Before You Apply

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) requires each applicant utilizing their VA educational benefits to be formally accepted into an approved curriculum (program of study) before initial certification of attendance can be sent to the VA.

Application Process


2. Submit copies of the COE and the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (Form DD-214) to NSU via fax to (954) 262-3966. To determine which forms and documents you need to submit, view the matrix at www.nova.edu/financialaid/veterans/forms/matrix.pdf.

3. Veterans are responsible for ensuring that all requirements for admission to their VA-approved NSU academic program have been met. To ensure this, veterans can contact their academic college, school, or center.

4. The NSU Veteran Certifying Official will send an electronic enrollment certification to the Department of Veteran Affairs once a student’s forms have been received and enrollment into courses at NSU has been confirmed. Veterans will receive confirmation via email from NSU once the enrollment certification has been sent.

5. Veterans will receive award letters from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs once their eligibility has been certified.

For more information about NSU’s veterans benefits, call Enrollment and Student Services (ESS) at (954) 262-7236 or 800-541-6682, ext. 27236, or visit www.nova.edu/financialaid/veterans.

The VA has assigned NSU to the Atlanta Regional Processing Office. You can contact the VA directly:

phone: 888-GI Bill-1 (888-422-4551)

mail: Department of Veterans Affairs
Atlanta Regional Processing Office
P.O. Box 100022
Decatur, GA 30031-7022

More information on additional sources of financial assistance are available on the financial aid Web site at www.nova.edu/financialaid.
Nova Southeastern University (NSU) has been actively supporting service members and their families for more than 40 years. NSU is committed to assisting veterans in taking advantage of their educational benefits and providing them and their families with opportunities for educational and career growth.

Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty, Chapter 30

The Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty, also called MGIB, provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible veterans. Eligible veterans must have an honorable discharge and a high school diploma or graduate education diploma (GED). Benefit entitlement ends 10 years after separation from active duty. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays a monthly stipend based on the number of credits taken in an academic program.

Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve, Chapter 1606

The Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve program may be available to veterans who are members of the selected reserve. The selected reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, the Army National Guard, and the Air National Guard. Veterans may be entitled to receive up to 36 months of education benefits. Benefit entitlement ends 14 years from the date of eligibility for the program, or on the day the service member has left the selected reserve. The VA pays a monthly stipend based on the number of credits taken in the academic program.

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment—Chapter 31

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment is a VA program designed to assist veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and maintain employment. The VA will pay 100 percent tuition and fees, 100 percent of required books and supplies, and a living stipend. To qualify for this program, a veteran must be approved by a vocational rehabilitation case manager.

The NSU Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program

NSU is proud to partner with the VA for the Yellow Ribbon Program offered to U.S. Veterans. The Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program provides educational benefits as part of the GI Bill Veteran Educational Assistance Act of 2008. Once students are granted acceptance into the program, they do not need to reapply each year. Funding may vary from year to year.

Under this program, NSU offers scholarships to veterans who qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and are eligible for increased benefits under the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Detailed information on the NSU Yellow Ribbon Scholarship Program is available at www.nova.edu/financialaid/veterans/yellow_ribbon.html.

Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program—Chapter 35

The Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of certain veterans. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. The spouse, son, or daughter of a veteran must meet certain eligibility requirements. The VA pays a monthly stipend based on the number of credits taken in the academic program.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill—Chapter 33

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, commonly referred to as Chapter 33, offers the following benefits to veterans:

- **tuition and fees**—annual entitlement of $20,235.02*
- **housing allowance**—based on the 33314 ZIP code for Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida, where NSU's main campus is located.
- **funds for books and supplies**—up to $1,000 a year

Benefit entitlement ends 15 years from release date, following a minimum of 90 days on active duty.

*subject to change based on annual VA allocations

Detailed information on the new Post-9/11 GI Bill is available on the Department of Veterans Affairs Web site: www.gibill.va.gov.

The Reserve Education Assistance Program—Chapter 1607

The Reserve Education Assistance Program is a United States Department of Defense education benefit program designed to provide educational assistance to members of the reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President of the United States and/or Congress. The Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security will determine who is eligible for this program. The Department of Veterans Affairs will administer the program and pay benefits from funds contributed by the Department of Defense. The VA pays a percentage of the Montgomery GI Bill based on the aggregate length of service on active duty and the number of credits taken in the academic program.

Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve, Chapter 1606

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For additional information, please visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Web site at www.gibill.va.gov.