

Laurel Ridge Workforce Solutions
DEA Chapter 35
Survivors' & Dependent's Educational Assistance

Benefit information: [VA education benefits for Survivors and Dependents](#)

- How to Apply and use Benefits:**
1. Apply: www.vets.gov/education
 2. Provide benefit documentation to Laurel Ridge Veteran Services:
 - Certificate of Eligibility, or
 - application confirmation page
 - Provide Service Member's VA file # or SSN
 3. Review [Workforce Solutions Veterans Information Package](#) and return signed Statement of Student Understanding
 4. Send all applicable prior college transcripts
 5. Meet with Laurel Ridge Veteran Academic Advisor/SCO
 6. Enroll Welding course with Workforce Solutions staff
 7. Pay tuition and fees to Workforce Solutions. Workforce Solutions requires full payment prior to start of course. VA will not pay LFCC for any tuition, fees, books or certification cost.
 8. Attend and complete the course

- Stipend:**
- Chapter 35 benefit pays monthly stipend to student based on enrollment.
 - Welding is 8 clock hours per week, predominately in the shop
 - Total Enrollment = 9 weeks
 - Basic Welding – 4 weeks
 - MIG Welding – 2 weeks
 - TIG Welding – 2 weeks
 - AWS Welding Certification Prep – 1 week

Enrollment /week	Monthly rate*
Full-time (22 hours or more)	\$1298.00
$\frac{3}{4}$ time (16-21 hours)	\$1026.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ time (11-15 hours)	\$753.00
Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ (6-10 hours)	\$753.00
$\frac{1}{4}$ time or less (1-5 hours)	\$324.25

*Rate is effective October 1, 2021.

- For more information, visit [GI Bill Comparison Tool](#)

Tuition/Fees: • Student is responsible for all tuition, fees, books and certification exams.

Benefit questions

- VA education hotline 1-888-442-4551
- [Dept of Veterans Affairs "Ask VA"](#)

Please verify all benefit information through military education website or VA education hotline 1-888-442-4551

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