

Parker University

Office of the Registrar

Veteran's Affairs (VA) Educational Benefits

Frequently Asked Questions

Many questions regarding VA Benefits can be answered through the VA'S GI BILL website at www.gibill.va.gov. In addition, an Education Specialist for the VA can be reached at 1-888-442-4551 or you may submit a specific question through the secure VA website: <https://gibill.custhelp.com>.

Below are some Frequently Asked Questions that may be of assistance:

What type of VA benefits are available for use at Parker University?

All major VA benefits are processed by Parker University dependent upon Veteran eligibility. Major benefits include:

- Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) – higher education and training benefits to Veterans, Servicemembers, and their families who served after September 10, 2001.
- Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30) – assists active duty and reservists with the pursuit of higher education degrees, certificates, and other education and training
- Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35) – assistance paid to dependents of Veterans who have a service connected permanent and total disability or died as a result of service connection.
- Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606) – Educational program for members who are actively participating in the Selected Reserve
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP – Chapter 1607) – Educational program for active members of the Selected Reserve called to active duty and members of the Individual Ready Reserve called to active duty in support of a contingency operation or a national emergency declared by the President or Congress.
- Veterans' Education Assistance Program (VEAP – Chapter 32) – Education assistance available if the Veteran first entered active duty between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985 and elected to make contributions from your military pay to this education benefit program.
- Vocational Rehabilitation (Chapter 31) – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment for Veterans with service-connected disabilities. For additional information about VR&E contact the Regional Office in the state of the Veteran.

How do I apply for VA Education Benefits?

VA Students can submit applications online at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp> to complete the online application (VONAPP). Once you have completed the VONAPP, you will receive a certificate of eligibility by mail from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Submit a copy of the certificate of eligibility along with a copy of your DD-214 and your military

transcripts to the Parker University Registrar's Office to begin your enrollment certification process.

I'm logged into VONAPP, which form should I fill out?

The following is a list of commonly used forms:

22-1990 – Application for VA Education Benefits (use this form if you are the veteran or have had Post 9/11 benefits transferred to you by a parent/spouse and this is your first time using benefits at a higher education institution)

22-5490 – Application for Survivor's and Dependent's Educational Assistance (use this form if you are a dependent of a veteran that is 100% service-connected disabled or deceased)

22-1995 – Request for Change of Program or Place of Training (use this form if you are the veteran and you are transferring to another school, have used your benefits previous at another school or are changing your program of study)

22-5495 – Request for Change of Program or Place of Training for Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (use this form if you are the dependent of a veteran and are transferring to another school, have used your benefits previous at another school or are changing your program of study)

What does VA pay?

Payment for tuition, fees, books and housing can vary depending on your chapter, your location and the types of courses you are taking. Please visit www.gibill.va.gov for the most accurate payment information.

Does Parker participate in the Yellow Ribbon program?

Yes. The Yellow Ribbon Program is designed to supplement those veterans whose educational expenses are covered at 100% under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, as follows: the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides a tuition benefit up to the highest public, in-state undergraduate tuition rate. For veterans who qualify under Yellow Ribbon, Parker University (in partnership with VA) assists with the remaining tuition gap.

Does the Hazlewood Act apply to Parker?

No, the Hazlewood Act is provided to Veteran's attending public institutions of higher education in Texas – Parker University is a private institution of higher education.