

Veterans Services

Ch. 33 - Post 9/11 GI Bill®

Eligibility:

- Must have at least 90 days of aggregate active duty service after September 10, 2001.
- Must be current active duty <u>OR</u> been honorably discharged <u>OR</u> discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days.
- You can be entitled to receive this benefit for up to 36 months of full-time schooling (about 4 years).
 - o If you're eligible for more than one VA benefit, you can receive a max of 48 months between two programs.
- If you already have eligibility for a different GI Bill® (Ch. 1606/1607/30) you are required to give up eligibility under ONE of the other chapters you're eligible for.
- Spouse and dependents may be eligible to have this benefits transferred to them if you choose to do so.

Payment Rates:

- Payment is made in three areas (note: all payments are dependent on your percentage of eligibility):
 - Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA): paid directly to the student at the end of each month for which you're enrolled.
 - Using the zip code of Century (55110) and the E5 with dependents designation, use the <u>BAH calculator</u> to determine monthly payments.
 - Book Stipend: paid directly to the students prior to the start of the term, up to \$1,000/year.
 - o Tuition and Fees Payment: paid directly to the school, the VA will cover part or all of your tuition and fees.

Steps to Set Up Ch. 33:

- 1. To apply visit <u>vets.gov.</u> Click on "Education Benefits" and then "Application Process". Click on the green button that says "Select Correct Form". There will be three short questions you need to answer, then select the green button that says "Apply Now".
 - a. Have your DD214 and bank account information on hand; the application asks for service dates and direct deposit information in order to pay you.
- 2. <u>Once you have registered for the semester</u>, you must notify Karla Frieler, the School Certifying Official at Century College. You do this by completing the "<u>Century Military Deferment Form</u>" online in <u>myCentury</u>. This lets Century know that you intend to use benefits and that we should certify your enrollment to the VA. <u>Once this form is submitted</u>, <u>Century will defer your payment due date until the end of the term.</u>
- 3. Once we receive the online form, Century will certify your enrollment to the VA. This will kick-start your book stipend to be paid to you. MHA will be paid to you at the end of each month for which you're enrolled.
- 4. The tuition and fees payment will be paid directly to the college, but it's good to keep an eye on your school statements to ensure funds are sent and applied to your account.
- 5. Each term that you wish to use your benefits you will need to notify the School Certifying Official by completing the Century Military Deferment Form online found in myCentury.

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