# U.S. VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS



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## **Veterans Educational Benefits**



Nova Southeastern University (NSU) has been actively supporting service members and their families for more than 45 years. NSU is committed to assisting veterans in taking advantage of their educational benefits and providing them and their families with opportunities for educational and career growth.

#### Montgomery GI Bill'— Active Duty, Chapter 30

The Montgomery GI Bill"—Active Duty, also called MGIB, provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans. Eligible veterans must have an honorable discharge and a high school diploma or have passed the GED. Benefit entitlement ends 10 years after separation from active duty. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays a monthly stipend based on the number of credits taken in an academic program.

### Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment—Chapter 31

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment is a VA program designed to assist veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and maintain employment. The VA will pay 100 percent tuition and fees, 100 percent of required books and supplies, and a living stipend. To qualify for this program, a veteran must be approved by a vocational rehabilitation case manager.

#### Post-9/11 GI Bill®—Chapter 33

The Post-9/11 GI Bill\*, commonly referred to as Chapter 33, offers the following benefits:

- ◆ tuition and fees—annual entitlement
- housing allowance—based on several factors, including where you attend classes
- funds for books and supplies—up to \$1,000 a year

Detailed information on the Post-9/11 GI Bill is available on the Department of Veterans Affairs website (*va.gov*).

#### Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program— Chapter 35

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. The spouse, son, or daughter of a veteran must meet certain eligibility requirements. The VA pays a monthly stipend based on the number of credits taken in the academic program.

#### Montgomery GI Bill\*— Selected Reserve, Chapter 1606

The Montgomery GI Bill®—Selected Reserve program may be available to veterans who are members of the selected reserve. The selected reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, the Army National Guard, and the Air National Guard. Veterans may be entitled to receive up to 36 months of education benefits. Benefit entitlement ends 14 years from the date of eligibility for the program, or on the day the service member has left the selected reserve. The VA pays a monthly stipend based on the number of credits taken in the academic program.



#### **NSU Yellow Ribbon Education Enhancement Program**

NSU is proud to partner with the VA for the Yellow Ribbon Program offered to U.S. Veterans. The Yellow Ribbon Scholarship Program provides educational benefits as part of the GI Bill\* Veteran Educational Assistance Act of 2008. Once students are granted acceptance into the program, they do not need to reapply each year. Funding may vary from year to year.

Under this program, NSU offers scholarships to veterans who qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill\* and are eligible for increased benefits under the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Detailed information on the NSU Yellow Ribbon Scholarship Program is available at *nova.edu/financialaid* /veterans/yellow\_ribbon.html.

### **Before You Apply**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs requires each applicant utilizing their VA educational benefits to be formally accepted into an approved curriculum (program of study) before initial certification of attendance can be sent to the VA.



Please visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website at *va.gov* for additional information.

#### **Application Process**

- 1. Apply for education benefits at *va.gov*. Eligible students will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE).
- Submit copies of the COE and the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (Form DD-214) to NSU via email to vabenefits@nova.edu. View the matrix at nova.edu/financialaid/veterans/forms/matrix.pdf to determine which forms and documents you need to submit.
- Veterans are responsible for ensuring that all requirements for admission to their VA-approved NSU academic program have been met. To ensure this, veterans can contact their college's admissions department.
- 4. The NSU Veteran Certifying Official will send an electronic enrollment certification to the Department of Veteran Affairs once a student's forms have been received and enrollment into courses at NSU has been confirmed. Veterans will receive confirmation via email from NSU once the enrollment certification has been sent.
- Veterans will receive award letters from the U.S.
   Department of Veterans Affairs once their eligibility has been certified.

Visit *nova.edu/financialaid/veterans* for more information about NSU's veterans benefits, or call Enrollment and Student Services (ESS) at (954) 262-7236 or 800-541-6682, ext. 27236.

The VA has assigned NSU to the Muskogee Regional Processing Office. You can contact the VA directly.

Phone: 888-GI Bill-1 (888-442-4551)

Mail: Department of Veterans Affairs Muskogee Regional Processing Office P.O. Box 8888 Muskogee, OK 74402-8888

Visit nova.edu/financialaid for more information on additional sources of financial assistance.







Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, military service, veteran status, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Any such acts are unacceptable and strictly prohibited by the university. Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate's, baccalaureate, master's, educational specialist, doctorate, and professional degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Nova Southeastern University.

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