



Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 G.I. Bill at FSU

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides educational benefits to veterans and veterans' dependents. Tuition and fees for these Florida State University students, including graduate, medical school and law school students, are covered by this Veterans Affairs (VA) benefit, up to the percentage a veteran is eligible for, which is based on their length of active-duty service since September 11, 2001.

Prior to billing the VA for a student's tuition, the FSU Student Veterans Center removes most tuition waivers, scholarships, grants, etc. that have already been applied to the student's tuition. Financial aid like Florida Pre-paid or Bright Futures (or other aid that is not designated solely for tuition) does not preclude the VA from paying for an eligible student's tuition.

"Tuition and fees" includes only the administrative costs associated with courses, and not things like housing, meal plans, books, supplies, etc. However, students may receive additional funds to cover those expenses through the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill, including the cost of the mandatory health insurance FSU requires, provided the insurance is purchased through FSU.

Additional Important Information

- Funds for books and supplies are **paid to the student** by the VA at a set rate per credit hour, up to 24 credit hours per academic year. For VA purposes, an academic year runs from August 1 to July 31.
- If a student makes a change to their course schedule after their course certification has been submitted to the VA by the FSU Student Veterans Center, the student is responsible for paying back the VA any funds paid to FSU for their tuition and fees. Note that after each semester's drop/add deadline, Florida State University will not issue a refund to a student who has dropped a course.
- The VA's [Basic Allowance for Housing \(BAH\)](#) is revised each January and implemented the following August. The BAH is paid directly to the student and may be used in any way the student deems necessary. For on-campus housing, payment arrangements must be made directly with [University Housing](#), although payment deferments (postponed payments) can be submitted through the Student Veterans Center.
- The zip code for students on the Tallahassee and Republic of Panama campuses is 32306.
- ROTC scholarship awards are deducted prior to the VA being billed for an ROTC student's tuition, unless that student is using the room/board option.
- Students whose financial aid and VA educational benefits have resulted in an over-payment may request a refund through FSU [Student Business Services](#).

Student veterans and active-duty personnel

Active-duty personnel and student veterans must complete the certification process with the FSU Student Veterans Center **once they have been accepted to the university and registered for classes**. In the meantime, these students should begin the process of registering for benefits through the VA's [Education and Training website](#).

Distance learning students: All veterans who physically reside in Florida while enrolled at FSU, including distance-learning students, receive the in-state tuition rate, even if they are residents of another state. Veterans in FSU distance-learning programs who physically reside outside of Florida may also qualify for in-state tuition through the VA Yellow Ribbon Program, provided they are eligible for 100% of Post 9/11 G.I. Bill benefits.

After a student's forms have been submitted to the VA, an email will be sent by the VA to the student's FSU email address to notify them of what the VA received. The VA will then provide the student with a Certificate of Eligibility/Award Letter at a later date. Once this certificate/letter has been received, **a copy must be provided to the FSU Student Veterans Center**.

Additionally, the following must be provided to the FSU Student Veterans Center:

- [VA Form 22-1990](#), which must include the confirmation number issued after it has been submitted to the VA. *However, a copy of the student's VA Certificate of Eligibility may be provided to FSU in lieu of Form 22-1990.*
- [FSU Request for Benefits](#) form

All documents should be submitted as a package – after the student's course registration has been completed – by attaching the documents to the Request for Benefits Form or providing them to the Student Veterans Center by email, fax or in person.

Dependents of veterans

Veterans whose dependents are using VA educational benefits must complete the certification process with the FSU Student Veterans Center **once their dependents have been accepted to the university and registered for classes**. In the meantime, these veterans should begin the process of having their VA benefits transferred to their dependent(s) by following the steps for Transfer of Entitlement (TOE) at the VA's [Post 9/11 G.I. Bill website](#).

As a participant in the VA Yellow Ribbon Program, the out-of-state tuition rate is reduced to the in-state rate for FSU students who are dependents of veterans (not including spouses) whose reside outside of Florida, provided the veteran is eligible for 100% of Post 9/11 G.I. Bill benefits. Note that FSU's participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program is reviewed each year, and students taking advantage of this program are responsible for any balances not paid by the VA.

After a student's forms have been submitted to the VA, an email will be sent by the VA to the student's FSU email address to notify them of what the VA received. The VA will then provide the student with a Certificate of Eligibility/Award Letter at a later date. Once this certificate/letter has been received, **a copy must be provided to the FSU Student Veterans Center**.

Additionally, veteran dependents must provide the following to the FSU Student Veterans Center:

- A screen shot of the [Transfer of Education Benefits \(TEB\) web form](#) once that form has updated to "Approved Status" for the named dependent
- A copy of [VA Form 22-1990e](#), which must include the confirmation number issued after it has been submitted to the VA. *However, a copy of the student's VA Certificate of Eligibility may be provided to FSU in lieu of Form 22-1990e.*
- [FSU Request for Benefits](#) form

All documents should be submitted as a package – after the student's course registration has been completed – by attaching the documents to the Request for Benefits Form or providing them to the Student Veterans Center by email, fax or in person.

Requesting deferments (postponing payments)

Postponing a tuition payment with a veteran deferment temporarily removes the student's tuition liability. Students who have been granted a deferment will, for a short period of time, not have their account placed on "hold" for unpaid tuition. If a deferment is granted on a student's account and, for some reason, the anticipated aid does not arrive, it is the student's responsibility to pay all accounts in full.

Students using Post 9/11 benefits will automatically receive a deferment once their Request for Benefits form has been processed by the FSU Student Veterans Center. For all other benefits, deferments for tuition, fees and other expenses must be requested:

- For **each semester** a deferment is needed
- No later than the fourth day of classes
- By submitting the online [Veteran Deferment form](#)

A request for deferment is **not automatic** and separate from the Request for Benefits. Also note that a deferment is not considered to be a payment and, like all tuition that remains unpaid after the tuition-payment deadline, will incur a \$100 late fee. Students are encouraged to check their myFSU Account Statement often in order to avoid any unexpected consequences that may result from a deferment.