I. Purpose

The purpose of the GI Bill is to provide subsidies for veterans and their families. The benefits are used to help veterans pay for their education and any other expense that they may incur while pursuing a degree.

II. Policy Statement

There are six different benefits that students may be eligible for.

1. Chapter 33 (Post 9/11)  
   http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp
2. Chapter 1607 (REAP)  
   http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/reap.asp
3. Chapter 1606 (Selected Reserve)  
   http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_sr.asp
4. Chapter 35 (Survivors & Dependents Assistance)  
   http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor_dependent_assistance.asp
5. Chapter 30 (Active Duty)  
   http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_ad.asp
6. Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation)  
   http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp

III. Exclusions (if applicable)

The Department of Veteran Affairs and Department of Defense determines eligibility for each service member and/or their dependent.

IV. Procedures (if applicable)

1. Each service member and/or dependent must apply for the benefit by filling out an application.
2. The service member must fill out VA application Form 22-1990. This application is found on the website www.ebenefits.va.gov.
3. Under the Survivors & Dependents Assistance GI Bill (Chapter 35), the dependent must fill out VA application Form 22-5490. This application is found on the website www.ebenefits.va.gov.
4. Any transfer of entitlement recipient (Post 9/11), must fill out VA application Form 22-1990e. This application is found on the website www.ebenefits.va.gov.
5. Once The Department of Veteran Affairs receives and processes the application, they will mail out a Certificate of Eligibility to the applicant. It is the applicant’s responsibility to make sure that this form
is sent to the school. The Department of Veteran Affairs does not send any forms or correspondence directly to school unless instructed by the applicant.

6. Depending on service type, the VA Certifying Official may need further documentation. This can include Discharge papers (DD-214), College Fund, Kicker/Buy up, LES statements, etc.