

1 STUDENT VETERAN

FAQs for Student Veterans

How do I find out what education benefits I'm eligible for?

Veterans can contact the VA's GI Bill® Hotline at 1.888.GI.Bill (1.888.442.4551).

How is my Post-9/11 GI Bill living stipend (BHA) determined?

Your BHA is based on the ZIP code for your school and paid at the rate of E-5 with dependents. To estimate of your BHA benefits, click here and enter your zip code: <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/bahCalc.cfm>.

If I attend school half time do I get BHA?

No. The law stipulates no BAH payment for less than full time students.

If I am a "distance learner" do I qualify for BHA?

Yes, but your payments will be for half of the national average (currently \$714.50).

What should I do or who do I contact about a payment delay?

First, contact your school certifying official first to double-check your enrollment verification. If you continue to have problems, email 1StudentVeteran@vfw.org.

Why didn't I get any payment over the break?

Payments are made based on the days actually spent in school; therefore no payments are made during breaks.

Can I transfer my benefits to my spouse or children?

Under certain conditions you may transfer your benefits if you are still serving on active duty, but benefit transfer is controlled by the Department of Defense (DOD) and requires additional military service. VA does not control the transfer of benefits. For a fact sheet on GI Bill transferability, click here:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/factsheets/Transferability_Factsheet.pdf.

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