

VA Benefits at Susquehanna University

All degree granting programs offered at Susquehanna University are approved by the VA, as well as select study abroad.

For contacts, information, questions, and forms regarding benefits and eligibility:

- Go to www.gibill.va.gov This site has been updated to answer all questions and provide all forms needed to apply for benefits under the new Post 9/11 GI Bill®
- Call the DVA Regional Office at 888-442-4551
- Contact your unit's Readiness NCO
- Call the ARNG Education Support Center (ESC) at 866-628-5999

The Susquehanna University School Certifying Official contact is:

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Registrar's Office

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Susquehanna University is committed to supporting all military students and those using military education benefits. Please contact Bonnie Rice with any questions regarding the military education benefit process.

All students receiving veterans/military benefits must complete the Enrollment Certification Request form (provided by Bonnie Rice) and submit it to the School Certifying Official **prior to the start of each semester or term** in order to have their enrollment certified and to be able to receive benefits from the VA. Any student who adds/drops a class, changes status from full to part time or vice versa, or withdraws for any reason, even due to a call to active duty, must notify the School Certifying Official immediately. The school has only 30 days to notify the VA of such changes before the student will be at risk of an overpayment which the VA will collect from the student. Students should also notify the School Certifying Official of increases in the number of credits being taken so they do not miss out on additional payments.

Note: Students who will be using Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill®) benefits must also submit a copy of their Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the School Certifying Official along with a copy of their completed form 22-1990 (or 22-1990E for dependents). Any forms submitted previously by the student to the VA can be reprinted by the student via their eBenefits account, which can be accessed at www.ebenefits.va.gov.

Please be advised that Susquehanna University reserves the right to decrease institutional aid awarded to students receiving military and veteran's benefits as set forth below:

Susquehanna University reserves the right to decrease any institutional aid (at its discretion) if the sum of the veteran's benefits paid directly to the school exceeds the amount charged for tuition and fees.

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Susquehanna University reserves the right to decrease institutional aid (at its discretion) that is awarded based on need if the sum of the institutional need-based aid AND the veteran's benefits paid directly to SU exceed the student's financial need as determined by the FAFSA.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) may, at their discretion, reduce a student's anticipated Post-9/11 GI Bill® payment to Susquehanna University for tuition and fees in order to satisfy a student's outstanding debt (of any kind) with DVA. Students are responsible for any balance due to the College as a result of a reduced Post-9/11 GI Bill® payment.

List of Veterans/Military Education Benefit Programs

To access the GI Bill® Comparison Tool visit the following website: <http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison>

1. GI Bill® (www.gibill.va.gov)
 - Chapter 30** (MGIB-AD Active Duty)
 - Chapter 31** (Vocational Rehabilitation Program, have at least a 10% VA disability)
 - Chapter 32** (VEAP, Entered service between Jan. 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985)
 - Chapter 33** (Post 9/11 GI Bill) and Yellow Ribbon Program
 - Chapter 35** (DEA, Survivors and Dependents Education Assistance Program)
 - Chapter 1606** (MGIB-SR, Selected Reserve Program, NG or Reserves after 1985)
 - National Call to Service** (Currently enlisted, have had least 15 months active duty)
2. **Pennsylvania National Guard Education Assistance Program (EAP)**
3. **Army National Guard (ARNG) and Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)**

Student Responsibilities

- Determine benefit eligibility by reviewing the information above and visiting the following websites:
GI Bill® Benefits - www.gibill.va.gov
EAP - <http://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/aid-for-military-national-guard/national-guard-eap.shtml>
FTA - www.GOARMYED.com
- Apply for the education benefit and provide the School Certifying Official with your confirmation of benefit approval. Transfer students who have used a GI Bill® benefit at a previous institution must also submit VA Form 22-1995 to the VA Regional Processing Office and provide SU's School Certifying Official with a copy.
- Submit the Enrollment Certification Request form to the School Certifying Official prior to the beginning of each semester
- Notify the School Certifying Official of any changes in your enrollment status (add/drop classes, withdrawal, leave of absence, change of major, etc.) as any of these may affect your benefit.
- Recipients of Chapter 30, Chapter 1606 or Chapter 1607 must verify their attendance at the end of each month to receive the previous month's benefit. Attendance must be verified online through [WAVE \(Web Automated Verification of Enrollment\)](#).

Applying for Financial Aid

- Complete the appropriate year's FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA is both the federal and state grant application.
 - The FAFSA is recommended to be completed for consideration for other types of financial aid even if you already receive a military education benefit.

Loan Programs

- For information on Federal Direct Stafford Loans, Plus Loans, and Alternative Loans, go to <https://www.susqu.edu/admission-and-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid/financial-aid-options/loans-and-financing>

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