CT TUITION WAIVER

The CT Tuition Waiver can be combined with other VA benefits and may cover additional tuition and fees.

To qualify, you must:
- Be a resident of CT
- Have receive an honorable discharge
- Served during one of the war time frames (see CT tuition waiver handout)
- Must have served for at least 90 days

Note: The CT tuition waiver only covers tuition. You will still be responsible for any associated fees. If eligible for Chapter 33 benefits, you can combine them with the CT tuition waiver.

If you never used the tuition waiver in the CT Community College system, you must submit a DD214 to Justin Slater at jslater@threerivers.edu.

Tuition Assistance (Active Duty): This benefit is ONLY available to active duty military personnel. You must initiate this process with your command and get paperwork sent to Phyllis Brown at pbrown@threerivers.edu.

THREE RIVERS BENEFITS

As a student at Three Rivers, you are joining a proud contingent of veteran and active military students who have pursued higher education here for over 50 years. Veterans at Three Rivers get priority registration, access to the Oasis Center, and more. For additional information, visit www.threerivers.edu/veterans.

QUESTIONS?

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Chapter 30 – Montgomery GI Bill, Active Duty
The MGIB program provides up to 36 months of educational benefits. The benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, and apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. This benefit is for those veterans who served on active duty after June 30, 1985, those who had remaining entitlement under the Vietnam era GI bill, and those who switched VEAP before voluntarily separated after February 2, 1991.

Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
Vocational rehabilitation educational benefits are for veterans that have received, or will receive, a discharge that is other than dishonorable. These benefits have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10%, or a memorandum rating of 20% or more from the department of Veterans Affairs and apply for vocational rehabilitation and employment VR&E VetSuccess services.

Chapter 32 – Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP)
VEAP is available if you first entered active duty between January 1, 1977 and June 30, 1985 and you elected to make contributions from your military pay to participate in this educational benefit program. Contributions are matched on the $2 for $1 basis by the Department of Defense. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, and apprenticeship/on-the-job training and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances.

Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 GI Bill
Generally, an individual who served a minimum of 90 days on active duty after September 10, 2001, will be eligible for education assistance under the post 9/11 GI Bill®. Active duty served as a member of the armed forces or as a result of a call or order to active duty from a reserve component under section 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12303(g), 12302, or 12304 of the Title 10 is qualifying active duty service. In general, an individual’s eligibility to use Chapter 33 benefits expire 15 years from the date of the last discharge or release from active duty of at least 90 days.

Chapter 35 – Dependent Educational Assistance
Educational assistance paid to dependents of veterans who have a service-connected permanent and total disability or died as a result of service connection.

Chapter 1606 – Montgomery GI Bill, selected reserve
Chapter 1606 is an educational program for members who are actively participating in the selected reserve. Selected reserve components include the Army Reserve, Naval Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard Reserve, Army National Guards and Air National Guard. The Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security (Coast Guard) determine who is eligible for chapter 1606. The Department of Veterans Affairs administers the program and pays benefits.

HOW TO APPLY!
You can begin the process by going to the link below and applying online!
www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply

If you would rather speak to someone at the VA, you can call them directly to inquire about applying at (888) 442-4551. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your benefits, please call this number directly. This is the main contact for all veteran benefit claims.

Once you become eligible for a benefit, the VA will send you a Certificate of Eligibility form in the mail. You can also view this through your e-benefits portal. The Certificate of Eligibility needs to be sent to Justin Slater at jslater@threerivers.edu. If you are planning to use the CT tuition waiver and have never used the waiver before, Justin will need a copy of your DD214.

Three Rivers will then certify your credits to the VA. You must be registered for classes before Three Rivers can certify you.

Note: You must let a Veteran School Cerifying Official know each semester if you do not want to use your benefits. If you do not inform a Certifying Official, your enrollment will automatically be certified each semester.