

**POST 9/11 GI BILL, CHAPTER 33 – STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

Please read the following statements and initial in the spaces provided.

\_\_\_ I understand that my election of the Post 9/11 GI Bill-Chapter 33 education benefits is irrevocable and may not be changed.

\_\_\_ Once I receive my Certificate of Eligibility from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, I will submit a copy to FLC's Veterans Affairs office.

\_\_\_ I understand that if I make any course adjustments to my enrollment that I must notify the FLC Veterans Affairs office immediately. I acknowledge that this can impact my Post 9/11 GI Bill education benefits.

\_\_\_ I understand that if I do not complete all my courses or receive a punitive grade that I may be charged an overpayment by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs determines the amount of the overpayment, *not the school*. If I have an existing overpayment with the VA, my future benefit payments (including tuition and fees) may be withheld by the VA until my overpayment is repaid in full. **Per the VA:** An individual who does not complete all courses in the certified period of enrollment, and who does not substantiate mitigating circumstances for not completing such enrollment, will be charged an overpayment **equal to the amount of ALL educational assistance paid** for that period of enrollment.

\_\_\_ After your submission of the FLC Request for Certification form to the FLC VA certifying official, the college submits certification via VA-ONCE to the VA Muskogee regional processing office. The housing allowance and book stipend will be sent directly to the student – the fees & tuition will be paid directly to the college. FLC will place a Do Not Drop indicator on their record – so they are not dropped for non-payment – **you do NOT need to pay your fees at time of registration.**

\_\_\_ In the event that you withdraw from courses after the tuition and fee payments have been paid to the school on your behalf, the VA will consider this an overpayment. Overpayments will be charged to you and it will be your responsibility to repay the VA. If you do not attend classes, but fail to officially withdraw, you will be responsible for reimbursing the tuition to FLC. The school refund policy and deadlines for withdrawing with a refund are published on the school's website. The refund policy will be enforced.

\_\_\_ You will be eligible for the monthly housing allowance only if you are enrolled more than ½ time (7 units or more). You will receive your monthly housing allowance in arrears. The housing allowance is prorated based on your benefit level (40-100%). Active duty are not eligible. **\*\* Make sure that full-term classes are filled. Certification is based on term length. \*\***

\_\_\_ You will receive up to \$1,000 for books and supplies per academic year. The books and supplies stipend is \$41.67 per unit for up to 24 units. The stipend is prorated based on the percentage of your benefit level. Payments are issued directly to the student in a lump sum for each semester. Active duty are not eligible.

***I have read and fully understand the information given to me in this form. I understand that failure to follow this information could result in a reduction or cancellation of my benefits. If I have any questions, I will contact the college's VA certifying official for clarification.***

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Student Signature Date

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Name (Please Print)