



## **2017/2018 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 2017/2018 academic year at a private school is \$22,805.34 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
  - Effective August 1, 2017, the housing allowance rate is \$1,284 at the 100% eligibility tier level.
  - Payment is made directly to the student's personal bank account at the beginning of each month for the previous month.
  - Payments for August, December, January, and May are prorated.
  - For more information: <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>
- Stipends for books and supplies are up to \$1,000 per academic year at the 100% eligibility tier level.
  - This stipend is approximately \$41.66 per credit hour for full-time enrollment.
  - 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: \$13,683.20 (60% of \$22,805.34)
    - The benefit paid will be 60% of the net tuition and fees reported to the VA, up to \$13,683.20 for the academic year
    - Monthly housing allowance: up to \$770.40 (60% of \$1,284)
    - Books and supplies stipend: up to \$600 (60% of \$1,000)
- Students receiving a scholarship from an outside organization 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, room, board, books and supplies, etc.)
  - Without such a statement from the outside organization, the value of the scholarship will be deducted from the tuition and fees reported to the VA.

- Summer certifications of enrollment will not be submitted unless requested by the student.
  - Yellow Ribbon is not available for summer enrollment.
- 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 the overaward.
- Updated information and further Chapter 33 policy information is available at [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch33\\_pamphlet.pdf](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch33_pamphlet.pdf)

## Yellow Ribbon Program Requirements

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

- 100% eligibility tier level for veterans or dependents under the Transfer of Entitlement Benefit (TEB).
- The school must participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program and have an opening available.
  - Yellow Ribbon opportunities at the University of Notre Dame may vary based upon academic program.
- The value 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 amount of the VA Yellow Ribbon award will be matched by the University.
- 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.
- New Yellow Ribbon awards are offered to admitted students on a first-come, first-served basis determined by the receipt date of the Certificate of Eligibility (COE) (see Documentation Checklist). Required documentation will be accepted prior to a student's admission and registration; however, a student must be admitted and registered before the University will confirm eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon award.
- University scholarships (including Provost's and Notre Dame Club scholarships) are awarded based upon demonstrated financial need. The receipt of Chapter 33 benefits may result in an adjustment of previously awarded University scholarships. The adjustment of University scholarships is made upon the receipt of the VA tuition and fee benefits.
- Active duty members and their spouses and recipients of the Fry Scholarship are **not** eligible for the Yellow Ribbon award.

- 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.
- To renew annually, the student must complete the Benefit Election Form, available from the Office of the Registrar.
- 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 FAQs* on the VA website at: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/factsheets/Yellow%20Ribbon%20Program.pdf>

**Notre Dame Yellow Ribbon Awards – 2017/2018 academic year**

Graduate or Doctoral Program	Maximum Number of Awards each year	Notre Dame Yellow Ribbon Award Amount
Accountancy	3	\$4,000
ESTEEM	4	\$14,300
Global Health	Unlimited	\$5,000
Applied & Computational Mathematics & Statistics (ACMS)	3	\$6,000
School of Architecture	Unlimited	\$14,300
Mendoza College of Business (South Bend and Chicago)	Unlimited	\$16,000
School of Law	20	\$16,500
Graduate School (Doctoral & Master’s – <i>non-professional</i> )	Unlimited	\$14,300
Not-For-Profit Business	1	\$2,000
Keogh School of Global Affairs	Unlimited	\$14,300

- A complete listing of the programs participating in the Yellow Ribbon program is available at: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow\\_ribbon/yrp\\_list\\_2013.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon/yrp_list_2013.asp)

**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.
- Students receiving Chapter 33 housing benefits may find the interest-free monthly payment plan helpful to cover remaining charges. Information about the payment plan may be found here: <http://studentaccounts.nd.edu/payments/monthly-payment-plan/>
- For those living on campus, payment of the room and board charge is required by the due date each semester.

## VA Documentation Checklist

Please submit the required Certificate of Eligibility to the Office of Financial Aid via email at [faforms@nd.edu](mailto:faforms@nd.edu), fax (574) 631-6899 or U.S. mail. 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. The receipt date of the COE will serve as a placeholder for one of the limited number of Yellow Ribbon awards.
  - **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.
  - **Optional: Application for Post-9/11 GI Bill™ Education Benefits (VA Form 22-1990e).** A copy of the confirmation of the student's application for the benefit may be submitted as supplemental documentation.
    - 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.

## 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 federal loans you must submit the FAFSA. Information on applying for financial aid is available at: <http://financialaid.nd.edu/graduate-students/applying/>

## Questions

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