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FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

FOR FAMILIES ELIGIBILITY IN MONTHS

What your benefits could add up to

Post-9/11 GI Bill®

CHAPTER 33, BY TRANSFER OR THE FRY SCHOLARSHIP

Up to 36 months [1]

- **Tuition and fees.** At the maximum level, the full cost of public, in-state tuition and fees. [1]
- **Housing.** A monthly housing allowance when in school more than half time. [1] A spouse using transferred months gets none while the service member is on active duty. [4]
- **Books and supplies.** Up to $1,000 each academic year. [2]
- **Yellow Ribbon.** Can help with out-of-state, private, foreign or graduate tuition and fees the GI Bill does not cover, at the 100% level, where the school takes part. [3]
- **Fry Scholarship.** Up to 36 months for the child or surviving spouse of a service member who died on or after September 11, 2001, in the circumstances VA lists. [5]

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance

CHAPTER 35 (DEA)

Up to 36 months [6]

- **36 or 45.** Up to 36 months if school started on or after August 1, 2018; up to 45 if it started before. [6]
- **How it pays.** Monthly, directly to the student. [6]
- **Who it is for.** A spouse or child, as in the box below. [6]
- **Age.** A child who became eligible, turned 18 or finished high school on or after August 1, 2023 can use it at any age. [6]

HOW THEY ADD UP

One benefit — ANY ONE

up to 36 months

Chapter 33 by transfer, Chapter 35, or the Fry Scholarship: up to 36 months each. [1,5,6]

36 MONTHS MAX

Two benefits — CHAPTERS 33 AND 35

Chapter 33, up to 36 months	Chapter 35, up to 36 months

Only when both halves below are true. For transferred months, the 48-month cap you may see elsewhere does not apply: Chapter 35 with Chapters 33, 30 or 1606 may not exceed 81 months, so 36 and 36 both fit, one at a time, and 36 with Chapter 35's older 45 can reach 81. Fry with DEA is different; see below. [6,7,8,10]

72 MONTHS MAX

For example — 36 SHARED BY TWO

18 months	Chapter 35, up to 36 months

A parent's 36 months split between two children, 18 each: 18 and 36 make 54. [4]

54 MONTHS

HOW A FAMILY QUALIFIES FOR BOTH

Chapter 33 months, one of these

- A parent transferred months to you while still on active duty: 6 years served, 4 more agreed, approved by DoD. [4]
- The Fry Scholarship: a parent who died on or after September 11, 2001, in the circumstances VA lists. [5]

Chapter 35 months, one of these

- A parent VA has found **permanently and totally** disabled by a service-connected disability. The finding decides it, not the rating alone. [6]
- A parent who died of a service-connected disability or in the line of duty. [6]
- Other, less common ways are on VA's DEA page. [6]

Fry and DEA after a death on or after August 1, 2011: a survivor chooses one, or uses both only if DEA comes from a different event, one at a time, and VA caps that pair at 48 months. [5,6] This sheet shows the main ways to qualify and the usual month limits, not all of them. VA has other, less common ones, and VA decides what applies to you. **Not sure about either half?** Ask the parent, or call VA at 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551). [9] A School Certifying Official certifies your enrollment and can talk through your plan; VA decides your eligibility and months.

Check it yourself

va.gov/education

The Order Matters

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College Tool

App Store and Google Play

OFFICIAL SOURCES, CHECKED 9 NOVEMBER 2026

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8. 38 U.S.C. § 3695, limitation on assistance under two or more programs. uscode.house.gov
9. VA, education and training benefits, call center 888-GIBILL-1 (888-442-4551). va.gov/education
10. 38 U.S.C. § 3322, bar to duplication of educational assistance benefits. uscode.house.gov

An independent, third-party reference, not an official source. It summarizes the official sources listed and cannot cover every case, so use it as a starting point for your plan. VA decides eligibility and benefits: confirm your plan with VA and your School Certifying Official, and read the sources that apply to you. Checked 9 November 2026. Rules and rates change.
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