

Post - 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

The Post - 9/11 GI Bill is a new education benefit program for individuals who served on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. Post - 9/11 GI Bill benefits are payable for training pursued **on or after August 1, 2009**. No payments can be made under this benefit for training before that date.

Note: Once you elect to receive benefits under the Post - 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), you will no longer be eligible to receive benefits under your previous program (Chapter 30, 1606 and/or 1607). The election to use Chapter 33 benefits is an irrevocable election and must be in writing from the individual.

Individuals who elect to use the Post - 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) benefits **must** complete a new application (22-1990) available beginning May 1, 2009. *Be sure to elect 9F. Chapter 33 Election under Part II - Education Benefit being applied for.* The 22-1990 can be submitted in two (2) ways:

- Click on the link provided to submit the 22-1990 on-line <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp> directly to the VA. Instructions for filling out applications are provided on this website.
- Click on the link provide to complete the 22-1990 (fillable format) [Applications\22-1990.pdf](#). Once the information is filled in, print the 22-1990, sign, date and mail the 22-1990 with a member-4 copy of the DD-214 to the following address for the Southern Region (serves Alabama):
VA Regional Office
P. O. Box 100022
Decatur, GA 30031-7022

The 22-1990 **must** be processed by the VA before an individual can use the benefit at Shelton State Community College. Once your 22-1990 is approved by the VA, you will receive a letter stating the percentage of benefits that you are eligible to receive (**see table 1 under Basic Eligibility**). When you receive this letter, you will need to provide a copy of the letter to Shelton State Community College to begin using your new benefit.

Basic Eligibility

To be eligible, a service member or veteran (honorable discharge) must have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty*. However, individuals who were honorably discharged for a **service-connected disability** and who served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001, may establish eligibility as determined by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

**Excludes time in Basic Military Training and/or Skill Training.*

Table 1

Service Requirements (after 9/10/2001 an individual must serve an aggregate of)	Payment Tiers Percentage
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Must be honorably discharged due to a service-connected disability)	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70
At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60
At least 06 months, but less than 12 months	50
At least 90 days, but less than 06 months	40

Consider Before You Elect

Before you elect to use the Post - 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) it is recommended that each individual calculate their entitlement. A good tool is the calculator available at <http://www.gibill2008.org/calculator.html> which gives the individual a comparison of the current benefits and the new benefit.

Benefit Payments

Under the Post - 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), the individual may receive:

- Tuition and fees
- Book stipend up to \$1000 per academic year
 - \$41.67 per credit hour
 - Up to 24 credit hours in a single academic year
 - Lump sum payment (each semester attended) paid directly to the individual until book stipend exhausted for the academic year
 - **Active duty members are not eligible**
- Monthly housing allowance (BAH)
 - Amount determined by the zip code of the college/university where the student is enrolled. For Shelton State Community College students, the zip code is 35405 and the calculated BAH is currently \$1094. Click here for the BAH for colleges/universities in the State of Alabama: [BAH for Chapter 33.pdf](#)
 - BAH payments are paid directly to the eligible person on a monthly basis
 - **Active duty members are not eligible**
 - **Individuals training at $\frac{1}{2}$ time (6 credit hours) or less is not eligible**
 - **Individuals pursuing training solely by distance learning (online classes) are not eligible**

All benefit payments are prorated based on the percentage of the individual's payment tier (i.e.: 40% to 100%). See table 1 under Basic Eligibility.

Additional Resources for Information

The information provided here does not include all information concerning the Post - 9/11 GI Bill and is meant only to inform individuals of the basics. Each individual is encouraged to read and examine all information concerning the new benefit to assist in determining which benefit is best suited for their needs.

More comprehensive and additional information can be found on-line. Here are just a few websites available:

www.gibill.va.gov
www.military.com
www.gibill2008.org
[Chapter 33 Pamphlet.pdf](#)

Contact Us

For additional information from Shelton State Community College, please contact the VA Certifying Official at 205.391.2218 or via email at ssccfinancial@sheltonstate.edu.