

## POLICY

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This policy pertains to the implementation of the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33.

### I Background:

Veteran education benefits are available to eligible veteran students at the Cooper Union. The Post 9/11 GI Bill ® program (Chapter 33) is one of the most frequently used VA benefits by veterans. Under Chapter 33, students are provided funding for tuition, books, housing and required fees.

GI Bill ® is a registered trademark of the US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website, <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

### II Policy:

The Cooper Union adheres to the requirements of and complies with Chapter 33. Cooper Union does not impose late fees on any students and will not impose late fees on students utilizing Chapter 33 benefits.

Additionally, The Cooper Union will not prevent a students from attending classes , gaining access to the library or other school facilities, or demand payment in advance for funds expected to be paid by the VA until at least 90 days post certification.

Covered individuals will see the amount anticipated from the VA on their student account in the form of Anticipated Aid for Chapter 33. If the VA fails to pay 90 days post certification, Cooper Union reserves the right to require payment from the student directly.

Students who are not receiving 100% Post 9-11 /GI Bill benefits are eligible to apply for Need Based Aid.

At Cooper Union, every admitted undergraduate student receives a half-tuition scholarship currently valued at \$22,275 per academic year (Fall, 2022), <https://cooper.edu/students/financial-aid>

### III Definition

Under the policy Cooper Union defines a covered individual as any student that has notified Cooper Union's Registrar's office that they are eligible to receive Chapter 33 benefits in writing prior to the start of the term in which they plan to use those benefits.

### IV Process:

- **Determine eligibility:** <https://www.va.gov/education/eligibility/>

Students can direct questions about benefit eligibility and coverage to the VA Educational Benefits line at 1-888-442-4551. The VA will provide the student with a *Certificate of Eligibility* (COE).

- **Apply:** <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>

The student will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (COE), or award letter, in the mail, if their application to the VA has been approved. Submit the COE to Cooper Union's VA certifying official, the Registrar.

Students may either mail the original Certificate of Eligibility to: Office of the Registrar, Cooper Union, 41 Cooper Square, New York, NY 10003, or email it to [registrar@cooper.edu](mailto:registrar@cooper.edu)

The Office of the Registrar will be responsible to forward a copy of the COE to the Financial Aid office for their records.

Students will only need to submit the Certificate of Eligibility once unless there has been a change in eligibility. If there has been a change in eligibility the student will need to contact the VA to receive an updated COE which they will need to submit to the Registrar's office.

- **Certification:**

The VA requires that Cooper Union certify the dates of enrollment for veterans seeking educational benefits. In order to initiate certification and the institution's ability to process benefits, the student is responsible to notify Cooper Union's Registrar of their intent to enroll for the year. The student can notify The Cooper Union of their intent to enroll by submitting the **Notice of Student Enrollment** to the Registrar prior to the start of the academic year.

- Students can email their Notice to [registrar@cooper.edu](mailto:registrar@cooper.edu) with the subject line, "Notice of Student Enrollment."
- Please note that the student must submit the Notice of Student Enrollment annually to the Registrar.
- The copy of the Certificate of Eligibility provided by the VA only needs to be submitted initially or if there has been a change in eligibility.

- **Additional Resources**

If you have general questions concerning veteran education benefits, please visit the VA's [website](#). Contact a VA benefits counselor for a specific question about a current claim.

If you have specific concerns about your certification at Cooper Union, contact the School Certifying Official (SCO) via email at [registrar@cooper.edu](mailto:registrar@cooper.edu)