

# GW Tuition, Billing and Financial Aid FAQs

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# Financial Aid FAQ

## Tuition and Billing

### How much does the MHA@GW program cost?

Tuition is based on the number of credits for which you register. Current tuition rates can be found on the [MHA@GW program tuition and financial aid page](#).

### Are there additional fees assessed on top of tuition?

Visit the [Student Accounts page](#) for information on graduate tuition and fees.

### Can any fees be waived for online students?

Fees cannot be waived for online students.

### How much is the enrollment deposit, and when is it due?

There is a \$300 non-refundable enrollment deposit due once admitted.

### Can I use financial aid to cover the deposit?

Federal student aid cannot be used to pay the deposit.

### Will I be able to view my award package before submitting the deposit?

You will need to pay the enrollment deposit prior to viewing your award package.

### When will I receive a tuition bill and when is payment due?

Payment deadlines are listed on the [Student Accounts page](#).

### How do I view my bill?

The George Washington University bills by semester according to registration. Statements are available approximately 4-6 weeks prior to the start of the Fall and Spring semesters and approximately 3-4 weeks prior to the Summer semester. An email notification is sent when the bill is ready to view. We do not mail paper statements; all billing is done electronically through the [Student Account eBill](#). Students always have access to their eBill and Student Account status through [GWeb](#). Students are strongly encouraged to check their Student Account regularly to ensure that the account is in good standing. Students can add [Authorized Users](#) (e.g., a parent, relative, spouse, etc.) so they may also review account activity and/or make online payments on the [Student Account's page](#).

### What are the accepted forms of payment?

For students using personal funds the [accepted forms of payments](#) are electronic checks, credit cards, or paper checks.

### How does my employer go about paying the school?

Information about Third Party Billing can be found at the [Student Accounts page](#).

### Are payment plan options available for online students?

The GW Student Accounts Office provides an option to pay tuition in monthly payments, with fixed due dates for each term. The monthly payment plan enables students or their authorized users to pay current Fall and Spring semester tuition and fees in five equal payments per semester and current Summer semester tuition in three equal payments. Read more information on the [Monthly Payment Plan](#).

### **What are the consequences if my tuition bill is not paid when classes begin?**

The Student Accounts Office applies financial holds for outstanding balances, returned checks and bad addresses. These holds prevent students from registering for additional courses, receiving transcripts and receiving their diploma.

### **If I'm eligible to receive a refund, what is the process?**

Student accounts that have been overpaid will show a credit balance. Refunds resulting from the crediting of Title IV funds will be automatically generated within time frames as required by federal regulations. For all other refunds, students can choose to leave the credit on the account to apply to a future term, move all or a portion of the credit to their GWorld card, or request a refund. For the policy and procedures for refunds, please review the [Student Tuition Refund Policy](#).

### **What is the Title IV Authorization?**

By completing the Title IV Authorization, found in MyGW, GW can apply your federal aid to all your charges, such as medical insurance, parking fines and other miscellaneous charges.

### **Who can I contact at GW for billing and payment questions?**

For questions regarding billing and payments, connect with the [Student Accounts Office](#).

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## GW Student Portal

### What is GW student portal?

Your MyGW account includes access to academic records, billing, financial aid, direct deposit set up, and more. You will need your GW ID and Password to log into [MyGW](#).

### How do I set up my GW ID and Password?

The GWeb Information System, sometimes referred to as Banner or Banner Self Service, allows online access to GW student services, such as registering for classes, viewing student accounts, viewing grades and accepting financial aid. Students are assigned a GWeb account and pin when they have been accepted and signified their intent to attend GW, by paying a deposit. Faculty and staff are assigned a GWeb account and pin as part of the Human Resources hiring and intake process.

To log into GWeb, you must use your GWid, which is an alphanumeric value used to identify an individual's records within GW's administrative systems. Your GWid is the letter G followed by an 8-digit number. You must also use a PIN, which is usually a 6-digit number, to log in to the GWeb Information System. If you have forgotten your GWid, you may submit a GWid retrieval request.

### How do I set up my GW email address?

For information regarding setting up your GW email address please visit the ["Activate your GW email" webpage](#).

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## Financial Aid at GW

### **Does GW offer internal scholarships to online students?**

GW awards both merit-based scholarships and partner organization benefits to outstanding students whose professional and academic achievements set them apart as leaders in the field. Please feel free to reach out to your Admissions Counselor about scholarship opportunities.

### **Are there GW specific supplemental financial aid forms I need to complete?**

If you plan to apply for federal student aid, you will need to complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA), Entrance Counseling, and electronically sign the Loan Agreement Master Promissory Note (MPN) in order for your loans to disburse. Complete Loan Counseling on the [Federal Student Aid website](#). You are also required to complete the [Loan Questionnaire Form](#) if you plan to apply for the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan or an alternative/private loan.

### **What federal student aid is available to graduate students?**

The types of federal student aid graduate students are eligible to apply for include the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan and the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan. [Learn more about the types of federal student aid.](#)

### **Why are graduate students not eligible for the Federal Pell Grant or the Federal Subsidized Loan?**

The Department of Education awards Federal Pell Grants and Direct Subsidized Loans to eligible undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need and have not yet completed their bachelor's degrees. The Department of Education does not evaluate need or income for loans at the graduate or professional level. Therefore, graduate students are not eligible for the Federal Pell Grant nor the Direct Subsidized Loan.

### **Are there academic requirements I must meet to receive federal student aid?**

Students must maintain [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) (SAP) to continue receiving financial aid.

### **What is the minimum number of credits required to receive federal student aid?**

You must be registered for a minimum of 4.5 credits during the Fall and Spring semesters, and 3 credits for the Summer semester in order to be eligible for federal student aid.

### **What are private loans?**

Private education loans, also known as alternative loans, are offered by private lenders to help students bridge the gap between the cost of education and the amount the government allows you to borrow in federal loans. Lenders offer private educational loans with different rates, fees, repayment terms, and approval requirements.

### **Does GW recommend specific private lenders?**

There are no private lenders recommended by GW. Students will need to research private education lenders to assist them with their tuition.

### **When will I receive my financial aid award?**

Financial aid awards are typically prepared within 4-6 weeks of completing the FAFSA.

### **How do I accept my financial aid award?**

You can do this by logging into your GWeb by using your GWID and PIN. Once logged in, please follow the steps below to access your award:

1. Click on Student Financial Aid Menu
2. Click on My Award Information
3. Click on Award by Aid Year
4. Select 2020-2021 Financial Aid Year from the aid year drop-down menu
5. Click on the "Accept Award" tab on the top
6. You will see options to accept/decline loan funding and to enter the amount (if any) you wish to borrow.

### **Am I required to accept the full amount that I am offered on my award letter?**

No, you do not have to accept the full amount offered. Students are encouraged to borrow only what is needed. You can choose to accept all, part, or none of your financial aid award. Once all your requirements are completed, and your loan is posted on your student account, you can accept/decline on your GWeb.

### **Does my Direct Loan eligibility cover the entire cost of the program?**

Assuming you are eligible for both the Direct Unsubsidized Loan and the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, you can request enough aid to cover the full Cost of Attendance for the entirety of your program.

### **How soon will loans disburse to my student account?**

Disbursements begin on the first day of classes each term (spring I and spring II are combined into one spring term with one disbursement), provided all disbursement requirements are satisfied. Please note that GW disburses aid based on the campus [academic calendar](#).

When disbursement runs, it pays any charges that you have on your account. Following that, the refund process is a separate process and is initiated after the disbursement. Make sure that you enroll in [direct deposit](#) to receive your refund faster.

### **Can I use loans to cover additional expenses such as living expenses, books, supplies, etc.?**

Your cost of attendance (COA) for the academic year includes direct expenses including tuition and fees as well as indirect expenses including housing, meals, books, transportation, and personal/miscellaneous items. If there is eligibility for additional loan funds based on the COA, you are able to use those resources to cover expenses such as books, supplies, and other miscellaneous expenses. You can find your COA in GWeb under the financial assistance tab under the appropriate academic year.

### **Who can I contact at GW for financial aid questions?**

If you have any questions about tuition and financial aid at GW, please contact the Milken Institute School of Public Health (SPH) [Financial Aid Team](#) by calling 202-994-1950 or email [GWSPHfinaid@gwu.edu](mailto:GWSPHfinaid@gwu.edu). You can also schedule a [30-minute phone or in-person appointment](#).

# Financial Aid FAQ

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

### What is the FAFSA?

The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) is the application the Department of Education uses to determine if you are eligible to receive federal student aid.

### Where can I find the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is available online at [Studentaid.gov](#). The FAFSA is a free application; you will not be asked to pay. You can also complete the FAFSA on the myStudentAid App. The GW school code is 001444.

### Do I need to include my social security number (SSN) in my application for admission to be eligible for aid?

Yes, you will need to include your SSN in your application for admissions, in order for GW to retrieve your FAFSA from the federal database. Please contact the SPH Financial Aid Team by calling 202-994-1950 if you find any discrepancies or a missing SSN. Please do not provide your SSN via email.

### Do I need my parents' tax information to complete the FAFSA?

If you are applying for graduate school, you are considered an independent student, and do not need to include your parents' information to complete the FAFSA.

### What is the Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?

The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is a measurement of your ability to contribute toward your educational costs. As a graduate/professional student your EFC is not a factor in your eligibility for federal student loans.

### When should I complete the FAFSA?

The FAFSA is available every October 1st for the upcoming academic year. New students planning to use federal student aid should complete a FAFSA while applying for admission. You do not need to wait until you are admitted to complete the FAFSA. Continuing students will need to submit a FAFSA each year they plan to receive federal student aid.

Please reference the chart below to determine which FAFSA to complete based on your desired start date:

Start	Term	FAFSA Year
January 2021	Spring 1	2020-2021
April 2021	Spring 2	2020-2021
July 2021	Summer	2020-2021
September 2021	Fall	2021-2022

### Do I need to complete the FAFSA each year?

Yes. Because eligibility for federal student aid does not carry over from one award year to the next, you will need to complete the FAFSA for each award year for which you are or plan to be a student.

### What constitutes an academic year for federal student aid?

An academic year at GW starts in the fall and ends in the summer. This is used to calculate your federal eligibility for one academic year.

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## Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

### What is the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan?

The Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan is a federal loan offered to students to help with the cost of education. The Federal Unsubsidized Loan is not based on income or financial need. There is an annual limit to the unsubsidized loan as well as a lifetime eligibility limit.

### What criteria is used to determine eligibility for federal student aid?

In order to apply for federal student aid, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Have a valid Social Security Number (SSN)
- Be registered with Selective Service, if you are male (must register between the ages of 18 and 25), or meet the waiver requirement
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible degree program
- Be enrolled at least half-time (4.5 credits in the fall/spring and 3 credits in the summer)
- Maintain [satisfactory academic progress](#) (SAP)
- Not currently be in default on previous federal student loans
- Not have exceeded the maximum aggregate loan limit

Learn more about [federal student aid eligibility criteria](#) on the Federal Student Aid website.

### What is the aggregate loan limit?

The aggregate loan limit is the total amount that you may borrow in federal student loans for undergraduate and graduate study. In addition to borrowing limitations based on the cost of attendance for the program, students are also limited in terms of lifetime borrowing. The aggregate loan limit for MHA@GW is \$224,000.

If the total loan amount you receive over the course of your education reaches the aggregate loan limit, you are not eligible to receive additional unsubsidized loans. However, if you repay some of your loans to bring your outstanding loan debt below the aggregate loan limit, you could then borrow again, up to the amount of your remaining eligibility under the aggregate loan limit. You can learn more about [graduate annual loan limits](#) on the Federal Student Aid website.

### How do I find out if I am near my aggregate loan limit?

Log in on the [StudentAid.gov homepage](#) to view your federal student loan borrowing history, and loan servicer details. Please note that private education loans are not listed on this site. Students in default are not eligible for additional federal loans. Contact your lender for default resolution options.

### What is the difference between a Direct Unsubsidized Loan and a Direct Subsidized Loan?

Direct Subsidized Loans are available to undergraduate students with financial need. Graduate students are not eligible for subsidized loans. The U.S. Department of Education pays the interest on subsidized loans while students are enrolled in their undergraduate program.

The Direct Unsubsidized Loan is available to undergraduate and graduate students and does not require demonstration of financial need. The Unsubsidized Loan begins accruing interest as soon as funds are disbursed. [Learn more about the difference between unsubsidized and subsidized loans.](#)



### **How much am I eligible for with the Direct Unsubsidized Loan?**

Most graduate level students are potentially eligible to receive up to \$20,500 per academic year in Direct Unsubsidized Loans. These amounts are based on maximum annual loan limits for students who have not reached their aggregate lifetime loan limit. Learn more about [graduate annual loan limits](#). Students in the MPH@GW and MHA@GW are eligible to receive an additional \$12,778 in unsubsidized loans if both fall and spring term unsubsidized funds have been fully exhausted.

### **How do I apply for the Direct Unsubsidized Loan?**

To apply for the Direct Unsubsidized Loan, you must complete and submit the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA).

### **What is the current Direct Unsubsidized Loan interest rate?**

The Direct Unsubsidized Loan interest rate is determined on an annual basis. Learn more about [interest rates](#) on the Federal Student Aid website.

### **Are there any additional loan fees for the Direct Unsubsidized Loan?**

There is a loan origination fee that is a percentage of the total loan amount. The loan origination fee is deducted from each loan disbursement you receive. Information on unsubsidized and PLUS loan origination fees can be found on the [Interest Rates and Fees page](#) of the Federal Student Aid website.

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## Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan

### What is the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan?

The Direct Graduate PLUS Loan is a federal loan that graduate or professional degree students can use to help pay education expenses in addition to the Direct Unsubsidized Loan. [Learn about Direct PLUS Loans.](#)

### Do Direct PLUS Loans affect my aggregate loan limit?

Only Direct Subsidized/Direct Unsubsidized Loans (formerly referred to as Stafford loans) and federal loans made through the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program count toward your lifetime aggregate loan limit.

### What are the eligibility criteria to apply for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan?

A soft credit check will be conducted when applying for the [Direct Graduate PLUS Loan](#). In addition to the federal student aid eligibility criteria, applicants cannot have an adverse credit history. If you are denied, there are options to either [appeal the credit decision](#) or seek [an endorser](#).

### What are the credit criteria to receive the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan?

One of the eligibility requirements to receive a Graduate PLUS Loan is that you must not have an [adverse credit history](#). A soft credit check is performed to determine whether a Graduate PLUS Loan applicant meets this requirement.

### How much can I borrow from the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan?

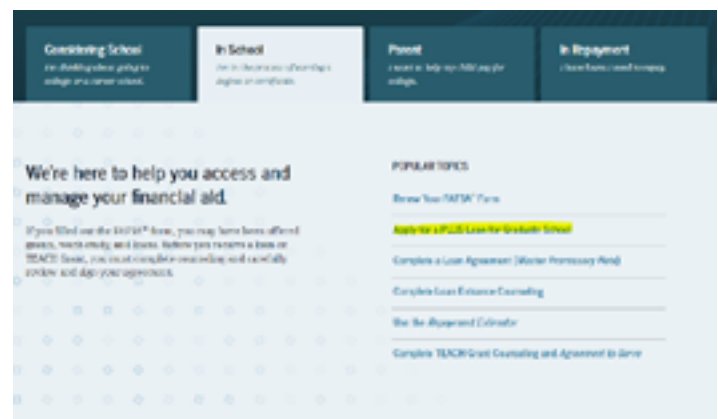
If approved for the Grad PLUS Loan, you can borrow up to the cost of attendance as determined by GW. This includes direct fees: tuition and other fees, and indirect fees: housing, food, transportation, books, and personal/miscellaneous items. You can view a [sample cost of attendance](#), just note that the only portion that will be adjusted is the number of credits you will be enrolled in.

### When can I apply for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan?

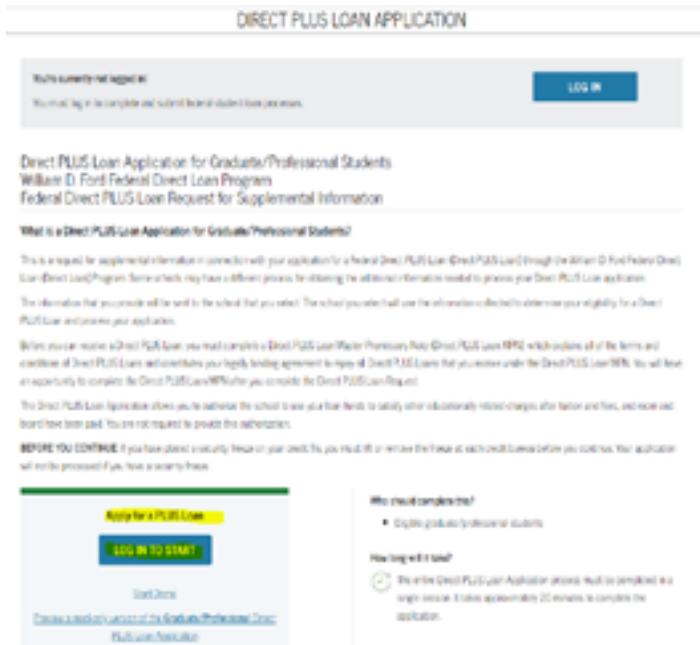
You can apply for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan within 180 days of the start of your program, or once you are enrolled. This is to make sure that your credit check does not expire during the academic year.

### How do I apply for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan?

1. In order to apply for the Direct Graduate PLUS loan, you must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
2. Apply for the loan at [Studentaid.gov](#) and click on the "in school" tab. Click on the second link on the right-hand side titled "Apply for a PLUS Loan for Graduate School."



You will then be taken to another page that will allow you to log in using your FSA ID and password:



- Check “yes” for the last question: “If you will register for fewer than 4.5 credits in the fall or spring semesters, or less than 3 over the summer term, will you submit a Half-Time/ Full-Time Certification Request with your advisor?”
- To be on the safe side, please print and sign the form.

Once you’re done, email the form to [finaid\\_docs@gwu.edu](mailto:finaid_docs@gwu.edu) and cc [GWSPHfinaid@gwu.edu](mailto:GWSPHfinaid@gwu.edu).

### What are the next steps if I’m approved for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan?

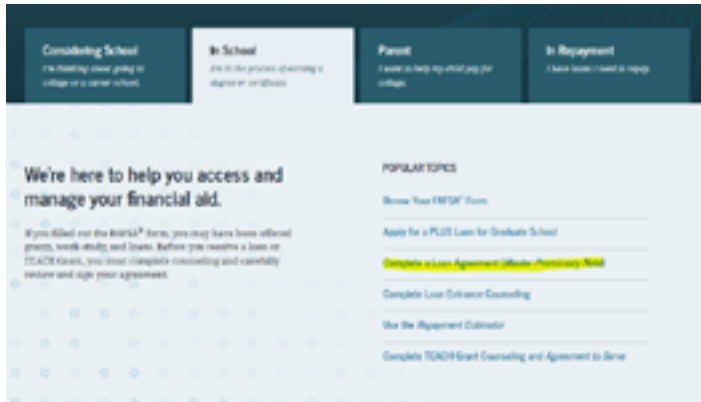
If approved, complete the Master Promissory Note for the PLUS Loan. Make sure you complete the PLUS MPN even if you completed the unsubsidized MPN. These are two different promissory notes.

Please go to [Studentaid.gov](http://Studentaid.gov) and click on the “in school” tab. On the right-hand click on “complete a loan agreement (master promissory note)”. This will take you to another page, and you will want to complete the loan agreement for the unsubsidized loan, which is the first option. Log in with your FSA ID and password, the same one that you use to log in to your FAFSA.

You will also want to complete the Entrance Counseling. You can do this by returning to the main page on [Studentaid.gov](http://Studentaid.gov) and click on the “in school” tab. The 4th option on the right is “complete entrance counseling,” which will take you to another page to complete it. Again, you will log in with your FSA ID and password.

3. Make sure you complete the [Supplementary Loan Questionnaire](#):
  - o Please keep in mind that a loan fee applies to each disbursement, which will reduce the net loan. The current loan fee is 4.236%. For example, if you borrow \$10,000 in PLUS loans, you will receive \$9,576.40 (loan minus the loan fee).
  - o If you are borrowing for 2 semesters, please make sure that you double the loan. For example if you want \$5,000 for the fall and \$5,000 in the spring make sure you borrow the total \$10,000.
  - In Section 2, choose the semester for which you would like the loan.
  - Select where your courses are held.
  - For the number of credits, please make sure you include the credits for all terms under the correct campus.

This is a screen shot of the studentaid.gov website with the links needed to complete highlighted:



### Are there any additional loan fees for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan?

There is a loan origination fee that is a percentage of the total loan amount. The loan origination fee is deducted from each loan disbursement you receive. Information on Direct Graduate PLUS Loan origination fees can be found on the [Interest Rates and Fees page](#) of the Federal Student Aid website.

Second link for Loan Agreement will take you to this page:



### What are my options if I'm denied the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan?

If you are denied the Graduate PLUS loan, you may add an endorser or follow the instructions on the [Department of Education's website](#) to appeal the denial.

### What is the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan current interest rate?

The Direct Graduate PLUS Loan interest rate is determined at the beginning of each academic year, and is available on the Federal Student Aid website's [Interest Rates and Fees page](#).

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## Loan Deferment and Repayment

### **Do I have to repay my student loans while I'm in school?**

You are not required to make any payments on your student loans while you are enrolled at least half-time. Repayment for federal loans begins 6 months after you drop-below half-time enrollment or graduate from the program. Your servicer will contact you with information on how to set up your payment when you enter repayment.

You can also request to pay the interest while you are in school in order to avoid capitalization on your loans. Capitalization occurs when your borrowed amount and interest combine and charge interest on the total amount. This occurs when loans go into repayment. If you are interested in enrolling in interest payments, contact your servicer after your loan is disbursed.

Most private loans also have deferred payment options while you are in school; however, you will need to check with your loan servicer.

### **When do I have to repay my loan?**

After you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time enrollment, you will have a 6-month grace period before you are required to begin repayment. During this period, you'll receive repayment information from your loan servicer, and you will be notified of your first payment due date. Payments are usually due monthly. You are not required to pay while in school, however if you choose to, there is no penalty to begin making payments on your loan or the interest. [Learn more about repayment timelines.](#)

### **What are the repayment plan options and how do I select one?**

The Department of Education (ED) offers multiple options for repayment. You may visit the DOE website for more information on [loan repayment plans.](#)

### **Is there a repayment calculator or estimator that I can use?**

Yes, visit the [ED website for repayment calculators.](#)

### **Can I consolidate my graduate loans and my undergraduate loans?**

A Direct Consolidation Loan allows you to consolidate (combine) multiple federal education loans into one loan including both graduate and undergraduate loans. The result is a single monthly payment instead of multiple payments. This can be an option for some, be sure to review all the requirements. Learn more about [loan consolidation.](#)

### **Are there any loan forgiveness options available?**

In certain circumstances, all or a portion of a borrower's federal student loans may be forgiven under the federal government's loan forgiveness program. Please review the Department of Education website for more information on [federal loan forgiveness programs.](#)

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## Military Education Benefits

### How do I apply for military education benefits?

To begin the process of applying for eligible military education benefits, visit the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website](#). Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to the VA at 1-(888)-442-4551.

### Are there scholarship opportunities or tuition discounts for military students or family members?

There are several [scholarships](#) available to military-affiliated students, available from the George Washington University (GW), from Military and Veteran Services, and from outside sources.

### What documents are required to process military education benefits?

Visit [VA.gov](#) to access and manage your VA education benefits. If you are applying for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, complete the [Education Benefits Application](#), which generates a request for a Certificate of Eligibility (COE). The COE is mailed to you within 6-8 weeks from submitting the application. A copy of the COE must be provided to the [Office of Military and Veteran Student Services](#).

After being admitted to GW, follow the steps on the [Admitted Students Checklist](#) to use your educational benefits.

### What are the eligibility factors for the Post 9/11 GI bill?

You are potentially eligible 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. [Learn more about the Post-9/11 GI Bill](#).

### How often do I need to request recertification?

As soon as you register for courses, be sure to complete your "Request for Certification" through the [GWeb Information System](#) by going to the Veteran Menu in "Student Records and Registration" and selecting "Veteran Certification Request." This request needs to be submitted before every semester you wish to use benefits.

### Will my military benefits cover the entire cost of the program?

Please visit the [GI Bill comparison tool](#) to view what your VA benefits will cover at GW.

Students who are at the 100% eligibility rating for Post 9/11 GI Bill and are eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program typically have little to no out of pocket cost for year-round full-time enrollment.

### How are Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits calculated at GW?

Military and Veteran Services reports all applicable tuition and fees to the VA. Per VA policy, all tuition specific scholarships are deducted from what is billed to the VA.

### What other military benefits does GW accept aside from the Post-9/11 GI Bill?

The George Washington University is committed to providing our student veterans, dependents, and military personnel with excellence in service through timely and accurate benefit processing, high-quality customer service, and supportive community-building activities. In addition to assistance with education benefits, students will have access to career, social, and wellness/mindfulness programmatic activities.

### **What is the deadline to apply for VA education benefits?**

Students must request certification before the add/drop period in a given semester to avoid incurring late fees or finance charges related to an account balance.

### **What are current rates of benefits including the Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA)?**

The tuition and fee payment rate, and MHA are determined at the beginning of each military academic year on August 1st. The current rate table is located on the [Education and Training page of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs site](#).

Because GW is a private university, students who receive Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits are subject to a maximum tuition and fee reimbursement per academic year (August 1 through July 31). The amount of the national cap changes each year on August 1, and is available to be used from August 1 to July 31 of the following year.

When VA benefits are calculated, the amount of this national cap must be expended before Yellow Ribbon Program benefits can be awarded.

### **What is the Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP)?**

The Yellow Ribbon Program allows degree-granting colleges and universities to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition and fee expenses that exceed the national maximum per academic year.

Participating institutions choose their contribution amount, the VA matches that amount, and issue payment directly to the school. Additional information on the Yellow Ribbon Program available benefits and eligibility, visit the [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs website](#).

### **Does GW participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program (YRP)?**

Yes GW participates in the [Yellow Ribbon Program](#). This program allows institutions of higher learning (degree granting institutions) in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to fund tuition expenses that exceed the maximum base pay amount.

### **Who can I contact at GW for questions about using Military Education Benefits?**

For questions about military education benefits, visit the GW [Veterans Services Department page](#).

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## Tax Benefits for Education

### How do I qualify for a tuition tax credit?

For details on tax benefits for education, see IRS [Publication 970](#), Tax Benefits for Higher Education, which provides detailed information. George Washington University is unable to provide tax advice. We urge you to contact your tax advisor or the IRS at 800-829-1040 or visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) if you have any questions regarding the HOPE or Lifetime Learning Tax Credits.

### What is the 1098-T Form?

It is an informational form filed with the Internal Revenue Service to report the amounts billed to you for qualified tuition, related expenses, and other related information. The primary purpose of the IRS Form 1098-T is to inform you that we have provided this required information to the IRS.

Form 1098-T reports amounts paid for qualified tuition, scholarship and grants processed in 2018 to students enrolled in courses at GW for which they receive academic credit. The information reported on the 1098-T form helps students evaluate whether he or she is eligible for an educational tax credit.

### How do I obtain my 1098-T Form?

The 1098-T is available to eligible students by January 31st of each year. You can either [opt into receiving your 1098-T electronically](#). Please make sure to add @ecsi.net to your list of trusted emails. If you don't opt in, then the forms are mailed to the billing address on file.

If you have any questions relating to your 1098-T, please contact [ECSI](#) at 1-866-428-1098, or visit the [FAQs](#).