

# Veteran Education Benefits

Christine Valmy International School is strongly committed to supporting men and women who have served our nation through military service. Christine Valmy serves veterans, service members and their families, who are accessing U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs education benefits, often referred to as the GI Bill.

Students attending Christine Valmy who are eligible to receive VA Educational Benefits may qualify for one of the following Chapters of the GI Bill of Educational Assistance:

- CHAPTER 30 Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (MGIB-AD)
- CHAPTER 31 The Vocational Rehabilitation Program
- CHAPTER 33 The Post-9/11 GI Bill
- CHAPTER 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)
- CHAPTER 1606 Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)
- CHAPTER 1607 Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

## Student Responsibilities

You are required to become familiar with the Christine Valmy VA Education Benefits Checklist listed on the right. Each step must be followed in order to have your benefits processed. You are responsible for any and all charges due to late submission of the request form.

A Request for Certification form must be completed in order to have your benefits certified with the VA.

Any changes in your enrollment must be communicated to the School Certifying Official immediately. You will be responsible for any and all charges owed the VA and/or the school for any changes to certifications.

You are responsible for maintaining your benefit eligibility and should only request certification when eligible. The School Certifying Official does not have access to this information. If you request certification it will be processed, however, should the VA deny the certification it will be your responsibility to contact the school to make all payment arrangements for any and all charges owed, including any late charges.

## VA Benefit Payments

The School Certifying Official (SCO) has no record of VA payments made directly to you as a student. If a payment is late, please contact the VA directly at (800) 442-4551, prompt 1, then prompt 0, to inquire. Or, submit an "Ask a Question" inquiry on the VA website.

## What is W.A.V.E.?

W.A.V.E. stands for Web-Automated Verification of Enrollment. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. You can check the status of your enrollment, update your personal information, update your direct deposit information, and report changes to your enrollment directly to the VA. You MUST verify your enrollment every month, on the last day of the month, if you are currently enrolled in Chapters 30, 1606 or 1607. Chapter 33 does not require monthly verification. Your monthly payment will not be processed until you verify your enrollment for the month.

## eBenefits

It is highly recommended that you sign up to use eBenefits. This tool allows you to apply for benefits online, manage direct deposits with the VA, and request VA documents. You will also be able to see your payments and remaining eligibility.

## **Educational Benefits**

### **Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty (MGIB-AD), Chapter 30**

The MGIB-AD program—sometimes known as Chapter 30—provides education benefits to Veterans and Service members who have at least two years of active duty.

[http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mqib\\_ad.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mqib_ad.asp)

### **Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, Chapter 31**

Service members expecting a discharge that is other than dishonorable who possess a VA memorandum or Integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) rating of 20 percent or more—as well as Service members currently going through a Physical Evaluation Board—may be eligible to receive Vocational Rehabilitation (VocRehab) and Employment services.

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp>

### **Post 9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33**

If you have at least 90 days of aggregate active duty service after Sept. 10, 2001, and are still on active duty, or if you are an honorably discharged Veteran or were discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days, you may be eligible for this VA-administered program.

<http://www.gibill.va.gov>

### **Post 9/11 GI Bill Transferability**

The transferability option under the Post-9/11 GI Bill allows Service members to transfer all or some unused benefits to their spouse or dependent children. The Department of Defense (DoD) determines whether or not you can transfer benefits to your family. Once the DoD approves benefits for transfer, the new beneficiaries apply for them at VA.

[http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2009/0409\\_gibill/](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2009/0409_gibill/)

### **Survivors and Dependent Assistance, Chapter 35**

The Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

[http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor\\_dependent\\_assistance.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp)

### **Montgomery GI Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR), Chapter 1606**

The MGIB-SR program provides education and training benefits to eligible members of the Selected Reserve, including the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve and Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. Eligibility for this program is determined by the Selected Reserve components and VA makes the payments.

[http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mqib\\_sr.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mqib_sr.asp)

### **Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), Chapter 1607**

REAP provides educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency declared by the president or Congress.

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/reap.asp>

## **Useful Links**

- VA Regional Office  
For questions on educational benefit, call toll free at (888) 442-4551; Fax (716) 551-4103.  
VA Regional Office  
PO Box 4616  
Buffalo, NY 14240-4616  
Please visit the official VA website for a detailed explanation of benefits:  
<http://www.gibill.va.gov>
- Apply online for Veterans Benefits:  
<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

- Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (W.A.V.E)  
<https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>
- Department of Veteran Affairs - Veteran Benefits Administration:  
<http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA/>
- Various VA Forms are located here:  
[http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/student\\_handouts/](http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/student_handouts/)
- GI Bill Comparison Tool  
<http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

If you have been in the military and believe you may be eligible to receive Veterans Education Benefits, you can:

Contact our School Certifying Official:

Jacqueline Ortiz  
973575-1050 Ext 532

Giovanna Navarro  
973-575-1050 Ext 531

Email us at:

Visit us at the Financial Aid/ Veteran Affairs Office in our NJ campus: 285 Changebridge Road, Pine Brook, NJ 07058