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UNDERSTANDING THE GI BILL®

How to Use Your Education Benefits at University of Arizona Global Campus (UAGC).

Your service earned you more than a title. It earned you the opportunity to build what's next.

This guide explains your GI Bill® education benefits and how to put them to work at UAGC.

1M+

Veterans and beneficiaries use GI Bill® education benefits annually.*

Up to 48 months

Combined education benefits now available to veterans with multiple qualifying service periods, following the *Rudisill v. McDonough* ruling.*

100%

Of tuition can be covered through Post-9/11 GI Bill®

WHAT IS THE GI BILL®?

The GI Bill® is an education benefit provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Today, it helps eligible veterans, service members, and some family members pay for college or job training.*

BENEFITS MAY COVER:



Tuition and fees



Books and
supplies



Certain training
or certification
programs

SOURCE: [HTTPS://WWW.VA.GOV/EDUCATION/](https://www.va.gov/education/)

Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33):

The most widely used program today. Tuition is paid directly to the school. May provide a book stipend. No monthly contributions required during service. Most students receive up to 36 months of benefits.*

Rudisill update:

Following the Supreme Court's *Rudisill v. McDonough* decision, veterans with multiple qualifying service periods may now access up to 48 months of combined GI Bill benefits. The VA dropped its appeal of the ruling in 2026, opening this expanded benefit to roughly 1 million additional veterans.*

SOURCE: [MYMILITARYBENEFITS.COM](https://myilitarybenefits.com) (UPDATED MARCH 2026) — RUDISILL DECISION

Eligibility note:

You may qualify if you served on active duty after September 10, 2001. If your service ended before January 1, 2013, benefits expire 15 years after separation. If your service ended on or after January 1, 2013, the Forever GI Bill® removes this expiration entirely.*

HOW THE GI BILL® WORKS AT UAGC

Use your GI Bill® at UAGC. Your benefits can be applied directly toward tuition and other approved education expenses, and UAGC VA coordinators help certify your enrollment so your benefits can begin.

ONLINE LEARNING

The online programs at UAGC offer the flexibility to balance school with work, family, or continued service. Payment amounts for online-only programs may vary based on your eligibility percentage, enrollment level, and rate of pursuit.

SOURCE: [HTTPS://WWW.VA.GOV/EDUCATION/ABOUT-GI-BILL-BENEFITS/HOW-TO-USE-BENEFITS/ONLINE-DISTANCE-LEARNING/](https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/online-distance-learning/)

CAN MY FAMILY USE GI BILL® BENEFITS?

In some cases, yes. Eligible service members may transfer unused Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits to a spouse or dependent children. Transfers must be requested while on active duty or in the Selected Reserve, after at least six years of qualifying service, with a commitment to serve four additional years.

SOURCE: [VA.GOV — TRANSFER YOUR POST-9/11 GI BILL BENEFITS](#)

SURVIVORS' & DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (Chapter 35):

For spouses and children of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled, or who died or were missing/captured due to service-connected causes. Unlike Chapter 33, DEA pays the student directly each month rather than the school, and eligible dependents can receive up to 36 months of benefits.

SOURCE: [VA.GOV — SURVIVORS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE \(DEA\)](#)

Patriot Grant

UAGC has extended the Patriot Grant to help more military families pursue their education goals, including eligible dependents using VA education benefits at UAGC as well as eligible veteran spouses.

To qualify, students must provide documentation of an acceptable characterization of military service and separation from service.

[CONTACT A UAGC ADMISSION SPECIALIST TO REVIEW YOUR OPTIONS.](#)



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HOW TO APPLY FOR GI BILL® BENEFITS

- 1 Apply for GI Bill® benefits at [VA.gov/education/apply](https://www.va.gov/education/apply)
- 2 Receive your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the VA
- 3 Apply at [UAGC](#) and connect with your VA coordinator
- 4 Your coordinator certifies your enrollment so benefits can begin

SOURCE: [HTTPS://WWW.VA.GOV/EDUCATION/HOW-TO-APPLY/](https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do active-duty members and veterans receive the same benefits?

Not quite. Active-duty service members (and spouses using transferred benefits while the service member is still on active duty) do not receive the Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA). Only veterans, and dependents once the service member has separated, receive the housing payment.

SOURCE: [VA.GOV — POST-9/11 GI BILL \(CHAPTER 33\) RATES](#), [HTTPS://WWW.VA.GOV/EDUCATION/BENEFIT-RATES/POST-9-11-GI-BILL-RATES/](https://www.va.gov/education/benefit-rates/post-9-11-gi-bill-rates/) (UPDATED FOR AUG. 2025–JULY 2026 RATE YEAR)

Who receives Post 9/11 GI Bill® payments — the school or the student?

Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill®, tuition is paid directly to the school. Book stipends are paid to the student.

SOURCE: [VA.GOV — POST-9/11 GI BILL \(CHAPTER 33\)](#)

Can benefits be transferred to family members?

Yes, if the service member has completed at least six years of qualifying service and agrees to serve four more years.

SOURCE: [VA.GOV — TRANSFER YOUR POST-9/11 GI BILL BENEFITS](#)

36 months

Of education benefits available to most Post-9/11 GI Bill® recipients.*

No expiration

Forever GI Bill® removed the 15-year time limit for benefits for veterans discharged on or after January 1, 2013.*



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YOUR NEXT MISSION STARTS HERE.

Whether you served in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines Corps, Navy, or Space Force — there's a place for you at UAGC. Our team is here to help you understand your benefits and take the next step toward your degree.

CONTACT THE UAGC MILITARY TEAM

- Military Financial Services: vacertification@uagc.edu
- VA Education Benefits: 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)
- VA Website: [VA.gov/education](https://va.gov/education)
- GI Bill® Comparison Tool: va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool

APPLY NOW — [UAGC.EDU/APPLY](https://uagc.edu/apply)

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits is available at benefits.va.gov/gibill.

*SOURCE: [VA.GOV](https://va.gov) — POST-9/11 GI BILL (CHAPTER 33)



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