

Veterans and Military

EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS



THE UNIVERSITY
OF TAMPA®

VETERAN AND MILITARY EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS AT UTAMPA

- Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill®
- Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill®
- Chapter 31 Veteran Readiness and Employment
- Chapter 35 Dependents' Educational Assistance Program
- Chapter 1606
- Green to Gold, MSEP, ISEP
- Military Tuition Assistance
- Florida National Guard EDD



Student Responsibilities

Students using veterans benefits must complete the following:

- Apply to use benefits at UTampa at va.gov/education
- Submit required documents to the University's VA School Certifying Official at vco@ut.edu
- Complete the Veterans Benefits Certification Request form each term
- Keep track of your remaining benefits
- Report any dropped or added courses to the University's VA certifying official, who will submit the changes to the VA. **Dropped courses may result in a debt for the MHA and/or tuition and fees.**
- If receiving MHA for Chapter 33, complete VA monthly text enrollment verification. Visit benefits.va.gov/gibill for more info.

When to Contact UTampa's VA Certifying Official

Newly admitted students should contact the University's VA School Certifying Official via email at vco@ut.edu to ensure a smooth transition. Certification is not automatic and therefore students must request certification for each term that they want to use their benefits. Students must also notify us the semester *prior* to their benefits exhausting.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Although Chapter 33 recipients may have all their tuition and fees covered, it is still advised to fill out the FAFSA each year. Students may be entitled to additional funds.

For help completing the FAFSA, contact the University's Financial Aid Office at (813) 253-6219 or finaid@ut.edu.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website va.gov/education.

VA BENEFITS AND FORMS NEEDED FOR ENROLLMENT

Apply for and track benefits information through va.gov/education.

Chapter	Eligibility	Forms Needed for First-Time Enrollment	Benefits
<p>Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill®) for military veterans</p>	<p>Must serve on active duty after Sept. 10, 2001, for at least 36 months and be honorably discharged, or serve at least 30 consecutive days and be medically discharged to receive 100 percent benefits. Lower rates apply for less than 36 months of service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Eligibility • Member 4 copy of DD214 if separated. • VA Form 22-1995 if benefits were previously used. 	<p>VA payment of tuition, plus Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) — amounts of each depend on percentage of eligibility. No MHA for active-duty service members.</p>
<p>Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill®) for military dependent or spouse</p>	<p>Service member must have served on active duty after Sept. 10, 2001, and have transferred a portion of his/her GI Bill® to the student while still in the service.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Eligibility • VA Form 22-1995 if benefits were previously used. 	<p>VA payment of tuition, plus Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) — amounts of each depend on percentage of eligibility. No MHA for active-duty service members.</p>
<p>Chapter 35 (Dependents' Educational Assistance)</p>	<p>Must be a child or spouse of a service member who meets the eligibility criteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Eligibility • VA Form 22-5495 if benefits were previously used. 	<p>Depending on their individual course load, students will receive monthly payments from the VA to assist with payment of tuition, fees and other applicable costs.</p>
<p>Chapter 31 (Veteran Readiness and Employment)</p>	<p>Students must submit an application for benefits to the VA to determine eligibility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VR&E counselor must submit approval through Tungsten Network. • Member 4 copy of DD214 	<p>100 percent of tuition is paid as well as any costs determined eligible by the VR&E counselor.</p>
<p>Yellow Ribbon</p>	<p>Veterans, active-duty service members and their dependents who receive Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill®) benefits at 100 percent are automatically eligible to receive Yellow Ribbon benefits at UT.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of Eligibility showing 100 percent eligible for Post 9/11 GI Bill® 	<p>See Yellow Ribbon section on previous page.</p>

Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill®

The Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® is an education benefit program for any service member who served in the military or Coast Guard after Sept. 10, 2001, and who meets the eligibility criteria. You may be eligible to receive benefits if you served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty and were honorably discharged, or were released from active duty for a service-connected disability after serving for 30 days.

Veterans, active-duty service members and dependents attending the University of Tampa may be eligible for:

- Tuition and fees paid to UTampa each semester of eligibility on their behalf.
- Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) that is equal to a Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) payable for the ZIP code of UTampa (33606) equal to a military E-5 with dependents. The MHA amount is relative to the course load and delivery mode a student registers for each term. Amounts are paid to the student directly from the VA, prorated for dates of enrollment. Any changes to enrollment could delay and/or affect the total amount of MHA.
- Book and supplies stipend of up to \$1,000 per year, paid to the student at the start of the fall and spring semesters.

Yellow Ribbon Program

Yellow Ribbon is designed to help students with 100% eligibility of the Post 9/11 GI Bill®, whose actual cost of tuition and fees exceeds the VA annual tuition rate. To participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program, UTampa voluntarily entered into an agreement (known as the Principles of Excellence) with the VA to fund tuition and fees beyond the annual rate. The VA matches each dollar the institution agrees to contribute, up to \$10,000 for undergraduate students and \$3,500 for graduate students.



Florida Honorably Discharged Graduate Assistance Program (HDGAP)

Florida residents who are active duty or honorably discharged members of the Armed Forces who served on or after Sept. 11, 2001, may be eligible to receive up to \$50 per day for up to 20 days in an academic year during semester breaks. Military service members stationed in Florida qualify as Florida Residents. Limited funding is available. Funds are generally awarded in December for the winter break. To be considered for HDGAP, students must prove Florida residency by the end of Fall semester add/drop and demonstrate financial need on the FAFSA.

UTampa ROTC Grant for Living Expenses

The University of Tampa offers a Grant for Living Expenses to assist ROTC cadets with the costs of housing and food (fall and spring semesters only). The amount of the grant is equal to the amount of on-campus housing and food used in the cost of attendance, as determined by the Financial Aid Office (students living off-campus receive the same amount). Eligible recipients enroll full-time, are ROTC cadets receiving an ROTC scholarship or contracted with one of the military branches. Contact your financial aid counselor for more information.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS USING VA BENEFITS

A Breakdown of UTampa's Payer System

FIRST PAYER:

All forms of this aid are designated for tuition and fees only. They will be applied directly to tuition and fees and deducted from charges certified to the VA.

- All UTampa scholarships and grants, including athletic, academic, need-based and others
- Certain federal and state aid programs, including, but not limited to, Military TA, ROTC tuition grants, Health Professionals Scholarship and Government Employees Training
- Employer or private scholarships (designated for tuition only)
- Florida Effective Access to Student Education (EASE) Grant

SECOND PAYER:

The remaining amount of tuition and fees after first payer deductions will be reported to the VA. According to a student's eligibility percentage, the VA will pay its portion of remaining funds. For Yellow Ribbon students, UTampa will provide funding for the remaining tuition and fees up to \$10,000 for undergraduates and up to \$3,500 for graduates per academic year.

- Total annual Post 9/11 GI Bill® tuition and fees entitlement (for academic year). Check ut.edu/veterans for annual amount changes, or contact the University's VA certifying official.
- Yellow Ribbon funds will be applied only after the entire amount of VA funding has been exhausted.

THIRD PAYER:

Remaining aid may be applied to other direct costs, like on-campus housing and meal plans, or in some instances be refunded to the student.

- Florida Bright Futures scholarships
- Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
- Federal Pell Grant
- Florida Prepaid
- Employer or private scholarships (designated for "general" expenses)
- UT ROTC Grant for Living Expenses
- Children and Spouses of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CSDDV) Scholarship
- All types of loans, including, but not limited to, PLUS Loan and Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans



The University of Tampa is consistently recognized as a Military Friendly School by Victory Media and a top school by *Military Advanced Education & Transition* magazine.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

- UTampa VA School Certifying Official (813) 257-3975
vco@ut.edu
- UTampa Veterans Resources Website ut.edu/veterans
- UTampa Financial Aid Office (813) 253-6219
ut.edu/financialaid
- UTampa Office of Admissions (813) 253-6211
- UTampa Bursar's Office
(bill payment, tuition payment plan, Florida Prepaid) (813) 253-6202
- Financial Literacy and Career Resources igrad.com

U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs

- VA Debt Management Center (800) 827-0648
- VA Education Call Center (888) 442-4551
va.gov/education

ROTC Scholarship Information

- Army ROTC (813) 258-7200
- Air Force ROTC (813) 974-3367
- Navy ROTC (813) 974-4789



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