Applying for Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill) Benefits

1. Apply for benefits

* Complete the appropriate application at <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>
  + Veteran who has **not** previously used benefits: **VA Form 22-1990**
  + Spouse/Child who has **not** previously used benefits: **VA Form 22-1990E**
  + Spouse/Child applying for FRY Scholarship: **VA Form 22-5490**
  + Veteran/Spouse/Child who **have** previously used benefits: **VA Form 22-1995 or**

**22-5495 (Fry or DEA)**

* Screen shot or print confirmation page at the end of the application and submit to Office of Veterans Benefits at SRU.

1. Complete the SRU VA Enrollment Form at [www.sru.edu/military-benefits](http://www.sru.edu/military-benefits)

\*This form must be completed EVERY semester if you want to use your benefits.

1. Submit Certificate of Eligibility to Office of Veterans Benefits at SRU.\*

\*You may also submit a print out of your summary of benefits from eBenefits. Students are encouraged to create an account at [www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov) for current benefits information.

1. Verify Enrollment after classes begin:
   * On the last day of each month of the term, verify your enrollment with the VA

**Other important details:**

* Students are responsible for notifying the School Certifying official of ANY changes in credits or enrollment (drop/add courses, withdrawal, etc). Failure to notify the Office of Veterans Benefits of these changes could result in student debt owed to the VA.
* The Office of Veterans Benefits will certify your credits with the VA prior to the beginning of the semester so that the book stipend and housing allowance can be paid in a timely manner. Tuition & Fees are not reported to the VA until the end of the drop/add period once the semester begins. Expect those payments to be posted by SRU Student Accounts approximately 4-6 weeks after the semester begins.
* Be aware that certain scholarships may be deducted from the amount of Tuition & Fees submitted to the VA, depending on the terms of the award. Ask the Office of Veterans Benefits if you are unsure.
* You must be registered for at least 12 undergraduate credits or 9 graduate credits to be considered full-time. Courses that do not run for the entire length of the term may affect your full time status. Online courses may also affect your BAH payment rate.

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