

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE VETERANS AFFAIRS EDUCATION BENEFIT INFORMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR CH 33 RECIPIENTS

1. BAH (Basic Allowance for Housing) is tied to a veteran's "rate of pursuit". Full-time status is required to be eligible for full housing at your benefit level. To maximize your housing benefit, classes should all be 15 weeks in duration for Fall/Winter and 7 weeks for Spring/Summer. At least 12 Credits for 15 weeks, and at least 5 credits for 7 weeks. Less than full-time status will be prorated by the VA to the nearest 10%. You must be enrolled at "better than half time" status in order to be eligible for BAH. If you choose to take all of your classes online, the rate for full-time BAH is \$988.00. It will also be prorated based on rate of pursuit and your benefit level.
2. The VA has eliminated "break pay" for all chapters. You will receive BAH only for the **actual days you are in class**. This means your housing will be reduced in about 6 of the 12 months of the year; please plan accordingly.
3. The book stipend is \$41.67 per credit hour and is issued directly to you approximately 2 weeks prior to the start of the term. Depending upon when you register and certify for classes, your book stipend may or may not be issued prior to the start of the semester. However, **at no time may you charge your books and supplies to the Schoolcraft Bookstore**.
4. You must provide the Veteran Services Office a Request for Certification when you register for class **EVERY SEMESTER**. If we do not have a current RFC on file, we will not be able to put a hold on your classes, and you will be dropped for non-payment. If you subsequently **change your schedule**, an updated RFC must be submitted immediately; only classes on your RFC form will be submitted to the VA. Once your classes have been submitted to the VA, any changes you make can potentially cause a delay in your payments and/or create a debt between you and the VA. The VA advises a 10-12 week processing time for all certifications.
5. Only classes that are required for your academic program will be certified with the VA...**NO EXCEPTIONS**.
6. **ATTEND YOUR CLASSES AND TAKE THE FINALS!!** No-shows and withdrawals will be reported to the VA. The VA will not cover "NS" grades. NS grades are reported after the third week of classes for non-attendance. Failure to take a final exam for a course will result in an automatic 0.0 for the class.
7. Payment for tuition and fees is paid to the school. You are responsible for any tuition balance that is unpaid. Payments for basic housing allowance and book stipend are paid by the VA to the student.
8. Any repeated coursework must be evaluated by the Veterans Resource Center to determine if it can be re-certified.
9. Schoolcraft College is required to report a student's academic progress if the cumulative GPA falls below a 2.0 which may result in the suspension of educational benefits.

By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and understood the Schoolcraft College Veteran's Benefit Acknowledgement.

Print Name

Signature

Date

Schoolcraft College Student ID