
BOISE STATE VETERAN SERVICES

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

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APPLY FOR GI BILL/TRANSFER FROM OTHER INSTITUTION

There are many chapters of the GI Bill and you may qualify for more than one. You can see a brief description of them on our [benefits page](#).

If you are eligible for multiple GI Bills, *contact our office before completing this step and we can help you understand each one.

Different chapters of the GI Bill may have different application forms:

Military Members:

Chapter 1606, 30, and 33 form [22-1990](#)

Military Dependents:

Chapter 33, Transfer of Benefits form [22-1990E](#)

Chapter 35 will use form [22-5490](#)

- Upon submitting the online application, ensure it has a confirmation number.
- Once the VA approves your application, about 7-10 weeks, you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility in the mail. Our office will need a copy of this correspondence.

Note:

- Once you elect the Post 9/11 GI Bill, you cannot go back to the Montgomery GI Bill. The effective date for your Post 9/11 is very important, so please consult our office when filling out your GI Bill application.
- If you are transferring from another institution where you already used your benefits you will need to fill out a 22-1995 (22-5495 for CH35).

RESIDENCY

GI Bill Non-Resident Waiver

The VA does NOT pay non-resident fees

Use the online [GI Bill Non-Resident Waiver](#) form to apply for in-state tuition. To be eligible for the waiver you must meet one of the following three criteria:

1. Using Chapter 30 (Montgomery GI Bill) or Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill), **AND** must have been discharged from the military within the last three years **OR** still active duty military.

2. Using the Fry Scholarship.
3. Using a transfer of benefits (Post 9/11 GI Bill), the military member must be active duty **OR** separated from Active Duty within the last three years.

**If you run out of GI Bill benefits or do not to use your GI Bill consecutively (excluding summer), you will no longer be eligible and non-resident fees will be reapplied to your financial account.*

If you do not qualify with any of the above:

- Dependents using CH33 Transfer of benefits with 100% eligibility may qualify for the [Yellow Ribbon Program](#). There are limited awards, and are given on a first come first serve basis. Priority is given to students who were awarded Yellow Ribbon the term prior.
- See the Registrar's office to submit an [Idaho Residency Determination](#) worksheet for the following:
 - Veterans may receive 12 months of in-state tuition while you establish residency. You must have a DD214 with at least 2 years of honorable active duty service time.
 - Guard/Reservists who are serving for the state of Idaho can receive in-state tuition. You must have a copy of your orders.
 - Active Duty Military stationed in Idaho can receive in-state tuition. You must have a copy of your orders.

ACTIONS EVERY SEMESTER

USING YOUR BENEFITS

Once your schedule is final you will need to [Submit a Declaration](#) (found at veterans.boisestate.edu). Summer only requires one declaration.

- You must not be waitlisted in any classes. We will contact you and ask you to resubmit once you are completely enrolled in classes.
 - After our office has processed your declaration, we place an academic hold on your student account, which prevents you from adding or dropping classes.
 - If you need to modify your schedule after we have placed this hold, you will need to submit a [Hold Lift Request form](#). Please allow our office up to 3 business days to lift your hold.
 - If you change your schedule after you have already been certified with the VA, **you may incur a debt to the them.**

- Once you are finished modifying your schedule you will need to resubmit another declaration. We will process your declaration in the order received.

APPLY FOR FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

If you have recently separated from the military and were denied, or offered a reduced Pell Grant because your last year's income was too high to qualify, you can appeal that decision. [Make an appointment](#) to see the Veteran Services Academic Career Advisor to assist you in that process or if you have any questions.

Note: **GI Bill full-time status is not the same as Financial Aid full-time.**

VET FEE PAY-PLAN

The Vet Fee Pay Plan allows a time extension for student fees owed when using GI Bill benefits. This will accommodate for the time it takes for the GI Bill to fully arrive for the student, and should prevent any late payment fees from occurring.

JOINT SERVICE TRANSCRIPTS (JST'S)

Military Members only (except Air Force)

If you requested your JST's please check with our office to ensure we have it. These credits are ELECTIVE only, are not posted until after the 10th day of classes, and will count toward your next term.

PEER ADVISORS FOR VETERANS EDUCATION (PAVE)

PAVE is a peer program to help you navigate campus and other resources available. They provide a friend to talk to when you need assistance, or just to know someone on campus who isn't a Boise State employee.

E-BENEFITS – CH33

If you are transferring from another institution, or have misplaced your certificate of eligibility, please go to [E-Benefits](#) under the Education link and provide our office with a copy of your eligibility. Our office needs an updated eligibility letter every semester.

VERIFY ATTENDANCE – CH30/CH1606

CH30 (Montgomery GI Bill) and CH1606 (Guard/Reserves Montgomery GI Bill) need to verify your attendance on [Web Automated Verification of Enrollment](#) (WAVE) at the end

of every month. Our office needs an updated eligibility letter every semester which you can from WAVE.

FACEBOOK

Follow us on [Facebook](#), we often have giveaways which are only advertised there. We also use this as a means to communicate announcements throughout the semester, rather than sending numerous emails.

ACADEMIC AND CAREER ADVISOR

Make an [appointment](#) with the Veteran Services Academic/Career Advisor:

- Map out your GI Bill
- Major exploration
- Class Schedule
- Initiate Career Planning

TEXT BOOK LENDING LIBRARY

Browse our [online textbook lending library](#) by title or ISBN and reserve a copy for the semester for free by filling out an online request form.

REMINDERS

For reminders via text:

- Text **@verify** to 81010 for reminders about verifying your attendance (CH1606 and CH30 only)
- Text **@gibill** to 81010 for important reminders of things to accomplish to keep your benefits running seamlessly