



## **Veteran's Benefits Policy**

Effective for the 2025-2026 Academic Year

Veteran's or dependents of Veteran's may be eligible for federal benefits to offset educational expenses. Receipt of these benefits are reviewed by the Financial Aid Office and updates to the offered award(s) are made if applicable.

The most common educational VA programs are:

Active-Duty Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 31)

Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) w/Yellow Ribbon

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)

How to Apply:

Benefits and instructions on how to transfer benefits can be reviewed online at

<https://www.va.gov/education/>

Once eligibility is approved by Veteran's Affairs (VA), the Registrar's Office will certify enrollment at the start of classes each semester on the VA online portal.

Benefits for all chapters except Chapter 33 Post 9/11 benefits are sent directly to the servicemember and/or the student to use for payment of educational expenses. Students are encouraged to take advantage of our payment plan option through TouchNet, utilizing VA benefits to pay the student account balance.

### **Chapter 33 Post 9/11 Veteran's Benefits/Yellow Ribbon**

Chapter 33 Post 9/11 benefits are paid directly to the institution. Guilford College includes an estimated yellow ribbon amount for spring semester to match the remaining obligation toward tuition and fees after the maximum payment from the VA has been reached. For the 2024-2025 academic year, the maximum payment from the VA is \$28,937.09 for the Post 9/11 GI Bill. Rates change each August 1.

Students who have received a financial aid offer prior to notification of receipt of Post 9/11 VA benefits are reviewed for adjustments. Institutional funds (i.e., merit and need based grants/scholarships) may be reduced or cancelled upon receipt of these benefits. On campus students will retain the Housing Grant to assist with housing costs.

Generally, students who receive benefits at 100% will receive full tuition and fees for the academic year paid through the VA and the Guilford College Yellow Ribbon program. Eligibility is reviewed each year based on information from the VA representative on campus and the VA website.

Students who apply and qualify for federal, state, and external grant and scholarship programs (i.e., Pell Grant, NC State Need Based Grants and external scholarships) are able to utilize those funds to assist with food, housing, or other indirect educational costs.

Students approved for Chapter 33 Post 9/11 benefits also receive a housing stipend and book funds that are paid to the servicemember or student directly from Veteran's Affairs.