

Auburn University Veteran's Resource Center

VETERAN EDUCATION BENEFITS



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THE ONE STOP SHOP

MISSION STATEMENT

The Auburn University Veterans Resource Center (AVRC) is a dedicated, service driven organization, acting as a valuable resource, providing a welcoming and compassionate environment, in which to serve all military-affiliated students at Auburn University.

VRC OVERVIEW

- 9 full-time staff members
- 5 part-time work study staff
- 5 Federal GI Bill® Education benefits
- 1,600+ students using Federal Education benefits certified to the VA each semester
 - 380+ student veterans
 - 1200+ dependents



STATE BENEFITS

**AL GI DEPENDENT
SCHOLARSHIP**

**AL National Guard
Educational
Assistance Program
(ANGEAP)**



STATE ALABAMA BENEFITS BREAKDOWN

ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM(ANGEAP)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Semesterly ANGEAP application
FAFSA for Academic Year

OVERVIEW:

- Available for members of the AL National Guard
- Set amount of funding each academic year.
- Payer of last resort after all times of grant and gift aid.

ANGEAP APPLICATION IS TIME SENSITIVE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT APPLICATION BY UNIVERSITY'S DEADLINE.

ALABAMA GI DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Certificate of Entitlement /
FERPA Release
FAFSA for Academic Year

OVERVIEW:

- Students must meet eligibility requirements and apply on the ADVA website.
- Payer of last resort after all times of grant and gift aid.
- Must meet SAP
- Can provide:
 - Up to \$400 a credit hour
 - Up to \$1000 per semester for textbooks and instructional fees.

CONTACT

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FEDERAL BENEFITS

**CH 30: MONTGOMERY GI BILL®
(MGIB-ACTIVE DUTY)**

**CH 31: Veteran Readiness &
Employment (VR&E)**

**CH 33: POST 9/11 GI BILL® & FRY
SCHOLARSHIP**

**CH 35: Dependents Educational
Assistance (DEA)**

**CH 1606: MONTGOMERY GI BILL®
(MGIB-SELECT RESERVE)**



STARTING BENEFITS AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

APPLY FOR YOUR CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Students must apply with the VA to use their benefits. After 30 days, they should receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) in the mail.

- Apply for the COE at <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>

READ THE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

The Statement of Understanding outlines how federal benefits are utilized at AU and the expectations placed on the student.

CREATE VAWORKS PROFILE AND COMPLETE FORM

- Student must first be **accepted** to Auburn University before they can create their profile as you will sign on with your university login. You will be prompted to complete the Intake form which will ask for your COE.





REQUESTING TO USE BENEFITS - SEMESTERLY (UNDER VA BENEFITS)

/// SEMESTERLY CERTIFICATION REQUEST

All students using a Federal VA Education benefit are required to submit a certification request each semester. This notifies the VRC of your intent to use benefits. If the request is not submitted, the VRC will not certify your enrollment to the VA nor place penny memos on accounts for CH33 Students. Please click on the "Certification Request" in VAWorks and fill out the information entirely **once you have registered for classes**. If you are pursuing a dual major, make sure to state each major on the form.

SIGN INTO VA WORKS

/// CERTIFICATION CYCLE

Students must submit their request by the priority deadline are guaranteed to have their schedule certified by the first day of classes, as long as their are no issues with their paperwork. Those who do not complete their certification request by the first day of certifying will be certified after those who met the priority deadline are completed. In the initial wave of certification, the SCOs will submit enrollment hours to the VA and \$0 in tuition and fees. After the fifteenth class day, the SCOs will amend schedules for class changes and to bill for CH33 students.

Summer 2026:

Priority Deadline to submit Certification Request(To Ensure Penny Memo by Bill Date for CH33): May 1, 2026

First Certification Begins: May 4, 2026

Full Semester and First Mini-Semester Tuition/Fee Billing Begins: June 2, 2026

Second Mini-Semester Tuition/Fee Billing Begins: July 7, 2026

Fall 2026:

Priority Deadline to submit Certification Request(To Ensure Penny Memo by Bill Date for CH33): July 31, 2026

First Certification Begins: August 2, 2026

Tuition/Fee Billing Begins: September 7, 2026

Please note that this is when the SCOs will begin certifying students. The process can take up to two weeks from the start of the cycle for a certification or amendment to happen.

Students will receive an email once certified. If you have any concerns, reach out to your School Certifying Official([Contact](#))



KEY POINTS FOR FEDERAL RECIPIENTS!

IMPORTANT:

- Know chapter of VA Benefit
- The VA ONLY covers degree-applicable classes or approved electives
- If you register late, drop/add classes or change major, notify us at veterans@auburn.edu and through VAWorks.
- Students should not change their major in the middle of the semester, as it can create debt.
- VA **DOES NOT** cover undeclared programs. Exploratory students must contact their program advisor to be re-classified as "Interdisciplinary Studies."
- Do not rely on BAH for rent payments as there are many reasons why it might come late!

THE VA PAYS YOU BASED ON 2 DIFFERENT THINGS:

DAYS

- Paid starting first day of class to last day of finals.
- First and last month of semester is prorated
 - Example: Class starts AUG 16 ; PAID for AUG 16-31

For Fall & Spring

Full-Time: 12 Hours

For Summer

Full Semester (10 Weeks) -
Full-Time: 8 Hours

Mini-Semester 1 or 2 (5 weeks):
Full-Time: 4 Hours

HOURS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- First month's BAH is always late, possibly arriving first or second week of SEPT.
- Do **not** rely on BAH to pay rent. VA is not consistent and can be late.





CHAPTERS 30, 35 & 1606[®]

MONTHLY HOUSING STIPEND ONLY ; NO TUITION COVERAGE

- Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill[®] (MGIB-Active Duty)
- Chapter 35: Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)
- Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill[®] (MGIB-Select Reserve)

NOTE:

- Above benefits do NOT pay tuition and fees
- VA pays monthly stipend directly to bank account on file with VA



CHAPTER 35 DEA: DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Monthly stipend only, roughly \$1574 per month if full time student, prorated if enrolled in less than full-time.

Who is this for?

Dependents of veterans with 100% disability rating.

Generally, provides 36 months of benefit usage per dependent.

Can be used with ALGI Dependent Scholarship

This is paid directly to the student and does not cover any tuition/fees.

Student must respond to monthly verification text before they can receive their stipend.



CHAPTER 1606 MONTGOMERY GI BILL® -SR / CHAPTER 30 MONTGOMERY GI BILL® - AD

Who is this for?

Reservists

AL National Guard Members

Soldiers with at least 2 years of active duty.

Monthly stipend only, roughly \$300-1900 per month if full time student, prorated if enrolled in less than full-time hours.

Must call VA on last day of each month for Monthly Verification of Attendance

Even if you are certified, you still must call to receive payment 1-877-823-2378

This is paid directly to the student and does not cover any tuition/fees.



CHAPTER 31: VR&E

VETERAN READINESS AND EMPLOYMENT

Who is this for?

For veterans whose service-connected disability limits your ability to work. Student applies with va.gov, and if accepted, gets assigned a VA Counselor.

Provides the following:

Covers tuition/fees

Monthly housing stipend

Books/Supplies

Students need to get their PO#(purchase order) when completing the registration form on VAWorks.

CH 33: POST 9/11 GI BILL® FRY SCHOLARSHIP

Requires the veteran to serve at least 90 days active duty to qualify and has the potential to be transferred to children. Percentages based on time served. Up to 36 months of benefits.

Benefit comprises of two major components:

- Payments made to AU
 - Paid directly to the school for resident rate of tuition and fees
- Payments made directly to student via direct deposit
 - Monthly stipend/BAH
 - Book stipend

Please be aware that this benefit will not cover all expenses. The student is responsible for any remaining charges on their account.



CH 33: POST 9/11 GI BILL® & FRY SCHOLARSHIP

THE PENNY MEMO

- VA payments will not be billed until the 15th class day. Penny memo prevents your AU bill from “coming due.”
- **To receive a penny memo, CH33 students must complete their certification request for the semester.**
- **To ensure by bill due date, submit by the priority deadline.**

HOW IT LOOKS:

- Appears as \$.01 on your e-bill under “Estimated Financial Aid”
 - Will not appear on parent portal version.
- Once billed, it becomes:
 - Actual T&F amount
 - % of VA benefit eligibility
 - Anticipated payment.

CHAPTER 33: POST 9/11 & FRY SCHOLARSHIP: E-BILL

1. Log into AU Access
2. Click on MY FINANCES
3. Click on E-Bill icon
4. Click "View account activity"

Student Account Balance		\$4,744.74		
▼ Summer 2022		\$4,744.74		
Print Excel PDF				
Estimated Financial Aid				
Description	Code	Amount (\$)		
Estimated Ch 33 Payment	9997	\$0.01		
Total Estimated Aid:			\$0.01	
Account Activity				
Search: <input type="text"/>				
Description	Code	Date	Charges	Credits/Anticipated Credits
BKSTR ALL ACCESS ACCT2110	BK52	6/8/22	\$91.75	--
Electronic Check Payment	9029	4/15/22	--	\$106.75
▶ Tuition			\$4,653.00	--
Total Charges:			\$4,744.75	
Total Credits/Anticipated Credits:			\$106.75	
Term Balance:			\$4,744.75	
Term Balance Including Estimated Aid:			\$4,744.74	

CH 33: POST 9/11 GI BILL® & FRY SCHOLARSHIP

HOUSING STIPEND

- Pays at a E-5 rate with dependents
- To receive full benefit, student must be enrolled in full-time:
 - Fall/Spring: 12 credit hours
 - Full Summer: 8 credit hours.
 - Anything less will be prorated by the VA.
- Beginning and last months are prorated based off number of days in class.
- Do not rely on stipend for housing/living as often delayed.

BOOK STIPEND

- Pays \$41.67 a credit hour with an annual cap of \$1000.
- This is paid directly to the student.

CH 33 MONTHLY VERIFICATION REQUIRED

To continue receiving your Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA/BAH), all Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® students are required to verify their enrollment with the VA, with one of 2 ways.

1. **Call:**

1- 888-442-4551 on the last day of each month and follow the appropriate prompts.

2. **Text:**

- **Opt in:** Students with a U.S. mobile phone number, as your enrollment approaches, will receive the following opt-in text: “Post-9/11 GI Bill housing and kicker payments now require monthly enrollment verification. Would you like to submit yours via text? Please reply YES or NO.” **Reply “YES” to opt in.** The text message link will expire **14 days after receipt.**
- **Verify:** After opting in, you can verify your enrollment every month simply by responding to the following text message from VA: “Did you remain enrolled in your courses in MON YYYY as certified? Please reply YES or NO. If you have dropped all your courses, you must reply NO.” **Reply “YES” to verify enrollment for the previous month.**

Enrollment verification via text message is safe and secure. VA will **never** ask for your personal information, such as social security number or bank account information, via text.

VA strongly recommends text message verification for verifying your enrollment.



NON-RESIDENT TUITION WAIVERS: SPECIAL PROGRAMS

CHOICE ACT

- Student resides in AL while attending AU
- Student uses Post 9/11 or Chapter 35
- Submit following forms to the VRC website:
 - Certificate of Eligibility
 - Proof of Domicile (dorm assignments, leases, etc.)

If student runs out of benefit, students maintain in-state residency if they maintain fall/spring enrollment.

YELLOW RIBBON PROGRAM

- Undergrad Students Only
- Veteran or Dependent
- MUST have 100% eligibility rating for Post 9/11
- Limited availability
- Please notify the VRC through veterans@auburn.edu



NON-RESIDENT TUITION WAIVERS: SPECIAL PROGRAMS

ALABAMA HOUSE BILL 424

- Veteran who enrolls in AU w/in 5 years of discharge or
- Service-Connected Disability rating by VA
- Student resides in AL while attending AU
- Email paperwork to veterans@auburn.edu

ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD

- Once student has completed basic and AIT training, the student will email residency@auburn.edu .

SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships are applied through AUSOM
 - Make sure to complete questions relating to veteran or dependent status.
- Explore local options:
 - VFWs, American Legions, Officer Associations.

WORKING WITH YOUR BENEFITS

- Tuition only scholarships must be deducted from Chapter 33 benefits.*
- Scholarships that can cover other fees/expenses can be stacked with federal benefits.
- If receiving an external scholarship, make sure the VRC receives a copy of your scholarship instruction letter.

**If a scholarship is ONLY for tuition, it must be deducted from the CH33 benefits.*



AUBURN STUDENT VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION

A 501 (c)(3) student organization that represents veterans transitioning from prior military service into higher education..

Major events:

- Annual Gala
- Operation Iron Ruck
- Golf Classic Tournament
- Tailgates

Resources for ASVA members:

- SGA Liaisons

Join through AUIinvolve!



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