

Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

The Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) helps you pay for school or job training. If you've served on active duty after September 10, 2001, you may qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33).

To qualify for Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits, at least one of these must be true. You:

- served at least 90 days on active duty (either all at once or with breaks in service) on or after September 11, 2001, **or**
- received a Purple Heart on or after September 11, 2001, and were honorably discharged after any amount of service, **or**
- served for at least 30 continuous days (all at once, without a break in service) on or after September 11, 2001, and were honorably discharged with a service-connected disability, **or**
- are a dependent child using benefits transferred by a qualifying Veteran or service member.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits include the following:

- Tuition and Fees
 - The VA pays tuition and fees at the in-state rate ONLY.
 - Residency exceptions (in-state tuition and fees for out of state students) are available for qualifying individuals.
 - You must [apply for a residency exception](#) if you are classified as out of state.
 - The University Health Insurance Policy is covered as a required fee.
 - Tuition and fees are paid directly to Appalachian; ALL other charges (dorm, meals, parking, etc.) are the responsibility of the student.
 - We protect your schedule from cancellation, provided you have completed your Enrollment Certification Request with Financial Aid.
 - Your account must be paid in full before you can register for classes for the next semester, otherwise Student Accounts will place a registration

hold on your student account.

- Basic Housing Allowance (for veterans and dependents only)
 - Housing is paid directly to the student at the END of each month of enrollment.
- Books and Supplies – up \$1000 per year, approximately \$500 per semester
 - Books and supplies are paid at (or near) the beginning of the term.
- **All payments** are based on your [eligibility rating](#) and rate of pursuit (credit hours)

It is important to note, during your first semester, it can take the VA up to 12 weeks to process your certification once it is submitted by Financial Aid. As a result, you may not receive your housing allowance until well into the semester. Please budget accordingly.

Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship)

You may be able to get benefits under the Fry Scholarship if you're the child or surviving spouse of an active-duty service member who died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.

As the child of a service member:

- You can be married or unmarried.
- If you turned 18 or graduated from high school before January 1, 2013, you can get a Fry Scholarship until you're 33 years old.
- If you turn 18 or graduate from high school after January 1, 2013, you can get a Fry Scholarship at any age over 18 or after you graduate (whichever comes first).
- If your parent died in the line of duty before August 1, 2011, you may qualify for both the Fry Scholarship and the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program.
 - You can use only one program at a time.
 - We cap combined benefits at 81 months of full-time training.
- If you're receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), you'll need to give up those payments when you start to use the Fry Scholarship.

As the spouse of a service member:

- If you remarry, you will no longer be eligible for the Fry Scholarship.
- You can still get Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) while using the Fry Scholarship.

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- Books and Supplies – up \$1000 per year, approximately \$500 per semester
 - Books and supplies are paid at (or near) the beginning of the term.
- **All payments** are based on your rate of pursuit (credit hours)

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Post 9/11 Benefits Explained

Length of Service*	Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days on active duty and must be discharged due to service-connected disability	
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 6 months	50%
*These eligibility tiers are effective August 1, 2020	
For terms prior to August 1, 2020	
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60%
At least 6 months, but less than 12 months	50%
At least 90 days, but less than 6 months	40%

Eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill is based on length of service as well as honorable service. The benefit program includes: tuition and fees paid directly to the school as well as a book stipend and housing allowance which are paid directly to the student. Students who remain on active duty (including terminal leave) while utilizing Post 9/11 benefits do not receive the housing allowance from the VA.

All benefit payments are based on enrollment hours (credit hours per semester), enrollment type (on campus versus online), and eligibility percentage. Tuition and fees are paid to Appalachian at the **IN STATE** rate (see below for more information). The amount certified to the VA for tuition and fees must account for ANY tuition-specific aid received by a student (tuition scholarships or waivers, federal or state tuition assistance, etc.).

The Book Stipend is calculated as follows:
 $\$1000 \times \text{Eligibility \%} = \text{Maximum Eligibility per year}$.
 The VA will pay based on credit hours of enrollment until the annual stipend is fully exhausted (\$41.67 per credit for 100% eligibility).

Credit Hours	ROP	BAH%
6	50%	0
7	58%	60%
8	67%	70%
9	75%	80%
10	83%	80%
11	92%	90%
12	100%	100%

BAH = Basic Allowance for Housing, which is the housing payment tied to the Post 9/11 GI Bill

Credit hours: the number of credit hours of enrollment for a semester.
 ROP = Rate of Pursuit, which represents the percentage of full time enrollment for any number of credit hours.

Full time enrollment = 12 credit hours for fall and spring semesters; 4 CH for 5 week summer sessions.

BAH% = the amount of BAH a student may receive, based on ROP rounded to the nearest 10%.

Note: to qualify for BAH, you must enroll in at least 51% ROP.

Students who enroll in fully online programs or select all web-based classes will receive a reduced BAH rate (established by the VA).

As noted above, the VA will only pay IN STATE TUITION AND FEES to Appalachian. If you are classified as an out of state student during the admissions process, you may qualify for a residency exception.

To qualify for the residency exception you must:

- Be eligible for and utilizing either Post 9/11 GI Bill (Ch. 33), Active Duty Montgomery GI Bill (Ch. 30), or VA Vocational Rehabilitation (Ch. 31). You must provide documentation of your eligibility (or completed application).
- Residing in North Carolina while enrolled. You must provide proof of your address.
- Enroll at Appalachian no more than 3 years after leaving active duty. Submission of your DD214 is required.

To apply for a residency exception, you must complete an application and submit it as well as the required documentation to the Office of the Registrar. For more information or to download the application, visit the Registrar's NC Choice Act website: <https://registrar.appstate.edu/students/nc-residency/nc-choice-act>