

# Chapter 33 – “Post 9/11” GI Bill (Dependent) Checklist

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## Murray State University (MSU) Process

1. **Apply for admission at Murray State University:**  
<https://www.murraystate.edu/admissions/apply.aspx>
  - Submit application:
    - If you have **NOT** attended college before, submit as a Freshmen.
    - If you have attended college previously, submit as a **TRANSFER** Student.
  - Request that your previously attended institution (college, high school, etc.) send official transcripts electronically to Transfer Center at [msu.transfercenter@murraystate.edu](mailto:msu.transfercenter@murraystate.edu)
2. **Receive your decision letter from Murray State:**
  - a. If accepted, look for an email with login information for your student myGate account. Log in at [mygate.murraystate.edu](https://mygate.murraystate.edu)
3. **Apply for Scholarships (Encouraged)**
  - a. <https://murraystate.edu/scholarships> or login to myGate and select the “Financial Aid/Scholarship” tab
4. **Complete FAFSA (Encouraged)**  
<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
5. **Apply for Campus Housing (If applicable)**
  - a. <https://murraystate.edu/housing> or myGate under the “Money” tab
6. **Attend Orientation**
  - a. To register and review available orientation dates visit <https://www.murraystate.edu/orientation/index.aspx>

## Veteran Affairs Benefit Process

1. Veteran must have completed Transferability of Educational Benefit (TEB)  
<https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>
2. **Apply for Chapter 33 Benefits**
  - a. **Apply online at**  
<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>
  - b. For benefit questions, contact the VA at 1-888-442-4551
3. **Register at VA.gov Website**
  - a. Create Account at <https://www.va.gov/>
  - b. Track, monitor, and processing of VA benefits request
  - c. Upon receipt, provide a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to MSU VA office to [msu.va@murraystate.edu](mailto:msu.va@murraystate.edu)
4. **Certification Request Form (CRF)**
  - a. Submit the CRF **AFTER** you have registered for classes
  - b. **Must be completed each semester.** On myGate under the Academics tab, select Veteran Affairs window, and click on Certification Request Form **OR** email [msu.va@murraystate.edu](mailto:msu.va@murraystate.edu) for the Certification Request Form link.
5. **Monthly Verification for BAH:**
  - i. To enroll in “Text OPT-IN” Option for monthly verification, call VA at 1-888-442-4551.
  - ii. Once enrolled, you will receive a text at the end of each month.

**Questions? Additional Assistance Needed?**

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You will need to **REPLY** with “YES” and BAH will be processed for the month.

- iii. **If OPT-IN Text** is not chosen, you will need to call monthly to verify for BAH processing.
- iv. If you miss processing this entitlement for **two months** via the text option, you will be removed from the texting system and have to contact the VA to re-enroll for BAH payments to be processed.
- v. **If your sponsor is on active duty**, you are NOT entitled to BAH using your Chapter 33 “Post 9/11” educational benefit.

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