



VA Education Benefits

Chapter 33 - Post 9/11

To begin using benefits at LCU we will need:

- Copy of Certificate of Eligibility
- Copy of DD214 (service member only)
- Official military transcript (service member only)

The way it works:

About 2 weeks before the start of the new semester credit hours are certified to VA

This starts the direct payments for:

BAH – monthly payment for housing while attending classes. Paid the first day of the following month and partial months of attendance are pro-rated.

Book Stipend – must take money to LCU Business Office if you charge books to your LCU student account through the LCU bookstore

After financial aid is disbursed, (usually about mid-way through semester but this can vary) tuition and fees are certified to VA which are paid directly to LCU

- All non-title IV funds are subtracted from your total tuition and fees amount
- Pell Grant and accepted loans usually do not affect the amount of tuition and fees that are sent to the VA
- NOTE: *ONLY tuition and mandatory fees for courses in your degree plan can be certified to the VA*

Your responsibilities:

- Any out of pocket expenses for classes (including fees) that are not applicable to your degree plan and cannot be certified to VA
- Submitting payment for housing (if living on campus)
- Submitting/Using your book stipend for the cost of books (to the Business Office if charged through LCU bookstore or other entity for books purchased)
- Informing certifying official of any changes in benefits, schedule, major, minor, etc.

Suggestions:

- Set up an account at www.ebenefits.va.gov . This will allow you to view certifications, payments, forms and more.
- Set up a direct deposit account. This allows for more timely receipt of payments.
- VA Student Hotline: 1-888-442-4551