

# MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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As an approved institution for federal education benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Creighton University welcomes active duty service members, veterans and their dependents. Creighton's Office of Military and Veterans Affairs provides services and support to our Veterans, Service members, Dependents and Spouses (VSDS) while promoting a culture of success, well-being and trust. In addition to student support and advocacy, we serve the University community by providing expertise in military affairs relative to ongoing and future educational, research and outreach efforts. The office serves as the primary conduit to military institutional and community partners, as well as maintaining memberships in military professional organizations and associations. We also offer resources and support to faculty and staff to equip them with beneficial knowledge and valuable tools to better serve our VSDS students.

The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs assists students with the use of their veterans educational benefits by acting as their liaison with the VA and certifying their enrollment each term and/or semester to ensure proper receipt of their applicable benefits. Currently we have students in all nine of our schools and colleges using the following benefit chapters:

- Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®</sup> – Active Duty (MGIB-AD)
- Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment Program (VR&E)
- Chapter 33 – Post-9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup> (including the Yellow Ribbon Program)
- Chapter 35 – Survivors & Dependents (DEA)
- Chapter 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®</sup> – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Creighton University is very proud of our commitment to our VSDS including our participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program. Chapter 33 students with 100% entitlement are eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon program with the exception of students currently on active duty or spouses of active duty service members. Per VA guidelines, they are not eligible for the program. The Yellow Ribbon program is a financial supplement to Chapter 33 that helps students using the benefit bridge the financial gap between the Chapter 33 benefit and the actual cost of tuition and fees. For the 2020-2021 academic year, our Yellow Ribbon program provides eligible students with the following:

- Undergraduate students up to \$24,000 additional tuition dollars per academic year (\$12,000 from Creighton with a \$12,000 match from the VA)
- Graduate School up to \$10,000 per academic year (\$5,000 from Creighton with a \$5,000 match from the VA)
- School of Law up to \$10,000 per academic year (\$5,000 from Creighton with a \$5,000 match from the VA). Maximum of twelve awards each academic year.
- School of Medicine up to \$10,000 per academic year (\$5,000 from Creighton with a \$5,000 match from the VA. Maximum of six awards each academic year.
- School of Pharmacy and Health Professions up to \$10,000 per academic year (\$5,000 from Creighton with a \$5,000 match from the VA). Maximum of twelve awards each academic year.

The exact amount of Yellow Ribbon dollars received is based on the student's tuition and fees balance after Chapter 33 benefits and

institutional aid are applied. Yellow Ribbon awards may reduce, or be reduced by, other institutional aid awarded. The university reviews its Yellow Ribbon commitment annually.

The Office of Military and Veterans Affairs is located in the Hixson-Lied Science Building, Room G-06. Our contact information is (402) 280-4063 or veterans@creighton.edu.

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