

## Post-9/11 (Chapter 33)

Beginning August 1, 2009.

Honorably discharged veteran who served at least 90 aggregate days or 30 days and discharged with a service-connected disability after 09/10/01.

Up to \$2,000 for license or certification test reimbursement.

Pays up to the public in-state undergraduate tuition and fees at public institutions. Pays at private schools are the annual amounts listed below.

2016 Academic Year (08/01/15-07/31/16) \$21,084.89

2017 Academic Year (08/01/16-07/31/17) \$21,970.46

Delimiting date is 15 years from date of separation from service.

Entitlement may be transferred to dependents.

Basic Housing Allowance is based on zip code of educational institution. BAH is E-5 with dependents rate. Must attend at least one in-residence course.

Colleges and universities may apply to VA to participate in Yellow Ribbon Program to assist in tuition payment.

**Yellow Ribbon Program:** an institution can contribute up to 50% of tuition expenses over the annual cap for private and the difference of out of state to in-state tuition for public. VA will match the same amount as the institution. Only individuals entitled to the maximum benefit rate (based on service requirements) may receive this funding.

**Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship** amends the Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33) to include the children of service members who die in the line of duty after Sept. 10, 2001. The benefit is effective August 1, 2009; the same day the Post-9/11 GI Bill® takes effect. Eligible spouses and children attending school may receive up to the highest public, in-state undergraduate tuition and fees, plus a monthly living stipend and book allowance under this program. Eligible dependents must relinquish benefits for DIC (Chapter 35).

### Transfer of Entitlement of Post-9/11 (Chapter 33)

- Must apply for eligibility from DoD before separation from Armed Forces service
- Entitlement may be divided among dependents
- Spouse may use entitlement immediately upon date of eligibility
- Children must use entitlement between ages 18 and 23
- Dependents cannot be added after separation date. 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 transferred educational benefits

Please visit the KCVA website [www.kcva.ks.gov](http://www.kcva.ks.gov) for updates on education and other benefits. Please use our comment form to ask questions about benefits and services. For additional information contact VA at:  
1 (888) 442-4551 or [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)



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### State Approving Agency

# HOW CAN VETERANS USE THEIR EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS?



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# Education Benefits in Kansas

## State Approving Agency

Kansas State Approving Agency (SAA) role is to approve and supervise educational and training programs for eligible veterans, dependents, National Guard Members and Reservists. GI Bill® educational assistance benefits may be paid to veterans and other eligible persons under several programs administered by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).



## VA Education Benefit Programs

**Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty—(Chapter 30)**  
Honorably discharged veterans who entered active duty after 07/01/85 and participated in the pay reduction program. Check with VA Office.

**Montgomery GI Bill® – Selected Reserve / Guard—(Chapter 1606)**  
**Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP)—(Chapter 1607)**  
Reservists or National Guard Members, who enlisted, re-enlisted or extended an enlistment in the Selected Reserve or National Guard for a period of 6 years after 10/01/90. 1607 is payable if reservist meets consecutive active duty wartime service. Check with VA Office.

**Post Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program—(Chapter 32)**  
Those entering active duty between 01/01/77 and 06/30/85 and contributed toward the VEAP benefit. Check with VA Office.

**Post-9/11 Program—(Chapter 33)**  
Honorably discharged veteran who served at least 90 aggregate days or 30 days and discharged with a service-connected disability after 09/10/01.

**Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program—(Chapter 35)**  
A child or spouse of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability or has a total disability permanent in nature as a result from a service-connected disability.

## Veterans GI Bill® can be used to pay for many different programs:

### College and Universities:

Undergraduate, Graduate, Certificates, Teacher Certifications.

### Business, Technical, Occupational or Vocational Schools:



Certificates, Correspondence, CPA Review, Diplomas, Police Training, Specialized Degrees, and Computer Training, etc.

### Cosmetology and Barber Schools:

Barber, Cosmetology, Massage Therapy, Esthetics, etc.

### Commercial Flight Training:

Certified Flight Instructor, Commercial Pilot, Instrument Rating, etc. FAA Part 141.

### Licensing & Certification Tests (LACAS):

GI Bill® benefits may be used for reimbursement of up to \$2000 for licensure or certification exams that are either required or generally accepted to enter into, advance, or maintain employment. (BAR, CPA, and MCSE exams)



### Entrepreneurship:

Allows eligible service members and veterans to use VA education benefits to take courses offered by the Small Business Development Center. This program will assist veterans in opening their own business, expanding a business, understanding federal buying rules, and finding business opportunities.

### Apprenticeship Training Programs:

This is on-the-job training coupled with theoretical related instruction. Occupations are clearly identified and commonly recognized throughout an industry, such as carpenter, plumber, and electrician.

### On-the-Job Training Programs:

Program that will allow veterans, eligible dependents, National Guard members, and selected reservists to utilize their educational benefits from the Department of Veterans' Affairs in order to acquire a skill or trade while actually performing a job and earning wages.



## Benefits to Employers

Veterans have demonstrated the aptitude to be trained in a structured environment. Veterans typically are experienced, mature, and disciplined individuals with positive work habits. Veterans have proven employment histories, learn quickly, are highly motivated and follow instructions well. The monetary benefits that the veteran receives from the Department of Veterans Affairs should motivate the veteran to be loyal and perform at a higher level which will enhance the effectiveness of the business.

### High School Diplomas

Education benefits are available for dependents of veterans who died or are permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability.

Chapter 35 only education benefits are available when the dependent turns eighteen. Benefits may be earned while in an approved high school diploma program.



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