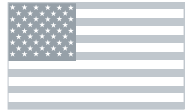


**\$78B**

Over the next 10 years, veterans and service members will receive more than \$78 billion in education benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

## Post-9/11 GI Bill Estimated Benefits Calculator

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is among the many education benefits available to current service members and veterans. It is one of the most comprehensive military education programs since Congress passed the original GI Bill after World War II. If you are eligible\*, use this worksheet to help you calculate your annual benefit.



### How to Calculate Your Estimated Annual Post-9/11 Benefit:

- Your college's charge per credit hour\*\* is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Your **state's maximum charge per credit hour\*** is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Enter the lesser of the two charges in box 1 below.
- Enter the number of credit hours you plan to take during the next year in box 2.
- Multiply box 1 by box 2. Enter the total in box 3.
- Your college's fees\*\* per term are: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Your **state's maximum total fees\* per term** are: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Enter the lesser of the two fees in box 4.
- Enter the number of terms per academic year that you will be enrolled.
- Multiply box 4 by box 5. Enter the total in box 6.
- Enter \$1,000 in box 7, or if you are on active duty, enter \$0.
- Enter your **monthly housing allowance\*** (using E-5 rank) in box 8. If you are on active duty, enrolled half-time or less, or enrolled in a 100% distance education program, enter \$0 in box 8.
- Enter the number of months you will be in college during the next year in box 9.
- Multiply box 8 by box 9. Enter the total in box 10.
- Enter your **benefits percentage\*** in box 11.
- Add boxes 3, 6, 7 and 10, and multiply the sum by box 11. (Remember, if your percentage is 100%, multiply by 1; if your percentage is 80%, multiply by .8; etc.). Enter the total in box 12. This is your estimated annual benefit.

|   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <b>Tuition</b>  | <b>Fees</b>   | <b>Housing</b>   |  |
| 1. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="\$"/>    | 4. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="\$"/>    | 8. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="\$"/>     |  |
| 2. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="hours"/> | 5. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="terms"/> | 9. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="months"/> |  |
| x   | x   | x  |  |
| 3. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="\$"/>    | 6. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="\$"/>    | 10. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="\$"/>    |  |
| + <b>Books &amp; Supplies</b>                             |   |  |  |
|   |   | 7. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="\$"/>     |  |
|   |   | 11. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value=" %"/>    |  |
|   |   | 12. <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="\$"/>    |  |

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\*\*Check your college's website for this information, as it is usually available online.



## Yellow Ribbon Program

The Yellow Ribbon Program provides funding for veterans and service members who attend colleges with tuition and fees charges greater than the allowable state maximum. Participating colleges have generously committed to providing additional funding to cover unmet tuition and fees charges, and the VA will match your college's contribution. In many cases, this will cover most of your education expenses! Colleges allocate their Yellow Ribbon Funds on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to apply early.

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Currently, more than 1,000 private colleges participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program.

First, determine your eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon Program. Unfortunately, service members on active duty are NOT eligible.

- Did you enter 100% in box 11 of the Post-9/11 GI Bill Calculator? Yes  No
- On the previous page, is the value in 1a greater than 1b and/or is the value in 4a greater than 4b? Yes  No
- Does your college participate in the [Yellow Ribbon Program](#)\*? Yes  No

If you answered "Yes" to all three questions, you are eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program.

Next, calculate your estimated annual Yellow Ribbon Benefit.

1. Enter your **college's contribution\*** to the Yellow Ribbon in box A.
2. Multiply box A by 2 (the VA will match the funds provided by your college) and enter the total in box B.
3. Subtract line 1b from 1a on the previous page. Enter this number in box C, or if you get a negative number, enter 0 in box C.
4. Subtract line 4b from 4a on the previous page. Enter this number in box F, or if you get a negative number, enter 0 in box F.
5. Fill in boxes D and G based on the information you entered in boxes 2 and 5 in the Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefits Calculator (page 1).
6. Calculate the totals for boxes E and H. Next, add boxes E and H, and enter the total in box I.
7. Your Yellow Ribbon Benefit is the lesser of box B and box I.

|                         |  |       |                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|-------|-------------------------|--|
| A. <input type="text"/> |  | x 2 = | B. <input type="text"/> |  |
| C. <input type="text"/> |  |       | F. <input type="text"/> |  |
| D. <input type="text"/> |  | hours | G. <input type="text"/> |  |
| E. <input type="text"/> |  |       | H. <input type="text"/> |  |
|                         |  | +     | I. <input type="text"/> |  |

**Don't forget!**  
Your total annual benefit is equal to the sum of your Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefit and your Yellow Ribbon Benefit.

|   |   |   |   |                                     |
|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Your Estimated Post-9/11 GI Bill Benefit</b> | + | <b>Your Estimated Yellow Ribbon Program Benefit</b> | = | <b>Your Estimated Total Benefit</b> |
| \$ <input type="text"/>                         |   | \$ <input type="text"/>                             |   | \$ <input type="text"/>             |
| (box 12 from the previous page)                 |   | (the lesser of B and I from this page)              |   |                                     |

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