UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

2026/2027 Graduate Information Sheet

Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33) and Yellow Ribbon Program

Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33) Benefit

- The tuition and fee benefit cap for the 2026/2027 academic year at a private school is $30,908.34 for students with a 100% eligibility tier level.
    - Tuition and fee benefit payments are made directly to the student's university account.
- The monthly housing allowance is paid at the E5 with dependents Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) rate based on the school's zip code.
    - As of August 1, 2026, the housing allowance rate is $1,752 at the 100% eligibility tier level.
    - Payment is made directly to the student's personal bank account at the end of each month.
    - Payments for August, December, January, and May are prorated.
    - For more information: https://www.travel.dod.mil/Allowances/Basic-Allowance-for-Housing/BAH-Rate-Lookup/
- Stipends for books and supplies are up to $1,000 per academic year at the 100% eligibility tier level.
    - Payment is made directly to the student's personal bank account.
- Benefits for less than the 100% eligibility tier level are paid at the percentage rate of eligibility, as determined by the VA based on the service member's record of service.
    - For example, at the 60% eligibility tier level the benefits for an academic year are estimated at:
        - Tuition and fee benefit cap: $18,545.00 (60% of $30,908.34)
        - The benefit paid will be 60% of the net tuition and fees reported to the VA, up to $18,545.00 for the academic year.
        - Monthly housing allowance: up to $1,051.20 (60% of $1,752.00)
        - Books and supplies stipend: up to $600 (60% of $1,000.00)
- Students receiving a scholarship from an outside organization or employer must provide the Office of Financial Aid with a letter from that organization specifying for which college costs their scholarship funds may be used (i.e. tuition, fees, books and supplies, etc.) and if the scholarship is renewable.

    - Without such a statement from the outside organization, or if the scholarship can only be used for tuition and fees (tuition restricted), the value of the scholarship will be deducted from the tuition and fees reported to the VA.

- Notre Dame Graduate Scholarships and Fellowships are considered tuition restricted and the value of each will be deducted from the tuition and fees reported to the VA.

- Revisions to the disbursement(s) made by the VA may result in an overpayment of benefits. In these cases, reimbursement of the overpaid amount will be required.

    - It is the student's responsibility to ensure repayment of any over award for housing and books payments.

- To renew each term, including summer, the student must complete the Benefit Election Form, available from the Office of the Registrar.

- Eligible students may request retroactive certification for the Chapter 33 Benefit at any time. The VA ultimately determines eligibility for retroactive Chapter 33 Benefits.

- Updated information and further Chapter 33 policy information is available at: https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11

Yellow Ribbon Program Requirements

The University of Notre Dame has proudly participated in the Post-9/11 GI Bill® Yellow Ribbon Program since its inception in August 2009.

- Students who are eligible at the 100% level for veterans or dependents under the Transfer of Entitlement Benefit (TEB) will be considered for the Yellow Ribbon award.

- The school must continue to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program and have an opening available.

    - Yellow Ribbon opportunities at the University of Notre Dame may vary based upon student level (i.e. undergraduate or graduate student) and academic program.

    - Notre Dame currently offers an Unlimited number of Yellow Ribbon awards to admitted students.

    - The University's continued participation in the Yellow Ribbon program, the value of the Yellow Ribbon award and the number of Yellow Ribbon awards may change each academic year pending completion of the annual Yellow Ribbon participation agreement with the VA.

- The value of Notre Dame's portion of the Yellow Ribbon award is **up to** one half of the unmet net tuition and fees, capped at the amount committed by the school as outlined in the Yellow Ribbon Program agreement.

    - The VA will match the amount of Notre Dame's portion of the Yellow Ribbon award.

- Sufficient benefit eligibility time (i.e. remaining months of eligibility) is needed to cover the full semester or term in order to receive the full Chapter 33 and Yellow Ribbon values for that term.

- Eligible students may request retroactive certification for the Yellow Ribbon award any time during the current academic year. The final day to request certification is the Friday of finals week of the spring semester. Yellow Ribbon retroactive certification will be limited to eligibility for the current academic year only.

- The student must maintain Standards of Progress as outlined in *du Lac* and the *Bulletin of Information* and remain in good standing at the University

- Please see the *Post-9/11 GI Bill ® Yellow Ribbon page* on the VA website at: https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/yellow-ribbon-program/.

Notre Dame Yellow Ribbon Awards – 2026/2027 academic year

Graduate or Doctoral Program	Maximum Number of Awards each year	Notre Dame Yellow Ribbon Award Amount
School of Architecture	Unlimited	Up to Tuition & Fees
School of Law	Unlimited	Up to Tuition & Fees
Mendoza College of Business (South Bend and Chicago)	Unlimited	Up to Tuition & Fees
Graduate School (Doctoral & Graduate – non-professional)	Unlimited	Up to Tuition & Fees

- A complete listing of the programs participating in the Yellow Ribbon program is available at:https://www.va.gov/education/yellow-ribbon-participating-schools/.

Financial Aid

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Applying for financial aid is *not* required to take advantage of VA benefits. However, if you intend to apply for federalloans, you must submit the FAFSA. Information on applying for financial aid is available at: https://financialaid.nd.edu/apply-or-renew/graduate-students/

University Student Account

- The VA benefits must be received before the University will credit the disbursement to your account. Payment of University charges exceeding the total of VA tuition and fee benefits is required by the due date.

- For those living on campus, payment of the room and board charge is required by the due date each semester.

- Interest Free Monthly Payment Plan: http://studentaccounts.nd.edu/payments/monthly-payment-plan/http://studentaccounts.nd.edu/payments/monthly-payment-plan/

VA Documentation Checklist

Please submit the required Certificate of Eligibility to both the Office of Financial Aid and Office of the Registrar via email at faforms@nd.edu and vabenefits@nd.edu. The student's name and NDid (if available) should be included.

- **Required: Certificate of Eligibility (COE)**. This document is issued by the VA once the review of a student's application for Post-9/11 GI Bill® education benefits is complete.
    - **Optional: Approved Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)**. A screenshot or official email showing the transfer of benefits may be submitted as supplemental documentation prior to receipt of the COE. The COE must be submitted when it is available.
    - The VA may require the student be 18 years of age or have attained a secondary school diploma at the time the application is submitted.
- Please remove Social Security Numbers prior to submitting all documents to the Office of Financial Aid.

Office of the Registrar – VA Certification of Enrollment

- **Contact Primary School Certifying Official**. The School Certifying Official will need student NDID number, program/degree, and starting semester. If you have not yet been admitted or are still waiting on VA processing of VA Form 22-1990, you may still be added to the prospective student list with the SCO.
- **Complete Benefit Election Form.** This form is available from the VA School Certifying Official. Form is sent out to all students who have notified the SCO of enrollment at ND. The form gets sent out in July, December, and April for the upcoming semester. Form must be completed before student enrollment can be sent to the VA.

The Gi Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at the official U.S. government Website at https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

Questions

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