

# MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

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 – Veteran Readiness & Employment Program (VR&E)
- Chapter 33 – Post-9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup> (including the Yellow Ribbon Program)
- Chapter 35 – Survivors' & Dependents' Educational Assistance (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. 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 2022-2023 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 Dentistry up to \$5,000 per academic year (\$5,000 from Creighton with a \$5,000 match from the VA). Maximum of three awards each academic year.
- 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.

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## Principles of Excellence

On April 27, 2012, President Obama signed Executive Order 13607, Establishing Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and Other Family Members. The published Executive Order is available here (<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2012/04/27/executive-order-establishing-principles-excellence-educational-instituti/>). Creighton University is a proud signatory and abides by this Presidential Executive Order which addresses key areas relating to Federal military and veterans educational benefits programs. The University affirms our long-standing promise of supporting our military student population, while exercising transparency and full compliance with the individual principles outlined in the Principles of Excellence which are summarized below.

- Provide students with a personalized form covering the total cost of an education program.
- Inform eligible students of Federal financial aid and have a policy to alert students prior to packaging or arranging private student loans or alternative financing programs.
- Abstain from fraudulent and aggressive recruiting techniques and misrepresentations.
- Ensure accreditation of all new programs prior to enrolling students.
- Accommodate Service Members and Reservists while absent due to service requirements.
- Align institutional refund policies with those under Title IV, which governs the administration of federal student financial aid programs.
- Provide educational plans for all military and veteran education beneficiaries.
- Designate a point of contact to provide academic and financial advice.

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