

Informational Guide for Chapter 35
Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance
Bellarmine University



Office of Military and Veteran Student Services

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Chapter 35 is a monthly stipend paid to the dependents of veterans who have died or been permanently disabled in the line of duty, while they are in school. It cannot be used in conjunction with a GI Bill® or Fry Scholarship.

Basic Eligibility

Eligible individuals are Veterans' and Servicemembers' dependents, spouses, and surviving spouses who have been found eligible because of one of the following:

- The Veteran's death was caused by the service-connected disability
- The Veteran is rated for total and permanent service-connected disability
- The Servicemember is Missing in Action (MIA)
- The Servicemember is captured in the line of duty
- The Servicemember is forcibly detained for longer than 90 days
- The Servicemember who VA determines has a service-connected permanent and total disability that will result in a discharge from military service
- Participants include a dependent child between the ages of 14 to 31 and a spouse, or surviving spouse, who qualifies for the benefit

Entitlement

Maximum number of months of benefit: 36 months.

Institutional Training

Training Time

Monthly rate

Full time	\$1,298.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ time	\$1,026.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ time	\$753.00
less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time and more than $\frac{1}{4}$ time	\$753.00
$\frac{1}{4}$ time or less	\$324.50

Application for Benefits

To apply for Chapter 35, go to www.vets.gov and fill out VA Form 22-5490 (Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits). The Department of Veteran Affairs can take up to 8 - 12 weeks to process the application for benefits. Once the application becomes finalized, the student will receive a CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY, which verifies the amount of benefits as well as

months of entitlement available. The VA Certifying Official (OMVS Staff) will need a copy for the student's file.

Visit <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage> to download your COE electronically.

You must apply for your benefits no later than the dates below to allow enough time for the Department of Veteran Affairs to process the application for benefits. Keep in mind, applying by this date does not guarantee that the application will be processed before the start of a new semester.

- Fall Semester: July 1st
- Spring Semester: November 1st
- Summer Semester: March 1st

Requesting Benefits

To request the use of your benefits, please fill out the Semester Enrollment Form at <https://www.bellarmine.edu/veterans/forms/>. Once completed, click "submit" at the bottom of the page. Remember that this form **must be completed prior to the start of EACH semester in which you use any benefits.**

Change of Address

It is the responsibility of the veteran/dependent to keep the Department of Veteran Affairs and the certifying official informed of your current address. To update your address, visit www.gibill.va.gov (Ask a question/find an answer) and submit the information.

Direct Deposit

To establish or change direct deposit information, **contact the Department of Veteran Affairs at 1-877-838-2778 immediately**, or use <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>. Failure to contact the VA with changes may delay payments.

FAQs

- The first semester will take a couple of weeks for your benefits to activate, approximately 1-3 weeks.
- Benefits are pro-rated for how long you are in school. For example, September will bring more money than December due to Christmas break.
- The benefits are yours and do not need to be paid back.

- They can be used until the first degree is granted or until the maximum age of 31 is reached.
- Your monthly stipend will usually enter bank account 1-3 days before the first of the month.

For specific questions regarding your benefits, call the GI Bill® hotline:

888-442-4551

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