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Department of Veteran's Affairs

STUDENT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

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I, _____, the student, am responsible for taking the following actions:

1. Inform the Veteran's Advisor immediately of changes to my student status, including but not limited to:
 - Change of Program of Study
 - Change of course load (reduction or increase of classes or credits)
 - Withdrawal from courses of University attendance
 - Change of address or contact information

2. Follow the official withdrawal procedures of the University if I should decide to withdraw from a course, withdraw from the University attendance or take a Leave of Absence.

3. Maintain standards of SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS as set forth by the University.

I understand that failure to carry out all of the above may result in suspension of my education benefits and subject me to liability for recovery of overpayment. The Privacy Act of 1974 requires that all students be informed that the Department of Veteran's Affairs and the appropriate State Agencies may audit information relevant to and necessary for determining entitlement of any and all V.A. Benefits.

I, _____, _____, have reviewed and understand all items enumerated above, have secured answers to my questions involved, and certify that I will comply with all regulations set forth by the Department of Veteran's Affairs and Western Connecticut State University.

Student Signature: _____ Student I.D. #: _____
Date: ____ / ____ / ____



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APPLICATION FOR CT STATE VETERAN'S TUITION WAIVER

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Name:	WCSU Student ID No.:		
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):	SSN:		
Address:			
(Street)	(City)	(ST)	(Zip)
Telephone 1:	E-mail 1:		
Telephone 2:	E-mail 2:		
Branch of Service:	From:	To:	
Type of Discharge:	Education Goal:		
Were you a Connecticut resident when accepted for Admission to WCSU? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> BGS	<input type="checkbox"/> MBA <input type="checkbox"/> LAW

- Notes: 1. Students must be admitted to a degree-granting program.
- 2. Veteran's Tuition Waiver cannot be granted for any certificate programs.

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR DD-214 (MEMBER 4 COPY) TO THIS APPLICATION

(Or Letter from the Adjutant General Certifying eligibility for Tuition Assistance for National Guard)

I hereby certify the information provided on this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Student Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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Official's Signature: _____ Approved Disapproved

Date: ____ / ____ / ____



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IMPORTANT WEBSITES AND PHONE NUMBERS

Office of Student Financial Services • 181 White Street Danbury, Connecticut 06810
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VONAPP: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>
(for filling out the 22-1990 on-line)

WAVE: <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/>
(for verifying enrollment and status of benefits)

Automated Verification: 877-823-2378
(for verifying enrollment)

VA Regional Office Buffalo, NY Customer Support:

Phone Number: 888-442-4551

Fax Number: 716-857-3192

Address: Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Office
PO Box 4616
Buffalo, NY 14240-4616

WCSU TUITION AND FEES: <http://www.wcsu.edu/registration/tuition.asp>

WCSU Academic Calendar: <http://www.wcsu.edu/newsevents/currentacadcal.asp>

SMART transcripts: <http://www.ncu.edu/military/transcripts.asp>
(to get credit for military training)

CT Dept of Veteran's Affairs: <http://www.ct.gov/ctva/site/default.asp>

Dept of Veteran's Affairs: <http://www.va.gov/>

VA Educational Benefits: http://www.gibill.va.gov/GI_Bill_Info/benefits.htm

www.Military.com: <http://images.military.com/Registration/welcome.html>

NATIONAL GUARD: Nat.Guard Benefits

<https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/Benefits/Unsecured/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fbenefits>

MasterSgt Allsop: 860-524-4820

National Guard Education Liasion



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

What should you consider before electing the new GI Bill?

There are several things you should consider before electing benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. These include:

- Type of training you plan to pursue
- Cost of tuition and fees at your school
- Highest in-state undergraduate tuition and fees at a public institution in the state where your school is located
- Amount of the monthly housing allowance in the zip code where your school is located
- The number of courses you plan to pursue
- Other VA education benefits you are eligible to receive
- Other financial aid you may be entitled to receive

How do you apply for the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

If you have never applied for VA education benefits, you must submit a VA Form 22-1990, Application for Education Benefits. All applicants are encouraged to submit an application on the revised form. If you are also eligible for another benefit or benefits, you must indicate that you are electing to receive the Post-9/11

GI Bill, specify the benefit you wish to relinquish to receive the Post-9/11 GI Bill, and the effective date of your election under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. You should also submit any available supporting documentation including copies of DD-214(s), activation orders and enlistment contracts.

How many months of assistance can I receive?

Generally, you may receive up to 36 months of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

How long am I eligible?

You will be eligible for benefits for 15 years from your last period of active duty of at least 90 consecutive days. If you were released for a service-connected disability after at least 30 days of continuous service, you will also be eligible for benefits for 15 years.

Example:

Tuition and fees for full time enrollment: \$6700. Highest in-state tuition and fees: \$7000.

Scenario 1:

If you separated following three years on active duty and are going to school full-time, you would receive \$6700 for tuition and fees, \$1000 for books and supplies, and the monthly housing allowance.

Scenario 2:

If you have an aggregate of 12 months of active duty in the guard or reserves and are going to school full-time, you would receive \$4020 (60% of \$6700) for tuition and fees, \$600 (60% of \$1000) for books and supplies, and 60% of the monthly housing allowance.

How much will I receive?

Based on your length of active duty service, you are entitled to a percentage of the following:

- Cost of tuition and fees, not to exceed the most expensive in-state undergraduate tuition at a public institution of higher education (paid to school);
- Monthly housing allowance* equal to the basic allowance for housing payable to a military E-5 with dependents, in the same zip code as your school (paid to you);
- Yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1000 per year (paid to you); and -A one-time payment of \$500 paid to certain individuals relocating from highly rural areas.

* NOTE – The housing allowance and books and supplies stipend are not payable to individuals on active duty. The housing allowance is not payable to those pursuing training at half time or less or to individuals enrolled in distance learning.

Individuals serving an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001, of:	Percentage of Maximum Benefit Payable
At least 36 months	100%
At least 30 continuous days and discharged due to service connected disability	100%
At least 30 months < 36 months	90%
At least 24 months < 30 months	80%
At least 18 months < 24 months	70%
At least 12 months < 18 months	60%
At least 6 months < 12 months	50%
At least 90 days < 6 months	40%



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30) New Post-9/11 MGIB (Chapter 33)

36 Months	<p>If you have already used a portion of your education benefits you may only be eligible for the remainder of your 36 months under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.</p> <p>Example: I have used 12 months of my chapter 30 benefits and am only eligible for 24 months under the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Also, if you have enrolled in for a semester and your benefits end during that semester under the Chapter 30 GI Bill you will continue to receive benefits through the completion of the semester. However, under the New Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) when the time remaining for your benefits expires even during an ongoing semester your benefits stop!</p>	36 Months
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Filling for Free 12 month extension	<p>With the Chapter 30 GI Bill you may file for a free 12 month extension if you have used all of your education benefits not to exceed 48 months.</p> <p>Under the New Post-9/11 GI Bill the free 12 month extension must be completed before your education benefits under Chapter 30 GI Bill are consumed. (this policy is not yet clarified by the VA please check with your WCSU VA Coordinator for details.</p>	Filling for Free 12 month extension
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Stipend	<p>With the Chapter 30 GI Bill you will receive approximately \$1320.00 per month, If you have contributed extra for the "Kicker" this amount can be up to 150.00 more; in addition you may be eligible for the "CT State Tuition Waiver" check with the WCSU VA Coordinator for eligibility. (Remember the Chapter 30 Stipend is allotted to cover the cost of Fees, books, tuition etc...)</p> <p>Under the New Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition and Fees are paid and the BAH is allotted for your cost of living during the semester in which you are registered.</p>	Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH)
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NO Book Allotment	<p>With the Chapter 30 GI Bill you will NOT receive a "Book Allotment". (The stipend is the only monetary allotment for the Chapter 30 GI Bill.)</p> <p>Under the New Post-9/11 GI Bill you will receive \$1000.00 dollars per year specifically given for the purchase of books and supplies. (As of May 15, 2009 we are unsure whether or not the "Book Allotment" will be divided into 2 payments or made as one lump annual allotment, check with your WCSU VA Coordinator for changes.)</p>	Book Allotment
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Your decision to change from the Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30) to the New Post-9/11 GI Bill if completed will be permanent.

Be sure to investigate your options beyond this comparison worksheet before declaring your choice for benefits

For more information please call the VA's toll-free number

1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to speak with a Veterans Benefits Counselor.

* WCSU Veterans Affairs wants to provide you with the best information on your decision between Chapter 30 and the New Post-9/11 GI Bill. All of the information given on this comparison worksheet are subject to change. We, WCSU, are not held liable or responsible for your decisions regarding your Veterans Education Benefits.