



Post-9/11 GI Bill

Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the Department of Veterans Affairs pays certain expenses of eligible veterans and service members, or their designated dependents, enrolled at educational institutions or training establishments. Educational institutions include public, nonprofit, and for-profit colleges and universities, as well as other entities offering approved programs of education. The benefit paid for tuition and fees is equal to the actual amount charged to in-state residents for students attending public institutions or up to a maximum amount, adjusted annually for inflation, for students at private or foreign institutions. The program also provides a monthly housing allowance to beneficiaries who pursue education or training at a rate greater than half-time, and it pays stipends for books and other supplies. Generally, people who served on active duty after September 11, 2001, for at least 36 months are eligible for the full benefit, and those who served for shorter periods receive a reduced benefit. Service members with at least six years on active duty who agree to serve four more years can transfer benefits to their dependents.

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	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2025-2029	2025-2034
BUDGET INFORMATION													
Millions of dollars, by fiscal year													
Outlays Estimated in Baseline	8,421	9,315	9,620	9,899	10,746	9,854	10,678	10,931	11,193	12,099	11,763	49,434	106,098
Adjustment for Timing Shifts ^a	485	0	0	0	-575	575	0	0	0	-635	-20	0	-655
Annual Benefit Payments	8,906	9,315	9,620	9,899	10,171	10,429	10,678	10,931	11,193	11,464	11,743	49,434	105,443
BENEFIT INFORMATION													
By fiscal year													
Total Beneficiaries	557,558	557,558	557,558	558,004	558,618	559,177	559,289	559,289	559,289	559,289	559,289	n.a.	n.a.
Average Annual Benefit (Dollars)	15,973	16,707	17,254	17,740	18,207	18,651	19,092	19,544	20,013	20,497	20,996	n.a.	n.a.

n.a. = not applicable.

a. The Department of Veterans Affairs makes certain payments under the Post-9/11 GI Bill (housing allowances and supplementary benefits) to beneficiaries on the first day of the month. If the first day of the month occurs on a weekend or holiday, the department will make the payments on the preceding business day. When this occurs in October (the beginning of the fiscal year), the payment is made at the end of September (in the preceding fiscal year). This results in shifting the October payments in fiscal years 2024, 2029, 2034, 2035 backward into fiscal years 2023, 2028, 2033, and 2034 respectively.