

2015-2016 Central Alabama Community College General Catalog Addendum
VETERAN BENEFITS

Veteran students and/or their dependents may qualify for VA educational benefits. The Financial Aid Office is the certifying authority for veterans, service members and their dependents. The Financial Aid Office serves as a link between the Regional Veterans Affairs Office and the VA benefit recipient. Veterans or their dependents seeking assistance under the various Federal and State programs should, if possible, make initial application for such programs at least four weeks prior to enrollment. The Financial Aid Office has application forms for most veteran programs and will offer assistance to the student in completing these forms and forwarding them to the proper V.A. Office. Since most federal V.A. programs make monthly payments directly to veterans after enrollment, the veteran must be prepared to pay tuition and fees and meet all other payment deadlines before receiving the initial monthly allowance. Central Alabama does not participate in the Advance Payment Plan with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Alabama GI Dependents Scholarship Program

The Alabama GI Dependents' Scholarship Program is administered by the Alabama Department of Veteran Affairs. Maximum education benefits include tuition, instructional fees, and required textbooks. Remedial course work is not funded under the Alabama GI Dependents' Scholarship Program.

For more information and application procedures, contact the nearest Veterans Affairs Office located in each Alabama county courthouse or write to Alabama GI Dependents' Scholarship Program, P. O. Box 1509, Montgomery, Alabama 36102-1509.

Alabama National Guard Education Assistance Program (ANGEAP)

ANGEAP is designed to provide financial assistance to Alabama National Guard members. Limited funding is provided by the Alabama Legislature and priority is given to those who apply early. ANGEAP applications and additional information regarding this program are available from the National Guard benefits administrator at the National Guard Unit.

Tuition Assistance (TA)

Tuition Assistance (TA) is a Department of Defense (DOD) program. GoArmyEd is the virtual gateway for all eligible Active Duty, National Guard, and Army Reserve soldiers to request tuition assistance (TA) online, anytime, anywhere, for classroom and distance education. It allows soldiers to manage their educational records, including college classes, testing, on-duty classes, and Army education counselor support. Soldiers must request TA through www.GoArmyEd.com at least 14 days prior to the start of a semester for TA approval.

The Post 9/11 GI Bill®

The Post 9/11 GI Bill® is for individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. This benefit provides up to 36 months of education benefits. This program is also commonly referred to as Chapter 33. Application is made by completing VA Form 22-1990, Application for VA Education Benefits.

Montgomery GI Bill® -- Active Duty (MGIB)

The MGIB program provides up to 36 months of educational benefits. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and correspondence

courses. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty. This program is also commonly known as Chapter 30. Application is made by completing VA Form 22-1990, Application for VA Education Benefits.

Montgomery GI Bill®-- Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

The MGIB-SR program may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve. The Selected Reserve includes the Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, and the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and correspondence courses. This program is also commonly referred to as Chapter 1606. Application is made by completing VA Form 22-1990, Application for VA Education Benefits.

Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

REAP was established as a part of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. It is a Department of Defense education benefit program designed to provide educational assistance to members of the Reserve components called or ordered to active duty in response to a war or national emergency (contingency operation) as declared by the President or Congress. This program makes certain reservists who were activated for at least 90 days after September 11, 2001, either eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits. This program is commonly referred to as Chapter 1607. Application is made by completing VA Form 22-1990, Application for VA Education Benefits.

Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP)

VEAP is available if a student first entered active duty between January 1, 1977, and June 30, 1985, and elected to make contributions from military pay to participate in this education benefit program. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and correspondence courses. This program is commonly referred to as Chapter 32. Application is made by completing VA Form 22-1990, Application for VA Education Benefits.

Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

DEA provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition, or who died while on active duty, or as a result of a service related condition. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. These benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. This program is commonly referred to as Chapter 35 or Chapter 31. Application is made by completing VA Form 22-5490, Application for Survivors and Dependents Education Assistance.