

Veterans' Benefits

Veterans, spouses, dependents, and surviving family members of veterans whose deaths or disabilities were service-connected may be eligible for educational benefits while attending the CIA. Forms and information are available at all Veterans Administration offices or at www.benefits.va.gov. Proper documentation must be submitted to SFRS before any program benefits will be certified. (For example, COE and/or DD214.) Benefits are certified on a class-by-class basis, which may affect the timing and how the funds are disbursed. The CIA is a Yellow Ribbon-participating institution. [Watch this video](#) to learn more.

The CIA permits any covered individual to attend or participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date when the covered individual provides the CIA a Certificate of Eligibility for entitlement to education assistance under Chapter 31 or Chapter 33, and ending on the earlier of the following dates: (a) The date on which the secretary, Veterans Affairs provides payment for such course of education to the CIA, or (b) The date that is 90 days after the date on which the CIA certifies for tuition and fees following receipt of the covered individual's Certificate of Eligibility.

The CIA does not impose any penalty on any covered individual because of the inability to meet financial obligations to the CIA due to the delayed disbursement of payment to be provided by the secretary of the VA under Chapter 31 or Chapter 33.

The CIA may, at its discretion and if still permitted by federal law, require a covered individual to take the following additional actions: (a) Submit a Certificate of Eligibility for entitlement to education assistance not later than the first day of a course of education for which the covered individual has indicated the wish to use the entitlement; (b) Submit a written request to use such entitlement during externship; (c) Provide additional information necessary to the proper certification of enrollment by the CIA; (d) Provide additional payment or pay a fee for the amount that is the difference between the amount of the student's financial obligation and the amount of the VA education benefit disbursement.

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