bursar’s Office.
  - For amount of coverage only – difference due by due date.
  - Intent to Attend must be done.
- TA & Chapter 33 – OK?
  - Yes. Cannot exceed 100% of full time instate costs.
- TA & EAP – OK?
  - Yes. TA used towards tuition, EAP covers balance and used for other expenses.
- TA, EAP & Chap 33 – OK?
  - Yes. TA & 33 cannot exceed 100% of full time instate costs. EAP is over and beyond that based on state law.
TA – Tuition Assistance cont’d

Eligibility changed!!!

Student MUST give the KU Office of Student Accounts a Tuition Assistance Authorization Form by due date on invoice to receive deferment of that portion only.

TA Navy has a Tuition Assistance Authorization form as well.

** KU is limited to invoicing Go Army Ed once a quarter. Payments arrive 4-6 weeks later. **

- **www.goarmyed.com**
- Student makes request for TA funds in the Go Army Ed website, prior to course start date and no later than end of late registration period.
  - Be prepared with these items when accessing the site:
    - Class schedule (’s), costs per class, invoice, degree audit, and more. Items entered course by course.
    - Costs per credit are on www.kutztown.edu/studentaccounts
- Student receives approval or denial from Army Education Counselor. Students should allow extra time for this process.
  - Approval – they print TA Authorization Form and submit to Office of Student Accounts by due date.
    - Deferment eligible for that amount if on time.
  - Denial – GAE explains what is wrong and needs to be corrected to be approved.
    - Fix items and resubmit online with urgency.
- Drops / Withdrawals must be done in MyKU and GAE
- Enter no sooner than 60 days prior to first class.
TA – Tuition Assistance cont’d

Go Army Ed site has a HELP option that can list the steps to take for many needed tasks, such as retrieving the TA Authorization Form.

Copies of many of these instructions are printed and available to use in the Office of Student Accounts.

NAVY WAWF has a HELP option as well.

- Deferments available if **TA Authorization Form** is submitted by the due date on initial invoice. Don’t delay!
  - Intent to Attend MUST also be done (Fall & Spring)
- **Fall invoices** prepared early July – due early August.
- **Spring invoices** prepared early Dec – due early January.
- **Summer** and **Winter** are due when you register – request with urgency.
Eligibility

- Meet with Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for evaluation.
- Generally provides for a 12 year basic period of eligibility.

School Paid Benefit

- VA Counselor notifies KU of eligible students.
  - KU invoices VA through Ch. 31 counselor.
  - KU receives payment from VA.
- Deferments available for the amount covered if on roster from VA Counselor.
  - Housing and Meals not included – no deferment.
# ROTC Scholarships

## School Paid Benefit
- ROTC notifies KU of eligible students.
- KU invoices ROTC.
- KU receives payment from ROTC – DoD.
- Deferments available for the amount covered.
  - Housing and Meals not included and due by the due date.

## Coverage & Eligibility
- Tuition and Fees
  - Rate of coverage decided by ROTC – not KU.
  - Oftentimes covers the full amount of instate tuition and fees.
- Scholarship item – reported as a scholarship.
- Questions? Please contact Doug Hawkins
  - dah310@lehigh.edu
Checklist!

We have a checklist on the Student Accounts’ Website that is a great resource so that you don’t forget, or miss a required item and stay on task to get the most out of your benefits.

Checklist for EACH TERM

For Term: ____________________________

- **Veteran’s Release Form** – Complete and turn in to the Registrar’s Office each semester or session you attend KU. This allows KU to report the enrollment and certify the account for military payments.
  - Supply necessary documents – DD214, COE, or as applicable, etc.
- **Invoice** viewed and saved from MyKU for submission if needed (i.e. TA)
  - Elect 1606 OR TA if have coverage for both in advance.
- **Intent to Attend** (Fall & Spring terms) is DONE.
- **Terms & Conditions** – make sure this is accepted (also requires you to verify/update address)

I am using the following benefits and understand all support is needed by the Office of Student Accounts by the due date on the initial invoice:

- **Chapter 30, 1606, 1607** – no deferment available just pay invoice by due date.
- **Chapter 35** – Disabled veteran parent benefit – no deferment available just pay invoice by due date.
- **Chapter 33** – deferment available submit copy of COE to Bursar’s Office by Due Date on invoice.
  - Covers Full Time In-state Tuition costs at %
    - NEW! Student may apply to participate in Yellow Ribbon program to have the difference between instate costs and out of state costs covered!
  - Student owes housing and meals to KU by assigned due date.
    - Monthly housing stipends that go home, can reimburse student. (same with books)
- **EAP** – deferment available if on roster (apply by June 30 to unit)
  - Late applicants need to show support from military that EAP is awarded.
  - Notify Office of Student Accounts by the Due Date on the invoice of coverage eligibility.
- **TA** – deferment available if Tuition Assistance Authorization Form is supplied by Due Date on invoice.
  - TA and FA Authorization Form submitted each quarter to enter into FA system, as well as sign up for

Thank you!

Questions?

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