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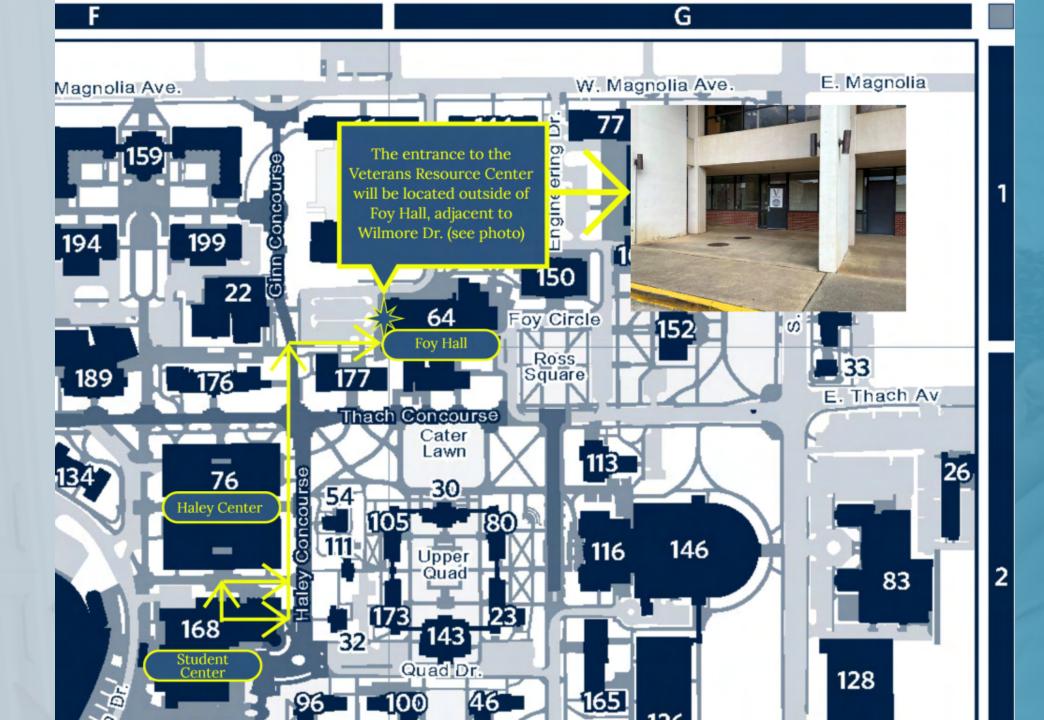
VETERAN EDUCATION Benefits

Auburn University Veteran's Resource center



VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER

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The One Stop Shop

Mission statement: The Auburn University Veterans Resource Center (AVRC) is a dedicated, service driven organization, acting as a valuable resource, providing a welcoming and compassionate environment, in which to serve all militaryaffiliated students at Auburn University.

Administrative

- 8 full-time staff members
 - 5 part-time work study staff
- Alabama GI Dependent Scholarship
- 5 Federal GI Bill® Education benefits
- 1,400+ students using Federal Education benefits certified to the VA each semester
 - 350+ student veterans
 - 1050+ dependents

State Education Benefits

AL GI Dependent Scholarship ANGEAP

Alabama GI Dependent Scholarship

- Administered by the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA)
- Must meet eligibility requirements found at: <u>http://www.va.alabama.gov/gi_dep_scholarship.aspx</u>
- Must complete the FAFSA each academic year and be meeting SAP(Satisfactory Academic Progress).

Can provide:

- Up to \$250 a credit hour
- Up to \$1000 per semester for textbooks and instructional fees.

Processing of ALGI

Student Financial Services 203 Mary Martin Hall Charles Snoddy (334) 844-3709 snoddcg@auburn.edu

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

- 1. Certificate of Entitlement (COE)
- 2. Signed FERPA Release Form

Upload Documents to: http://veterans.auburn.edu/requir ed-documents/

Alabama National Guard Education Assistance Program(ANGEAP)

- Application must be submitted semesterly basis with deadlines located at <u>http://veterans.auburn.edu/home/gi-bill-programs/angeap/</u>
 - Fall applications should be available online around the last week of July.
- Student have a current academic year FAFSA on file.
- Up to \$5687 a semester.
- Payer of last resort after all times of grant and gift aid.

ANGEAP Applications will be uploaded onto the submission located at the above link. No applications will be accepted over email.

Federal Education Benefits

> <u>Important! Know your</u> <u>benefit!!</u>

CH 30: Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB-Active Duty)

CH 31: Veteran Readiness & Employment (VR&E)

CH 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill® & FRY Scholarship

CH 35: Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)

CH 1606: Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB-Select Reserve)

For <u>ALL</u> Chapters of Federal Education Benefits

The VA pays you based on 2 different things:

I. Enrollment DAYS:

Example:

- Term begins AUG 16
- Paid for enrollment AUG 16– 31
- First month BAH of each term <u>always</u> late
- May arrive first or second week in Sept.

2. Enrollment HOURS:

For Fall & Spring:

Full Time: 12 hours

For Summer Term/s:

- Full Summer (10 weeks)
 - Full Time: <u>8 hours</u>
- 1st mini (5 weeks)
 - Full Time: <u>4 hours</u>
- 2nd mini (5 weeks)
 - Full Time: 4 hours

PARTIAL MONTHS = PARTIAL PAY

Required documents necessary to receive benefits

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Home Staff Education Benefits	Required Documents	Waivers	AWOL	ASVA (Student Organization)	Professional Flight Program	Resources	FAQ	

Chapter 31, 33, 35, 1606

All students using a Federal VA Education benefit are required to submit the following documents to the VRC through the below submission links:

1. Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

2. Statement of Understanding

3. Student Information Sheet

4. Academic Advisor letter with Program's Curriculum (Form will be completed at S.O.S or at your respective date for Camp War Eagle)

5. Dual Major Form (if applicable)

The Certificate of Eligibility (COE) is generated and sent via mail to the service member or veteran after the benefit has been applied for. To apply, go to vets.gov.

AL GI Dependent Scholarship

All students using a AL GI Dependent scholarship are **required** to submit the following documents through the below submission links so that the VRC can forward to Student Financial Services:

1. Certificate of Entitlement (COE)

2. FERPA Form

The Certificate of Entitlement (COE) is applied at the local, county VA office and sent via mail to the student and school after application.

ANGEAP

All ANGEAP Applications **MUST** be received semesterly and **NO LATER THAN** than the below date for their respective semester. All applications received after this date may not receive payment for the term due to state enacted deadlines.

> Fall 2022: October 14, 2022 Spring 2023: February 1, 2023 Summer 2023: June 4, 2023

> > Application

Upload Here

Please submit the documentation to the following links:

VA Forms (for new students)

VA Forms (to update existing paperwork)

Choice ACT Forms

ANGEAP

Required documents necessary to receive benefits



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2 ACADEMIC ADVISOR LETTER WITH CURRICULUM SHEET

Complete the top portion of the Academic Advisor letter and meet with your Academic Advisor to have form completed and have approved curriculum attached.

3 STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

Students must complete the basic information required on the student information sheet. Filling in the entire top portion and applicable bottom portion. Address is student's home of record.

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

Students must read this Statement of Understanding (SOU) and physically sign to acknowledge receipt of the Student Reference Guide for VA Educational Benefits at Auburn to utilize federal benefits.

KEY POINTS FOR <u>FEDERAL</u> <u>RECIPIENTS!</u>

IMPORTANT:

- ➢ Know chapter of ∨A Benefit
- > The VA ONLY covers degree-applicable classes or approved electives
- If you register late, drop/add classes or change major, notify us at veterans@auburn.edu
- For major changes, new forms are required: new academic advisor letter & curriculum sheet for new major
- Do not rely on BAH for rent payments as there any many reasons why it might come late!

CHAPTERS 30, 35 & 1606®

- Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB-Active Duty)
- Chapter 35: Dependents Educational Assistance (DEA)
- Chapter 1606: Montgomery GI Bill® (MGIB-Select Reserve)

NOTE:

- Above benefits do <u>NOT</u> pay tuition and fees
- VA pays monthly stipend directly to bank account on file with VA

Chapter 35 DEA: Dependents Educational Assistance

Monthly stipend <u>only</u>, roughly \$1400 per month if full time student, prorated if enrolled in less than full-time. This is paid directly to the student and does not cover any tuition/fees.

Who is this for?

Dependents of veterans with 100% disability rating. Generally, provides 36 months of benefit usage per dependent. Can be used with ALGI Dependent Scholarship

Chapter 31: VR&E

Veteran Readiness and Employment

Who is this for?

For veterans whose service=connected disability limits your ability to work. Student applies with va.gov, and if accepted, gets assigned a VA Counselor.

Provides the following: Covers tuition/fees Monthly housing stipend Books/Supplies

Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® -SR / Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill® - AD

Who is this for?

- Reservists
- **AL National Guard Members**
- Soldiers with at least 2 years of active duty.

Monthly stipend <u>only</u>, roughly \$300-1900 per month if full time student, prorated if enrolled in less than full-time hours. This is paid directly to the student and does not cover any tuition/fees.

<u>Must call</u> VA on last day of each month for Monthly Verification of Attendance

Even if you are certified, you still must call to receive payment

1-877-823-2378

CH 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill® & FRY Scholarship

Benefit comprises of two major components:

- Payments made to AU
 - Paid directly to the school for resident rate of tuition and fees
- Payments made directly to student via direct deposit
 - Monthly stipend/BAH
 - Book stipend

Requires the veteran to serve at least 90 days active duty to qualify and has the potential to be transferred to children.

Percentages based on time served. Up to 36 months of benefits.

Benefit requires student to complete monthly verification of enrollment through text of by calling 1-888-442-4551.

CH 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill[®] & FRY Scholarship

The Penny Memo

- VA payments will not be billed until the 15th class day. Penny memo prevents your AU bill from "coming due."
- Penny memos appear one bill generally two business days prior to the bill due date.

How it looks:

- Appears as \$.01 on your e-bill under "Estimated Financial Aid"
 - Will not appear on parent portal version.
- Once billed, it becomes:
 - Actual T&F amount
 - % of VA benefit eligibility
 - Anticipated payment.

Chapter 33: Post 9/11 & Fry Scholarship: E-BILL

- **1. Log into AU Access**
- 2. Click on MY FINANCES
- 3. Click on eBill icon
- 4. Click "View account activity"

Student Account Balance					\$4,744.74		
❤ Summer 2022					\$4,744.74		
Print Excel PDF							
Estimated Financial Aid							
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BKSTR ALL ACCESS ACCT2110	BK52	6/8/22	\$91.75				
Electronic Check Payment	9029	4/15/22			\$106.75		
> Tuition			\$4,653.00				
				Total Charges:	\$4,744.75		
	\$106.75						
				Term Balance:	\$4,744.75		
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CH 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill[®] & FRY Scholarship

Housing Stipend

- Pays at a E-5 rate with dependents, around \$1200.
- To receive full benefit, student must be enrolled in fulltime:
 - Fall/Spring: 12 credit hours
 - Full Summer: 8 credit hours.
- Anything less will be prorated by the VA.
- Beginning and last months are prorated based off number of days in class.
- Do not rely on stipend for housing/living as often delayed.

Book Stipend

- Pays \$41.67 a credit hour with an annual cap of \$1000.
- This is paid directly to the student.

CH 33 Monthly verification required

To continue receiving your Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA/BAH), all Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill® students are required to verify their enrollment with the VA, with one of 2 ways.

- 1. <u>Call:</u>
 - **1-** 888-442-4551 on the last day of each month and follow the appropriate prompts.
- 2. <u>Text:</u>
 - Opt in: Students with a U.S. mobile phone number, as your enrollment approaches, will receive the following opt-in text: "Post-9/11 GI Bill housing and kicker payments now require monthly enrollment verification. Would you like to submit yours via text? Please reply YES or NO." Reply "YES" to opt in. The text message link will expire 14 days after receipt.

Verify: After opting in, you can verify your enrollment every month simply by responding to the following text message from VA: "Did you remain enrolled in your courses in MON YYYY as certified? Please reply YES or NO. If you have dropped all your courses, you must reply NO." **Reply "YES" to verify enrollment for the previous month**.

Enrollment verification via text message is safe and secure. VA will **never** ask for your personal information, such as social security number or bank account information, via text.

VA strongly recommends text message verification for verifying your enrollment

Non-Resident Tuition Waivers: Special Programs

Choice Act

- \cdot Student resides in AL while attending AU
- Student uses Post 9/11 or Chapter 35
- Submit forms at <u>http://veterans.auburn.edu/required-</u> <u>documents/</u>

Alabama National Guard

- · Copy of Current Orders/Contract
- Letter of Good Standing from Unit Commander
- \cdot Copy of LES
- Signature on Student Certification Statement
- Email paperwork to <u>veterans@auburn.edu</u>

Alabama House Bill 424

- Veteran who enrolls in AU w/in 5 years of discharge <u>or</u>
- Service-Connected Disability rating by VA
- \cdot Student resides in AL while attending AU
- · Email paperwork to veterans@auburn.edu

Yellow Ribbon Program

- Undergrad Students <u>Only</u>
- Veteran or Dependent
- MUST have 100% eligibility rating for Post 9/11
- Limited availability
 - Application on <u>veterans.auburn.edu</u>

Scholarships

Applying for Scholarships

- Scholarships are applied through AUSOM
 Make sure to complete questions relating to veteran or dependent status.
- Explore local options:
 - VFWs, American Legions, Officer Associations.

Working with your Benefits

- Tuition only scholarships must be deducted from Chapter 33 benefits.
- Scholarships that can cover other fees/expenses can be stacked with federal benefits.
- If receiving an external scholarship, make sure the office receives a copy of your scholarship instruction letter.

Auburn Student Veteran's Association

A 501 (c)(3) student organization that represents veterans transitioning from prior military service into higher education..

Open to all students!!!

Major events:

Annual Gala Operation Iron Ruck Golf Classic Tournament Tailgates Resources for ASVA members: Professional Clothing Locker Textbook Library SGA Liaisons

Join through AUInvolve!



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Questions

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