



CHAPTER 33 (Post 9/11) ENTITLEMENTS

1. Individuals eligible under Chapter 33 are entitled to up to 36 months of Educational assistance.
2. Chapter 33 students are responsible to pay for their books up front, and any balance owed, if the student is not eligible for the Post 9/11 benefit at the 100% level (unless other Financial Aid is available). It is the student's responsibility to check with the Business Office to verify payment of tuition has been made prior to the "purge" date of each semester. If the student does get purged, it is the student's responsibility to re-register for classes and to pay the 'late fee'. If any of the student's classes, which were 'held', are not paid for by the end of the semester, the student will not be allowed to register for the following semester.
3. Full-time enrollment is 12 or more credit hours and half-time enrollment is 6 - 8 credit hours. In order for the student to receive the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH), he or she must be enrolled in a **greater** than half-time status, which will be **at least 7 (seven) credit hours**.
4. VA pays tuition based on enrollment dates.
 EXAMPLE: *If the student is enrolled in three, full semester classes, and then enrolls in a class during a late mini-semester, the VA will only pay the full semester's tuition and will not pay the additional tuition until the mini-semester term begins.*
5. Individuals eligible under Chapter 30, who elect to receive benefits under Chapter 33, are only entitled to receive Chapter 33 benefits for the number of months they have remaining under Chapter 30; at the time of their election, up to a maximum of 36 months. If the Chapter 30 student has exhausted all of his or her Chapter 30 benefit prior to electing to use Chapter 33, that student may have an additional entitlement of up to another 12 months of Chapter 33 under the 48 month rule. Note that individuals may not receive benefits under more than one Chapter concurrently.
6. Tuition re-imbursement will be based on the amount of funds the school receives from VA. The eligible amount of tuition the school receives is based on the amount of tuition the student was charged at the time of enrollment and the amount of time the student actually served on Active Duty (See chart below).
Students receiving Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) will only be eligible for funds NOT covered by FTA.

INDIVIDUALS SERVING AN AGGREGATE PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY AFTER SEPTEMBER 10, 2001:	INCLUDES ENTRY LEVEL & SKILL TRAINING	PERCENTAGE OF MAXIMUM BENEFIT
At least 36 months.	YES	100
At least 30 continuous days on Active Duty (Discharged due to service connected disability).	YES	100
At least 30 months but less than 36 months.	YES	90
At least 24 months but less than 30 months.	YES	80
At least 18 months but less than 24 months.	NO	70
At least 12 months but less than 18 months.	NO	60
At least 6 months but less than 12 months.	NO	50
At least 90 days but less than 6 months.	NO	40

7. The monthly housing allowance (BAH) paid to the student is based on the basic monthly housing allowance payable for a military member, with dependents, in an E-5 paygrade, who is residing in the same zip code in which the college is located. Students training at 50% or less are NOT eligible for the BAH. Students who are enrolled solely in "on-line" classes are eligible for only 1/2 of the BAH. The housing allowance will be pro-rated based on the percentage of entitlement and enrollment hours. If the student is enrolled in "on campus" classes for a 15 week session and is taking 3 credit hours, the student MUST attend class for at least 45 hours.
8. Students may receive a Book Stipend of up to \$1,000.00 per academic year for books and supplies (based on the percentage of the veteran's benefit eligibility). The student will receive a lump sum payment in the first month of each semester at the rate of \$41.67 per credit hour; up to a yearly total of 24 credit hours. The book stipend will be pro-rated based on the percentage of entitlement eligibility.
FUNDS ARE MAILED DIRECTLY TO THE STUDENT FROM VA.
9. Non-credit, Remedial, Deficiency, and Developmental courses, taken via "Independent Study", CANNOT be certified under Chapter 33 or any other GI Bill program. "Independent Study" includes Distance Learning, Web, Internet, Correspondence, Self-study, and On-line coursework.
10. The election to use the Chapter 33 Benefit is irrevocable.
11. If you are entitled to a "kicker", you must forfeit the benefit (Chapter) in which the kicker was awarded.
12. To obtain an estimate of your aid, you may log on to www.sccsc.edu, sign into your SCC Portal, select "Financial Aid", then choose "Shopping Sheet". You may then print the sheet.

