

VETERANS EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

Before You Apply

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) 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 DVA. Normally, formal acceptance to NSU is achieved by submitting the following:

- ◆ NSU admissions application for the approved program of study (This should be completed and submitted before any other steps are taken.)
- ◆ official high school transcripts, official copies of GED scores, or Adult High School Diploma (if required)
- ◆ official transcripts from all other colleges attended
- ◆ any other documentation that may be required by the academic program office

Apply Online

All veteran students beginning or transferring to an NSU program who wish to receive veterans educational benefits must complete the required DVA forms. To determine which forms and documents you need to submit, view the matrix at www.nova.edu/financialaid/veterans/forms/matrix.pdf. Applications can be submitted online using the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) system, accessible at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

We Are Here to Help

NSU is both pleased and honored to assist you in utilizing your veterans benefits to your best advantage. It is important for you to carefully review the benefits and guidelines for each benefit program.

For more details about NSU's Veterans Benefits, please visit www.nova.edu/financialaid/veterans/index.html or call NSU's designated service line at 877-829-3107 or (954) 262-2788.

The DVA has assigned NSU to the Atlanta Regional Processing Office. You can contact the VA directly by phone: 888-GI Bill-1

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



Nova Southeastern University admits students of any race, color, sex, age, nondisqualifying disability, religion or creed, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school, and does not discriminate in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. ■ Nova Southeastern University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, Telephone number: 404-679-4501) to award associate's, bachelor's, master's, educational specialist, and doctoral degrees.

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We Are Honored to Serve You.

Veterans Educational Benefits

For more than 40 years, Nova Southeastern University has been actively supporting service members and their families. NSU is committed to assisting veterans in taking advantage of their educational benefits and providing them and their family members with opportunities for educational and career growth.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33

On July 4, 2008, President George W. Bush signed historic legislation into law, significantly changing the GI Bill. The Post-9/11 GI Bill, commonly referred to as Chapter 33, effective August 1, 2009, offers the following benefits to veterans:

- ◆ **tuition and fees**—based on the maximum in-state rate for Florida; paid directly to NSU
- ◆ **housing allowance**—based on the ZIP code where the school is located; certain limitations apply
- ◆ **funds for books and supplies**—up to \$1,000 a year
- ◆ **longer periods to exercise benefits**—up to 15 years from release date, following a minimum of 90 days on active duty

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 Yellow Ribbon Program

NSU is proud to partner with the VA for the new Yellow Ribbon Program offered to United States 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 new program, NSU will offer scholarships to veterans who already qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill and are eligible for increased benefits under the new Yellow Ribbon Program. Scholarships will be applied toward the tuition costs that are above the highest in-state, undergraduate tuition rate. Scholarships are offered to students on a first-come, first-served basis and are available to eligible veterans who are pursuing training on or after August 1, 2009.

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

Montgomery 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 GED. Benefit entitlement ends 10 years after separation from active duty. The VA pays a monthly stipend based on the number of credits taken in academic program.

For information about additional requirements for the MGIB, please visit www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH30/CH30_Pamphlet_General.htm.

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 one has left the Selected Reserve. The VA pays a monthly stipend based on the number of credits taken in the academic program.

For additional information on the requirements for the Montgomery GI Bill—Selected Reserve, please visit www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH1606/CH1606_Pamphlet_General.htm.

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program—Chapter 35

The 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.

For additional information on eligibility requirements, please visit www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH35/CH35_Pamphlet_General.htm.

Reserve Education Assistance Program—Chapter 1607

The Reserve Education Assistance Program is a 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 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 the veteran taken in the academic program.

For additional information, please visit www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH1607/REAP_FAQ.htm.

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment—Chapter 31

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment is a Department of Veterans Affairs program designed to help veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. The VA will pay 100 percent tuition and fees, 100 percent of required books and supplies, and a living allowance. To qualify for this program, a veteran must be approved by a vocational rehabilitation case manager.

For additional information, please visit www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/vrs.htm.