



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Certifications will begin after the drop/add period.
- If a student withdraws from a class and the semester hours change, a student debt occurs with the VA. The student is responsible for repaying the VA.
- When changing a program or dropping/adding classes you must notify the VA Office on campus.
- When graduating from a program you must notify the VA Office on campus.
- For Post 9/11 benefits: HOPE, TA or any other scholarship which specifically pays tuition, will apply towards the tuition/fee charges prior to VA benefits being applied. The VA benefits will then pay any remaining balance based on the percentage on the Certificate of Eligibility.

EXAMPLE: Fall Semester costs: \$3700
HOPE Scholarship: -\$2280
Billed to the VA: \$1420

- Students are responsible for paying all tuition/fee charges. Valdosta State University and the VA do not have an agreement to process tuition/fee waivers; therefore, failure of the VA to pay students in a timely manner does not eliminate or delay a student's financial responsibility to VSU. It normally takes the Atlanta VA processing center 6 – 8 weeks to process educational claims.

GETTING STARTED

After being accepted for admission to Valdosta State University, the student should contact the VA Office on campus to start their benefits. Every semester, a semester checklist must be submitted to the VA office. The student will be notified via VSU email if any other paperwork is required for their specific educational benefit.

New VA Students:

The veteran must go to benefits.va.gov/gibill to begin the application process through the VA.

Previous VA Benefit Students:

Returning to VSU or transferring from another school? Complete VA Form 22-1995 for all VA programs except Chapter 35 or complete VA Form 22-5495 for Chapter 35 recipients only.



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Veteran BENEFITS

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Valdosta State University is approved by the State of Georgia for veterans (and dependents) applying for VA Educational Benefits. The following VA Benefit programs may be utilized:

- **Montgomery GI Bill/Chapter 30:** (Active duty or veteran status) must have served in the US Armed Forces and participated in the GI Bill program. In most instances, veterans must also have been honorably discharged.
- **Montgomery GI Bill/Chapter 1606:** (Selected guard and reserves) must have completed all initial entry training (IET) and are now assigned to a Reserve and/or a Georgia National Guard Unit.
- **Post 9/11 GI Bill/Chapter 33:** Must have active duty service on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This benefit may also be used by the veteran's dependents (certain conditions apply).
- **Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program/Chapter 35:** Dependents and spouses of 100% disabled or deceased veterans.
- **REAP/ Chapter 1607:** (Reservists who were activated for at least 90 days after Sept. 11, 2001). This program ended on Nov. 25, 2015 for new applicants. Current recipients of these benefits are eligible to receive these funds up to Nov. 2019.
- **VA Vocational Rehabilitation/Chapter 31:** (Service-connected disabled veterans) must initiate an application with a local VA caseworker to have a rehabilitation plan developed.

****Further information on each chapter can be found on the VA website: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill****

OTHER FUNDING AVAILABLE TO VETERANS AND/OR CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES:

- **Tuition Assistance (TA):** A benefit paid to eligible active duty members and members of the National Guard and Reserve. Each service has its own criteria for eligibility. Please contact your branch of service for more information.
- **HERO Scholarship:** The program provides educational grant assistance to members of the Georgia National Guard and US Military Reservists who served in combat zones or the children of such members. Please visit www.gafutures.org for more information.

BENEFIT PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Chapter 30, 1606 and 1607 Monthly Verification:

The student must verify their monthly enrollment on the last day of each month or after. Enrollment verification can be accomplished by using the VA toll-free telephone number 1-888-GIBILL-1 or the WAVE feature found on the VA website, www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

Tuition & Fee Payments: Chapter 30, 1606, 1607, 35: The student is responsible for paying tuition and fees by the published VSU payment deadline.

Post 9/11 & Chapter 31: The student does not typically have to pay tuition and fees by the deadline. Please note that for students that do not receive the 100% rate for the Post 9/11 (Chapter 33) GI BILL, a payment to cover the difference is usually expected. The student is responsible for paying the tuition and fees associated with classes not required for their program of study. Also, the student is responsible for fees not covered by the VA. Examples include; residence hall, meal plan, and parking permit charge.

