Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)

Eligible students receive a percentage of the Chapter 33 benefit for tuition and fees, monthly housing allowance, and book stipend based on their length of service. The percentage is determined by the student’s aggregate active duty service after September 10, 2001. This percentage is determined by the VA and is stated on the student’s Certificate of Eligibility.

The annual cap for the 2014-2015 Academic Year is $20,235.02—this amount is prorated to the percentage of eligibility. This amount is sent directly to the school in a form of a wire payment.

In addition to the amount payable to the school, the student receives both a books/supplies stipend and monthly housing allowance.

The book/supplies stipend is a lump sum paid each term until the annual cap of 24 units is reached. It is paid at the rate of $41.67 per unit.

The monthly housing allowance is paid directly to the student at the beginning of each month for the previous month. The housing allowance is prorated by the student’s percentage of entitlement. The monthly housing allowance paid at the rate by the Department of Defense (DoD) which is the classification of E-5 with dependents and the zip code of the school (90263). This amount is prorated to the actual length of enrollment and the rate of pursuit.

In order to receive a monthly housing allowance, the student’s rate of pursuit must be greater than 50%; in addition Active Duty personnel are ineligible for the housing benefit.

The monthly housing allowance for the 2014-2015 academic year is $2,184.00.

Entitlement is charged by the rate of pursuit and this is prorated. For example, if a student attends half time for 4 months, then 2 months of entitlement is charged.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is a provision of the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33). Any student that is 100% eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill is eligible to receive a Yellow Ribbon Scholarship. We award half of the difference between the annual cap set by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the cost of tuition and fees; the amount awarded by Pepperdine is matched by the VA; therefore, a student’s tuition and certifiable fees are fully covered. Students are able to use this benefit at any of our degree programs.