IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Post 9/11 GI Bill-Ch 33 & Other Educational Benefits Programs (1-2012)

ALL VA educational recipients will NOT receive subsistence or BAH pay, “break pay”, between academic terms.

New Eligibility Ch 33: Active Service performed by National Guard members under title 32 U.S.C. for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the National Guard or under section 502 (f) for the purpose of responding to a national emergency.

Benefit Level Ch 33: Individuals utilizing benefits while on active duty will be subject to the same benefit level determinations as veterans, based upon the amount of aggregate active duty service.

Tuition and Fees Ch 33: The University’s in-state tuition rate is the maximum tuition amount the VA will pay towards a student’s tuition charges (according the students authorized percentage of eligibility). Tuition and fees will not be ordered from the VA until the term’s drop and add period has ended.

- Non-resident students will be paid the maximum of in-state tuition (according to their percentage of eligibility).
- All scholarships, fellowship, waivers, aid (Federal Tuition Assistance –TA) or assistance [other than loans and funds section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965] awarded solely for the payment of tuition and fees must be subtracted from the cost of tuition and fees.
- The school can only request from the VA the difference between billed tuition and fees and any other tuition and fees designated aid the student may receive. Example: (1) AU’s Presidential Scholarship pays for the student’s entire tuition and fees (both in-state and out-of-state), therefore, the AU’s VA office can not request tuition and fees from the VA. (2) AU’s Trustee Scholarship is not dedicated solely for tuition and fees and will pay for any items (tuition, fees, lab fees, books, meal plans, campus housing, OIT charges, and miscellaneous items etc. etc.) on the student’s Bursar Bill, therefore, the student can receive the VA’s payment for tuition and fees along with the Trustee Scholarship.

Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Ch 33: (1) Full Ch 33 BAH payment (based on the student’s authorized percentage) is paid to students who are undergraduates taking 12 hours or more or a graduate student taking 9 hours or more. BAH is paid at the end of each month for the previous month of schooling and is prorated according to the number of days of the term in that month. Example: August of fall term is approximately two weeks long, therefore the student will receive only approximately two weeks of BAH funds. (2) The student must be training at a rate greater than ½ time e.g. an undergrad must be enrolled for 7hrs or more to receive BAH for fall and spring terms. Seven hours of classes would receive a BAH at a prorated rate of 58.3% rounded up to the 60% of BAH. A graduate student must be enrolled for a least 51% of the total full-time hours which, for most graduate degrees, is 9hrs. Four and half (4&1/2hrs) equals ½ time no BAH would be paid for 4 hrs. Five hours is greater than half time so BAH prorated to 55.5% rounded up to the 60% rate of BAH.

Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP) Ch33: For 2011-2012 academic year, AU has agreed to assist the first ten fully matriculated 100% eligible Post 9/11 GI Bill undergraduate non-resident students who complete the AU Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP) application process. The applicant (1) must be fully admitted and registered for classes. (2) Provide the University VA office the most current Certificate of Eligibility (COE) or VA Award Letter showing your eligibility at a 100% rate of the Post 9/11 GI Bill. (3) Be a non-resident undergraduate student. (4) Complete and return, by the published deadline, the Auburn University Yellow Ribbon Program application. (5) The student must meet and maintain satisfactory academic progress, conduct and attendance as published by the university. Student recipients for the YRP will be selected on a “first-come first-served basis” according to the date & time of the receipt of the completed application by the Auburn University VA Office. Yellow Ribbon Program applications and deadlines will be published each summer prior to the start of the new academic year. The application forms, the award amounts and deadline may change from year to year.