



2019/2020 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 2019/2020 academic year at a private school is \$24,476.79 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, 2019, the housing allowance rate is \$1,341.00 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.
 - 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: \$14,686.07 (60% of \$24,476.79)
The benefit paid will be 60% of the net tuition and fees reported to the VA, up to \$14,686.07 for the academic year.
 - Monthly housing allowance: up to \$804.60 (60% of \$1,341)
 - 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, 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 confirmed by the student.
- 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 over award.
- To renew annually, 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.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp

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.

- 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. .
- 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 University will match the amount of the VA 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.
- 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 is 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.
- Active duty members and their spouses 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.
- 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 FAQs* on the VA website at: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/factsheets/Yellow%20Ribbon%20Program.pdf>

Notre Dame Yellow Ribbon Awards – 2019/2020 academic year

Graduate or Doctoral Program	Maximum Number of Awards each year	Notre Dame Yellow Ribbon Award Amount
School of Architecture	Unlimited	\$15,420
School of Law	20	\$18,500
Mendoza College of Business (South Bend and Chicago)	Unlimited	\$17,500
Graduate School (Doctoral & Graduate – non-professional)	Unlimited	\$15,420

- A complete listing of the programs participating in the Yellow Ribbon program is available at: https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/yellow_ribbon/yrp_list_2019.asp

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/>

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 both the Office of Financial Aid and Office of the Registrar via email at faforms@nd.edu and wojtysiak.2@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. 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.

Office of the Registrar – VA Certification of Enrollment

- Contact Primary School Certifying Official.** 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. 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.

Questions

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