

## CHAPTER 33 (Post 9/11) GI BILL & YELLOW RIBBON- 2017-2018

### How to apply for and use Ch. 33 and Yellow Ribbon benefits at Grand View University (GV):

1. Apply and be accepted to GV
2. Provide to GV School Certifying Official (SCO)
  - Certificate of Eligibility from VA- Visit [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/get\\_started.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/get_started.asp) to apply for benefits if not already completed
  - If you've used your benefits at another college/university, complete a Request for Change of Program or Place of Training, available online at [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov)
3. If you've completed training through the military, request to have your JST Transcript shared with GV- <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signin/do>
4. Register for courses - (Fall and Spring are automatically certified after receipt of Certificate of Eligibility; Summer terms require annual student certification request)

### How Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits work --Three types of payment all based on percentage of eligibility:

1. Tuition – paid to school
  - a. If you are eligible for 100% of benefit and not active duty, you qualify for the Yellow Ribbon Program\*\* – see below
  - b. If you are eligible for 60% of benefit, 60% of VA determined yearly allotment ( $\$22,805.34 \times .60 = \$13,683.20$  max for FY 17)
2. Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) – paid to you based on eligibility percentage (must be over ½ time enrolled; VA enrollment standards are different from GV)
  - a. If at least one class is considered residential by VA standards (averages in-class meetings at least one hour per credit each week)- paid based on E-5, with dependents, in Des Moines (50316: zip code of school)
    - i. 100% benefit = \$1,455.00/month
    - ii. 60% benefit = \$873.00/month
  - b. If all enrolled classes in a term are not residential (some GV blended classes and all independent study classes may be considered non-residential by VA standards), the VA will pay the Housing Allowance at half the national average of an E-5 with dependents, multiplied by your percentage of eligibility. For 2017-18, a person eligible at 100% would receive \$840.50 a month. If you are eligible at less than 100% multiply \$840.50 by your percentage to calculate your monthly payment.
3. Book Stipend – paid to you (must be over ½ time enrolled) in two equal installments per school year
  - a. 100% of benefit = \$1,000 (\$500 per semester)
  - b. 60% of benefit = \$600 (\$300 per semester)

### Receiving Payments

SCO will submit two certifications. **SCHEDULE CHANGES CAN CREATE A VA DEBT YOU'LL BE REQUIRED TO REPAY TO THE VA.**

- We certify credits per term prior to the start of the semester so BAH and Book Stipend can be processed.
- After the first week of classes, we certify tuition and fees. You may see an additional outstanding debt on your GV bill until the VA funds are received by GV. The VA can take up to 4-6 weeks to process certifications and send out payments.
- Each payment is paid out depending on the percentage of eligibility determined by the VA: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch33\\_pamphlet.pdf](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch33_pamphlet.pdf)
- The VA prorates payments for partial months of school. As an example; if school begins August 20th the first housing allowance payment would be for August 20th to August 31st or 11 days of school. The housing allowance payment for August would be about 1/3 of the full monthly payment amount.

### \*\*Yellow Ribbon Program

Grand View University is pleased to be participating in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program (Yellow Ribbon Program), a provision of the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. The program is designed to help veterans finance, through scholarship assistance, up to 100% of their out-of-pocket tuition and fees associated with education programs that may exceed the Post 9/11 GI Bill tuition benefit, which will only pay up to the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition. The VA rate for the 2017-2018 academic year is \$22,805.34. As a Yellow Ribbon student, tuition that exceeds the VA rate will be met with matching contributions from Grand View and the VA.

### Qualification for the Yellow Ribbon Program:

- The VA must determine the veteran 100% eligible for Post 9-11 GI Bill, and issue you a Certificate of Eligibility. Eligibility is based on active duty length of service after September 2001.

For further information about VA education benefits please visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) (use Ask a Question section) or contact the VA directly by calling 1-800-GIBILL1 (1-800-442-4551).

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