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Important Contact Information

GI Bill Hotline: (888) 442-4551

ISAC Benefits Hotline: (800) 899-4722

UIC Student Veterans Affairs Office: (312) 413-5112

UIC Financial Aid Office: (312) 996-3126



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CHAPTER 30

Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty)

VA Benefits are administered by the UIC Student Veterans Affairs Office.

Need help figuring out how to apply? What your next steps are? What documents are required? This informational guide will help answer many of your questions about what needs to be done to use your U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) Education and Training Benefits here at UIC. Everything underlined and in **blue** is a link that will take you directly to the described website.

Step 1

Check the [VA WEAMS webpage](#) to ensure your selected academic programs are covered by the VA Educational Benefits. If this is the student's first time applying to use these benefits, or if a program or benefit change is made they must obtain a, or if a program or benefit change is made they must obtain a [US Department of Veterans Affairs Certificate of Eligibility \(COE\)](#). Students can submit this document during the next step.

Step 2

Students must complete the [Annual Benefit Form Application](#) once per academic year on the [UIC SVA web page](#) under the Benefits and Forms tab. This is also where students can upload their COE.

Step 3

Every semester, students must submit a signed [Advisor Verification Form](#), on the [Upload Advisor Verification tab](#) on our UIC SVA web page under the Benefits and Forms tab.





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CHAPTER 31

Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

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Step 1

Check the [VA WEAMS webpage](#) to ensure your selected academic programs are covered by the VA Educational Benefits. The VR&E counselors guide for applicants through the DoVa's Ch. 31 process. After the student has been approved by their VR&E counselor, students must complete the [Annual Benefit Application](#) once per academic year, on the [UIC SVA web page](#) under the Benefits and Forms tab.

Step 2

VR&E counselors must submit a CH 31 authorization to UIC Student Veterans Affairs. This authorization is accepted in place of the Certificate of Eligibility.

Step 3

Every semester, students must submit a signed [Advisor Verification Form](#), on the [Upload Advisor Verification tab](#) on our UIC SVA web page under the Benefits and Forms tab.





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CHAPTER 33

Post 9-11 GI Bill

VA Benefits are administered by the UIC Student Veterans Affairs Office.

Need help figuring out how to apply? What your next steps are? What documents are required? This informational guide will help answer many of your questions about what needs to be done to use your U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) Education and Training Benefits here at UIC. Everything underlined and in **blue** is a link that will take you directly to the described website.

Step 1

Check the [VA WEAMS webpage](#) to ensure your selected academic programs are covered by the VA Educational Benefits. If this is the student's first time applying to use these benefits, or if a program or benefit change is made they must obtain a [US Department of Veterans Affairs Certificate of Eligibility \(COE\)](#). For first time applicants who are not using transfer benefits, the VA will require a DD 214, in order to issue a COE. For those using transfer benefits, [here is an Informational webpage to learn about how to transfer VA Benefits](#). Once the COE is obtained students can upload this document during the next step.

Step 2

Students must complete the [Annual Benefit Application](#) once per academic year on the [UIC SVA web page under the Benefits and Forms tab](#). This is also where students can upload their COE.

Step 3

Every semester, students must submit a signed [Advisor Verification Form](#), on the [Upload Advisor Verification tab](#) on our UIC SVA web page under the Benefits and Forms tab.

Illinois student veterans who are rated less than 100% are encouraged to apply for the Illinois Veterans Grant (IVG). Information for this can be found in the following pages.

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CHAPTER 35**Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance**

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Need help figuring out how to apply? What your next steps are? What documents are required? This informational guide will help answer many of your questions about what needs to be done to use your U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) Education and Training Benefits here at UIC. Everything underlined and in **blue** is a link that will take you directly to the described website.

Step 1

Check the [VA WEAMS webpage](#) to ensure your selected academic programs are covered by the VA Educational Benefits. If this is the students first time applying to use these benefits, or if a program or benefit change is made they must obtain a [US Department of Veterans Affairs Certificate of Eligibility \(COE\)](#) students can submit this document during the next step.

Step 2

Students must complete the [Annual Benefit Application](#) once per academic year on the [UIC SVA web page under the Benefits and Forms tab](#). This is also where students can upload their COE.

Step 3

Every semester, students must submit a signed [Advisor Verification Form](#), on the [Upload Advisor Verification tab on our UIC SVA web page](#) under the Benefits and Forms tab.

Illinois students who qualify for Ch 35 are strongly encouraged to apply for the MIA/POW scholarship also, Students who qualify for one often qualify for the other also. Information about that is on the next pages.



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CHAPTER 1606 & 1607

Educational Assistance (Selected Reserve Program), or Chapter 1606
Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP), or Chapter 1607

VA Benefits are administered by the UIC Student Veterans Affairs Office.

Need help figuring out how to apply? What your next steps are? What documents are required? This informational guide will help answer many of your questions about what needs to be done to use your U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) Education and Training Benefits here at UIC. Everything underlined and in **blue** is a link that will take you directly to the described website.

Step 1

Check the [VA WEAMS webpage](#) to ensure your selected academic programs are covered by the VA Educational Benefits. If this is the students first time applying to use these benefits, or if a program or benefit change is made they must obtain a [US Department of Veterans Affairs Certificate of Eligibility \(COE\)](#). students can submit this document during the next step.

Step 2

Students must complete the [Annual Benefit Application](#) once per academic year on the [UIC SVA web page under the Benefits and Forms tab](#). This is also where students can upload their COE.

Step 3

Every semester, students must submit a signed [Advisor Verification Form](#), on the [Upload Advisor Verification tab on our UIC SVA web page](#).

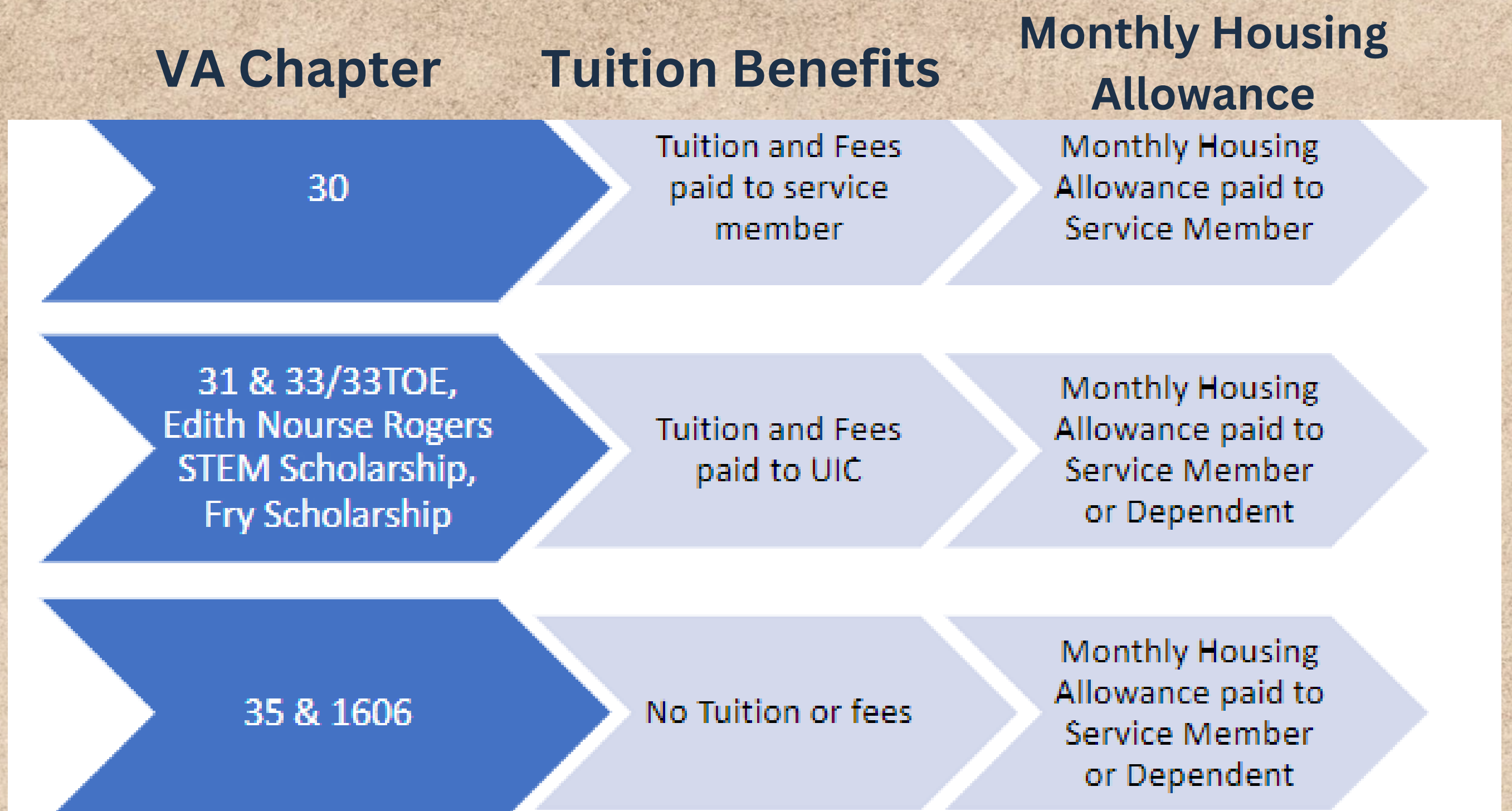




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VA BENEFIT BREAKDOWN

VA Benefits are administered by the UIC Student Veterans Affairs Office.



VA Benefit Comparison Tool

- Compare the value of VA educational benefits, by university and Chapter Benefit with the [General VA Benefits Comparison Tool](#).
- Information about your [VA Benefits specifically at UIC can be found here](#).



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ILLINOIS VETERANS GRANT

All Benefits from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and the other programs listed below are administered by UIC Financial Aid.

Need help figuring out which benefit to use, what scholarship opportunities are available, what documents the UIC Financial Aid office needs? Or simply how and where to go to apply? This informational guide will help answer many of your questions about what needs to be done and what is available to you. Everything underlined and in **blue** is a link that will take you directly to the described website.

Step 1

To find information about the benefits of the IVG program and its eligibility requirements, you can visit this [IVG Informational Webpage](#) that gives an outline of the IVG program.

Step 2

If you meet the requirements, you can apply using the [Illinois Veteran Grant Application](#).

Step 3

Once approved, you will be sent a Letter of Eligibility. This is required by UIC to process your benefits. When you have your IVG Letter of Eligibility, you must [get in contact with a UIC Financial Aid Counselor](#) to complete the process and submit the Letter of Eligibility.





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ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD GRANT

All Benefits from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and the other programs listed below are administered by UIC Financial Aid.

Need help figuring out which benefit to use, what scholarship opportunities are available, what documents the UIC Financial Aid office needs? Or simply how and where to go to apply? This informational guide will help answer many of your questions about what needs to be done and what is available to you. Everything underlined and in **blue** is a link that will take you directly to the described website.

Step 1 To find information about the benefits of the ING program and its eligibility requirements, you can visit this [ING Grant Informational Webpage](#) that gives an outline of the ING program.

Step 2 If you meet the requirements, you can apply using the [Illinois National Guard Grant Application](#).

Step 3 Once approved, you will be sent a Letter of Eligibility. This is required by UIC to process your benefits. When you have your ING Grant Letter of Eligibility, you must [get in contact with a UIC Financial Aid Counselor](#) to complete the process and submit the Letter of Eligibility.





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CHILDREN OF VETERANS TUITION WAIVER

All Benefits from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and the other programs listed below are administered by UIC Financial Aid.

Need help figuring out which benefit to use, what scholarship opportunities are available, what documents the UIC Financial Aid office needs? Or simply how and where to go to apply? This informational guide will help answer many of your questions about what needs to be done and what is available to you. Everything underlined and in **blue** is a link that will take you directly to the described website.

Step 1

To find information about the benefits of the Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver, and its eligibility requirements, you can visit this [Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver Informational Webpage](#) that gives information about Benefits and eligibility.

Step 2

If you meet the requirements, apply by filling out and submitting the [Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver Form](#), on the University of Illinois webpage. Please note that there are important time deadlines regarding this application.

Step 3

If approved, you will be sent an Award Letter. This is required by UIC to process your benefits. When you have your Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver Award Letter, you must get in contact with a [UIC Financial Aid Counselor](#) to complete the process and submit the Award Letter.




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MIA/POW SCHOLARSHIP

(Deceased, Disabled, and MIA/POW Veterans' Dependents Scholarship)

All Benefits from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and the other programs listed below are administered by UIC Financial Aid.

Need help figuring out which benefit to use, what scholarship opportunities are available, what documents the UIC Financial Aid office needs? Or simply how and where to go to apply? This informational guide will help answer many of your questions about what needs to be done and what is available to you. Everything underlined and in **blue** is a link that will take you directly to the described website.

Step 1

To find information about the benefits of the MIA/POW Scholarship, and its eligibility requirements, please visit this [MIA/POW Scholarship Informational Webpage](#) that gives information about Benefits and eligibility.



Step 2

If you meet the requirements, apply using the [ISAC Student Portal](#) [here and complete the application online](#). Note the MIA/POW Scholarship application is at the bottom of this webpage.

Step 3

If approved you will be sent a Letter of Eligibility. This is required by UIC to process your benefits. When you have your MIA/POW Letter of Eligibility, you must [get in contact with a UIC Financial Aid Counselor](#) to complete the process and submit the Letter of Eligibility.

Students who qualify for the MIA/POW Scholarship are strongly encouraged to apply for VA Chapter 35 Benefits also. Students who qualify for this program often qualify for the other. Information about Chapter 35 Benefits are on the previous pages.



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FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

All Benefits from the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), FAFSA, and the other programs listed below are administered by UIC Financial Aid.

Steps and links to using FAFSA Scholarship at UIC:

Step 1

To find information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, as well as eligibility requirements, you can [visit this FAFSA Informational Website](#).

Step 2

To apply, you can fill out and submit your application by going to this [FAFSA Application Webpage](#).

Step 3

If approved you will be sent an Award Letter. This is required by UIC to process your benefits. When you have your FAFSA Award Letter, you must get in contact with a [UIC Financial Aid Counselor](#) to complete the process and submit the Award Letter.

