Veterans’ Education Benefits at Clemson University

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CLEMSON WELCOMES VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS

Welcome to the Clemson Family! This booklet has been prepared to help familiarize you with the requirements, benefits and services available to you as a veteran or veteran’s dependent. Originally founded as a military school, Clemson University has a longstanding and proud military history. We are pleased to assist veterans and their family members as they advance their education here at Clemson.

EDUCATION BENEFITS PROGRAMS

CHAPTER 33
The Post 9/11 GI Bill® (MGIB) program provides up to 36 months of education benefits. Recipients are paid a monthly stipend while enrolled in educational classes. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following release from active duty. This program is commonly known as Chapter 30.

• Tuition and mandatory fees are paid directly to the school and are not to exceed the maximum in-state tuition and mandatory fees for Clemson University.
• A monthly housing allowance for new students is based on the basic housing for an E-5 at the location of the school — $1,451.
• An annual stipend for books and supplies of up to $1,000 is paid at $41.67 per credit hour.

CHAPTER 30
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CHAPTER 35
This program provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who were permanently and totally disabled due to a service-connected condition or who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-connected condition. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. Recipients in this program receive a monthly stipend of $1,224.

Children of certain disabled war veterans attending South Carolina state-supported colleges and universities may be entitled to receive free tuition. Certain residency requirements apply. For more information or to apply, contact the S.C. Governor’s Office at 803-647-2434.

CHAPTER 31
The Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program, sometimes referred to as Chapter 31, assists veterans with service-connected disabilities so severe that they cannot immediately consider work or continue with previous employment. The law generally provides for a 12-year period of eligibility in which services may be used. Chapter 31 awards students tuition, fee payments and a voucher for books and supplies.

CHAPTER 1606
The MGIB®-SR program may be available to veterans who are members of the Selected Reserve. Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, as well as the Army National Guard and Air National Guard.
TUITION ASSISTANCE
The Tuition Assistance (TA) program provides financial assistance for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a soldier’s professional goals. TA is available for courses offered at Clemson in an approved academic program. All eligible soldiers must request TA through GoArmyEd (goarmyed.com). The DOD has placed the maximum amount of tuition per credit hours as $250 and the annual award amount at $4,500. Non-Army service members must obtain TA through their branch of the Service Education Office.

NATIONAL GUARD COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)
The South Carolina National Guard (SCNG) College Assistance Program offers financial assistance to members of the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard. SCNG recipients may receive up to a maximum of $4,500 per year (Army), and Air National Guard recipients may receive $9,000 per year. However, the maximum benefit amount can be reduced if used in combination with financial assistance. The cumulative total of all aid cannot exceed the cost of attendance. The application for CAP is available online at scguard.com/resources/education-office.

REQUIREMENTS
This information is to remind you of selected VA policies that can affect your receipt of education benefits. Please read this information carefully and keep it for future reference.

The Benefits Request Form must be completed online. Your enrollment will be certified each term. Students will receive a verification email once your certification has been forwarded to the VA.

You receive benefits for enrolling in required courses leading to a degree in an approved major program. Excessive electives cannot be certified. The Cooperative Education program is not an approved program for education benefits. Benefits will not be paid for audited courses or courses that do not count toward graduation. If you have any questions or concerns about your courses, please contact this office for additional advising related to VA benefits.

If you withdraw from the University, drop a course that changes your status (see chart) or change your major, you must contact this office about the forms that must be completed. Dropping your credit load below the minimum credit hours may result in a retroactive reduction in benefits and a subsequent debt to the VA. Several different methods are used to collect overpayments. When appropriate, you should contact this office about submitting a statement of mitigating circumstances and supportive documentation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding education benefits, please feel free to visit our office at 102 Sikes Hall or call 864-656-7855. You may also contact the Veterans Administration directly at 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GIBILL1) or on their website at gibill.va.gov. Please note, all communication from this office is sent via email. It is your responsibility to read everything you receive from this office and respond quickly.

COMPLETE THE BENEFITS REQUEST FORM ONLINE AND REVIEW CREDIT HOURS AT CLEMSON.EDU/Registrar/Veterans/.
FAQS ON CHAPTER 33 PAYMENTS

How Do Chapter 33 Payments Work at Clemson?

You are required to pay your room, board, optional fees and any tuition and fees not covered by your Post 9/11 GI Bill® benefits by the required, published deadline. Your account must be current to avoid late and/or midterm billing fees. Delinquent accounts may be restricted from registering for future terms.

What If I Do Not Have a Certificate of Eligibility?

If you are due a refund after VA credits and/or a payment has been applied, funds will be disbursed by either direct deposit (e-refund) or a paper check. If you have not elected to receive an e-refund via iROAR, a paper check will be mailed to the permanent address on file. Student Financial Services disburses refunds in accordance to a weekly cycle.

What If I Have Paid My Tuition and Fees and I Am Due a Refund?

If you are due a refund after VA credits and/or a payment has been applied, funds will be disbursed by either direct deposit (e-refund) or a paper check. If you have not elected to receive an e-refund via iROAR, a paper check will be mailed to the permanent address on file. Student Financial Services disburses refunds in accordance to a weekly cycle.

What If I Do Not Receive 100% of the Chapter 33 Benefits?

If you do not receive 100% of Chapter 33 benefits, Student Financial Services has counselors who are willing to assist you with computing your estimated payment. You may contact their office at 864-656-5592.

Additional Information

Veteran students are charged late registration fees if they HAVE NOT completed their paperwork with the school certifying official prior to the registration deadline. Students must also make payment arrangements to satisfy any outstanding portion of their tuition and fees prior to the start of each term. To ensure that you are not charged excessive fees, please complete your paperwork prior to the start of each term.

Veteran students are not charged late payment fees due to late VA tuition payments. Late fees are computer generated and will be added to any account with a balance due. It is the student’s responsibility to complete the necessary requests, submission of documentation and/or make other payment arrangements to satisfy the remaining portion of their tuition and fees prior to the published deadline.

Veteran students who have a balance and have not made other payment arrangements to satisfy the remaining portion of their tuition and fees by the published deadline will continue to receive email notifications regarding payment of their past-due account.

The school certifying official, in conjunction with Student Financial Services, highly recommend you monitor your student account through iROAR to ensure that there are no items requiring your attention.

To contact Student Financial Services, call 864-656-5592 or visit online at clemson.edu/cfo/student-financials.
CLEMSON STUDENT VETERAN CENTER

The Clemson Student Veteran Center (Vet Center) is a space reserved for our student veterans and military-connected students as a central hub of veteran services and support on campus. Whether you’re looking for information about the many services our campus and community offer to veterans or you’re interested in connecting with other student veterans to hang out or study, the Vet Center is the place to go. The Vet Center, 108 Vickery Hall, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. during spring and fall semesters. Student veterans and military-connected students can also gain 24-hour access to the center with a Clemson ID card. To obtain keycard access, visit the Vet Center and speak with one of the student assistants. You can also call the Vet Center at 864-656-2982 or email veteran@clemson.edu for assistance. The space and staff are managed by Brennan Beck, assistant director for military and veteran engagement. You can email him directly at bjbeck@clemson.edu.

CREDIT HOURS FOR VA BENEFITS

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EXPLANATION OF FEES

Below are some examples of mandatory fees for students participating in certain programs. These fees are payable by the Department of Veterans Affairs under Chapter 33 education benefits. OPTIONAL FEES ARE NOT PAYABLE BY THE VA.

Academic Recovery Program Fee: Charged per semester, this fee is assessed to students on academic probation. The fee covers the costs of additional personnel and services provided to assist students in improving their academic standing. For information, contact the Academic Success Center at 864-656-6452.

Activity Fee: Charged per semester, the activity fee, which is voted on by students, funds more than 400 student organizations and campus activities.

Campus Recreation Fee: Charged per semester, the recreation fee helps fund the University’s Fike Recreation Center and allows students to use the fitness equipment, take fitness classes and participate in intramurals at no cost. Please contact Campus Recreation at 864-656-2315.

Career Service Fee: Charged per semester, this fee supports career programs and services such as career testing, career counseling, internships, full-time and part-time jobs (on and off campus), career and job-search workshops, career fairs, and career web-based resources and technology. Call 864-656-6000 for information.

Business Course Fee: This fee is charged per semester to students taking a 3000- or 4000-level class within the College of Business.

Major Fees: Charged per semester to juniors and seniors with majors in some colleges, this fee is used for professional development opportunities, department projects and additional hires.

Health Fee: Charged per semester, the health fee provides students with a staff of doctors and nurses, available with no charge per office visit at the University’s Redfern Health Center. The health fee is not an insurance policy. For questions, please contact Redfern Health Center at 864-656-2315.

Education and BSHS Living-Learning Fee: Charged per semester, this fee is required of freshmen enrolling in nursing, health science, education, and parks, recreation and tourism management majors. The fee provides funding for peer advisers, the student governing board and operating expenses.

Honors College Fee: Charged per semester, this fee is used to improve all aspects of the honors experience, including enhancements to the Honors College curriculum and a range of otherwise unavailable education enrichment opportunities. For more information, call 864-656-4762.

Lab Fee: Charged per semester according to the number of lab classes for which a student has registered, this fee funds labs that a student attends or helps provide funds for the department.

Matriculation Fee: Charged per semester, the matriculation fee goes to the state treasurer and is used for debt services.

RiSE Fee: This fee is used to promote learning and personal growth of engineering and science students through a supportive, collaborative and healthy living-learning community. The required program fee is used to support peer advisers and residence hall tutors. Call 864-656-2541 for information.

Software License Fee: Charged per semester, the software license fee is allocated to provide students with Microsoft Office and any additional updates.

Technology Fee: Charged per semester to all students, this fee is used to maintain current information systems such as Blackboard, personal computer repair and the help desk, data storage and Internet connectivity.

Transit Fee: Charged per semester, this fee helps fund the CAT bus system. Please contact the CAT bus system with questions at 864-654-2287.
MILITARY RESIDENCY INFORMATION

Think you qualify for in-state tuition under one of the military residency provisions?

☐ I am active duty military or a dependent of an active duty military person either stationed in South Carolina or who has South Carolina as their home of record.

☐ I am a veteran or the dependent of a veteran. Veteran must have been active duty within the last three years and student must qualify for and use either Chapter 30 or 33 benefits while a student.

Please complete the information below and return to the Office of Financial Aid-Residency, G-01 Sikes Hall. Additional information can be found online at www.clemson.edu/financial-aid/residency/military-residency-requirements.html or email Anna Lewis (military residency coordinator) at at8@clemson.edu.

Name: ____________________________ CUID: __________________________

Email: __________________________ Enrollment date: __________________________