



VETERAN BENEFIT RECIPIENT FACT SHEET

1. First-time VA Recipients must complete either the form 22-1990 (Chapters 30, 31, 33, and 1606) or the form 22-5490 (Chapter 35). For dependents whose parents transfer their Post 9/11 entitlement to the student they, too, must complete the form 22-5490. Students may complete these applications on-line at www.vabenefits.vba.va.gov or they may complete a paper application, which can be printed from the SCC website. Students who complete the application on-line are requested to bring a copy of the completed application to the college's VA representative.
2. VA benefits are paid to the student monthly, usually at the end of the month. VA does not pay tuition, fees, or books*.
3. Veterans must submit ALL prior college transcripts to the college's Office of Admissions. If ALL transcripts have not been received by the college, certification will be submitted. If a student omits a Transcript which is discovered at a later date, the student could owe a debt to the VA for all coursework certified to that point. The student would be responsible for paying that debt.
4. In order to be certified, the student is required to complete a "Request to be Certified for VA Benefits" form and submit that to the SCC VA office, along with all other required paperwork. VA students are also required to submit a "Semester Request for Certification" form prior to the beginning of each semester.
5. Please keep in mind that it can take VA up to 90 days to process certifications or claims.
6. In order to receive an estimate of your aid, you may go to www.sccsc.edu, sign into your SCC Portal, select "Financial Aid", then select "Shopping Sheet". It is advisable to print the Shopping Sheet and retain for future reference.
7. Students receiving Chapter 30 and Chapter 1606 benefits MUST verify their enrollment on the first day of each month by calling 1- (877) 823-2378 or by going to the GI Bill website and verifying their enrollment on-line at WAIVE. Chapter 33 students do not have to verify their enrollment.
8. Students receiving the Chapter 35 benefit do not have to verify their enrollment as long as they are enrolled in an Associate's degree program; however, if you are in a Certificate or Diploma program, you must verify your enrollment monthly by calling 1- (888) 442-4551.
9. If a student changes programs, the student MUST come by the Financial Aid/Veteran's Affairs office and complete a "Change of Program" form 22-1995 for Chapters 30, 33, 35, and 1606 or 22-5495 for Chapter 35.
10. If a student changes their address or telephone number, the student must notify the Financial Aid/Veteran's Affairs office and the SCC Office of Admissions.
11. If a student drops a class or withdraws from school, the student MUST notify the Financial Aid/Veteran's Affairs office. Students who drop a class may be required to pay funds back to VA. Students that do not officially "drop" classes but merely stop attending will be dropped as of the last date of attendance. Any VA funds received AFTER the submitted date will have to be paid back to VA. The student will be responsible for paying all debts back to VA.
12. Note that the VA will only pay for classes required in your curriculum. It will NOT pay for any class outside of your program, regardless of reason the class is taken. It is advisable that the student print his or her Program Evaluation in order to insure that he or she are only enrolling in courses required for their graduation. Students should retain a copy of their Program Evaluation for future reference.
13. To receive payment for Full-time enrollment, the student must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours. Three-quarter time enrollment is 9 to 11 credit hours, half-time enrollment is 6 to 8 credit hours, and anything less than 6 credit hours is considered "less than half-time" enrollment. The VA will pro-rate the student's payment based on their enrollment status. For Chapter 33 students, in order to receive the BAH, the student must be enrolled in at least 7 credit hours (greater than half-time status).
14. Chapter 1606 students are NOT eligible to receive both the 1606 benefit and Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA); however, if a student receiving FTA is enrolled in a course or courses required in the student's program not covered by FTA, the student can receive 1606 benefits for the unpaid course(s).
15. Although the VA will pay for On-line courses and it will also pay for Remedial courses, VA will **NOT** pay for Remedial courses taken On-line.

*Post 9/11 students will receive a book stipend.