



# **Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs**

## **Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship Program**

### **Program Information**



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- ✚ The Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship program was created in 1947 and has provided educational opportunities to thousands of dependents of disabled veterans



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- ✚ Who does this program help?
  - ✚ Dependents of Eligible disabled veterans
    - ✚ Dependents are defined as children, step-children, spouses, widows and widowers of the eligible veteran.
    - ✚ In order for a step-child to qualify, the veteran and the child's parent must have married prior to the child's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.
    - ✚ Divorce will terminate benefits for the stepchild and the spouse.
    - ✚ Re-marriage of a widow/widower will also terminate benefits.
    - ✚ Students are only eligible to use the Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship Program once in a lifetime



## *Benefit Changes Through The Years*

- ✚ **Legacy**(applied prior to Fall 2014)can use the benefits for undergraduate, graduate etc.
  - ✚ We can be billed for these students for full tuition, textbooks/access codes and instructional fees.
- ✚ **Act 2014-177** (Applied Fall 2014 through July 30, 2017) Must use benefits for undergraduate courses of study at the in-state tuition rate.
  - ✚ We can be billed for full tuition, textbooks/Access Codes and instructional fees.
  - ✚ Students cannot be billed for the difference between in state and out of state tuition.





## *Benefit Changes Through The Years*

✚ **ACT 2017-349** (applied July 31, 2017 forward, eligible private colleges and students attending Comprehensive Transition Post Secondary Programs for Students with Intellectual Disabilities ) \*updated Fall 2024\*

✚ We are the payer of last resort. ANY grants or scholarships (Not loans!) that are paid to the school **MUST** be used first toward required education expenses.

✚ Required education expenses are anything that your school requires of the student.

✚ After grants and scholarships have been utilized or accounted for, we can be billed **up to** \$400 per credit hour for tuition and **up to** \$1,000 for the combination of textbooks/Access Codes and instructional fees.



# *Benefit Changes Through The Years*

## **Act 2017-349 continued**

- ✚ Student's must complete a FASFA for each year that they are using the Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship Program.
  - ✚ The school is required to verify this prior to any billing.
- ✚ Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by your school.



## *How Semesters Are Reduced*

✚ For all students under the Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship Program, the following formula is used to deduct their semesters:

1-5 hours =  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a semester

6-8 hours =  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a semester

9-11 hours =  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a semester

12 hours or more = 1 semester



## *Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship Program*

The Alabama G.I. Dependent Scholarship  
Portal:

Can be found online at:

<https://adva.caseapp.tylerfedapp.com/>

Or on our website at:

<https://va.alabama.gov/dependents-scholarship/>





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