



TRANSFERRING THE GI BILL®: SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS

Since enacted, the Post-9/11 GI Bill® has been one of the most valuable benefits for military families. With student loan debt at an all-time high, the Post-9/11 GI Bill® provided a much-needed reprieve to those that served their country. Servicemembers or veterans have the ability to transfer their GI Bill® benefits eligibility to their spouse and to also use the bill to provide education benefits for dependents, should they meet all requirements.



1.7%

INCREASE IN GI BILL TRANSFERS

from military members to their families. Numbers rose from 135,159 to 137,509 between 2013 and 2015.



UP TO \$21,970.46

of tuition and fees are covered by the Post GI Bill® for in-state tuitions during the full academic year.



MONTHLY HOUSING ALLOWANCE

Full-time students will be eligible for a larger monthly housing allowance than part-time students.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

SPOUSES

CHILDREN & DEPENDENTS

✓	May begin to use the benefit immediately if eligible.	✓	Can only begin to use the benefit after the military member has completed a minimum of 10 years of service.
✓	Can use benefit while military member is on active duty or after separation.	✓	Can use benefit while military member is on active duty or after separation.
✓	Are not eligible for the monthly housing allowance while military members are on active duty.	✓	May be eligible for the monthly housing allowance, even while the military member is on active duty.
✓	Can use the benefit for up to 15 years after separation from active duty.	✓	Are not subject to the 15-year rule, but must use the benefit before turning 26 years old.
		✓	Must have secured secondary school diploma, equivalent certificate, or be at least 18 years of age to use benefit.

Assuming the military member meets all requirements—spouses, children, and dependents are then considered eligible for the Post 9/11 GI Bill® if they meet the above requirements.

