

## Veterans Education Benefits

Webber International University is approved by the State of Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs for the training of Veterans and soldiers on active duty.

Webber is a Military Friendly institution. Webber provides personal service and advising to service members, dependents and veterans.

Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits provide eligible servicemen/women and eligible dependents with an opportunity for higher education. The certifying official in the Financial Aid/Registrar Office will certify a Veteran Education benefit recipient, once eligibility has been established and the student is registered for classes.

Veterans making routine inquiries should call the education toll free number: **1-888-442-4551** or go to [www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov). Veterans wanting to send an inquiry should first look at the question and answer pages on [www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov) for frequently asked questions.

### VA Education Programs:

**GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by the VA is available at the official U.S. Government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.**

Post 911 GI Bill® and Yellow Ribbon Program  
Vocational Rehabilitation, Chapter 31  
Montgomery GI Bill, Chapter 30  
Reservists, Chapter 1606, Chapter 1607  
Veterans Education Assistance Program, Chapter 32  
Dependents Educational Assistance, Chapter 35

### STEPS TO APPLY:

1. Apply online using the Veterans Online Application – [www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov)
2. Print the submitted application for benefits & mail a copy to the Webber International University Registrar, 1201 N Scenic Hwy, PO Box 96, Babson Park, FL 33827 or by email: [registrar@webber.edu](mailto:registrar@webber.edu).
3. Once the VA receives and approves your application for benefits, it will take approximately 30 days to process. If approved, you will receive a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)** from the VA. **Please send a copy of the COE to the Webber International University Registrar as in Step 2 above. The COE is the form needed by the Certifying Official to begin processing your benefits, the COE includes the veterans claim number, type of benefit and eligibility expiration date.** Students may check the status of their claim by calling the VA Education

Call Center at **1-888-442-4551**, or online at [www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov).

For additional information after you apply go to –

<https://www.vets.gov/education/after-you-apply/>

4. If you need the status of your claim, you may contact the Education Division at **1-888-442-4551** or go to

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/manage/education>

For payment rates, visit

[https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBill/resources/benefits\\_resources/rates/ch33/ch33rates080117.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBill/resources/benefits_resources/rates/ch33/ch33rates080117.asp)

5. Request your academic transcripts and service-related transcripts be sent to Webber.

Webber accepts military service education and training as recommended by the American Council on Education and the Department of Defense. Recommended credits are awarded to service members upon the receipt of official transcripts. Transcripts are evaluated in accordance with Webber policies. Some credits may not pertain to the degree. Every consideration is made to award credit for the benefit of the student.

**Veterans from the Army, National Guard, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy**

should request a Joint Services transcript at <https://jst.doded.mil/official.html>.

Complete instructions are provided on the website. Students will need to register for a JST account.

**The Air Force assesses all military training through the Community College of the Air Force.**

In the Air Force, the only branch of the Military service that has its own University System – which automatically converts your training into College credit. The Community College of the Air Force is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Veterans from the Air Force can order transcripts from the Community College of the Air Force: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf>

**ACE Transcripts** – American Council on Education, go to

<http://www.acenet.edu/higher-education/topics/Pages/Transcript-Services.aspx>

**AP Transcripts** – order online at [www.collegeboard.com/student/index.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/index.html)

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), this school adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (Ch. 31)

benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. Webber International University will not:

- Prevent the student's enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to the student;
- Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny the student access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class;
- Provide a written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies

### **AFTER YOU BEGIN CLASSES**

Once a student is certified for VA benefits and has begun attendance, the student is responsible for reporting to the Veterans Administration continued eligibility for the semester. Some programs require a monthly verification. Students may access WAVE (Web automated verification of Enrollment) to submit for 22-8879 or use IVR (Interactive Voice Response) system on the phone at **1-877-823-2378**.

The certifying official will report any change of enrollment once during the semester to the Veterans Administration.

### **Service Member and Veteran Priority Registration**

In support of the men and women of the Armed Forces and of the veterans who have served our country, Webber International University supports the Harry W. Colmery Veteran's Educational Assistance Act of 2017, also known as the "Forever GI Bill®".

Webber International University offers priority registration to our veteran and service member students. Students who are a veteran or who are currently serving in any of the armed services branches are encouraged to take advantage of our priority advising and registration. The priority registration period is during the senior registration week each semester. Seniors are the first to register each semester. Service members and veterans of all class levels are encouraged to see his or her adviser and register during the senior registration week.

## **POST 911 Benefit Scholarship Policy for traditional students**

Students eligible for the Post 911 GI Bill® program are eligible for up to \$24,476.79 for the 2019-20 academic year to cover Tuition and Fees only. VA benefit amounts adjust yearly.

Students who reside on campus may use federal, state and institutional financial aid not specifically designated for tuition and fees toward room and board. Institutional aid will not be refunded or used for books. Students use their VA book stipend for books and supplies.

Students who do not reside on campus will have their institutional scholarships applied to tuition and fees after the application of their yearly Post 911 benefit. State aid designated toward tuition and fees will be deducted, Post 911 benefits will be billed for remaining allowable tuition and fees up to the maximum yearly benefit.

Eligible students whose tuition & fees exceed the yearly VA benefit maximum will have the Yellow Ribbon benefit applied up to the maximum stated benefit of \$5,000 in that program.

Federal Title IV Aid and state aid and other outside sources of aid not solely designated for tuition and fees will not be deducted from this benefit. The Florida EASE Grant and the Children of Deceased or Disabled Veterans (CDDV) from the State of Florida are solely designated for tuition and fees.

In general, Title IV aid (Pell, SEOG, Direct Loans and PLUS Loans) will not be affected by VA benefits. A Pell Grant and/or Student Loan recipient will have their federal aid not designated for tuition and fees applied to room and board, other fees and books.

The student should not expect any refund of VA benefits, Tuition Assistance, Webber Scholarships/grants or any other non-federal aid source. Any credit balance incurred from these sources will be refunded to the appropriate funding source.

Students taking on-line courses may receive a lesser BAH than students who physically attend classes on campus. For payment rates, visit –

[https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits\\_resources/rates/ch33/ch33rates080117.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rates/ch33/ch33rates080117.asp)