

James Sprunt Community College - Veterans Affairs Educational Assistance

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As an honorably discharged veteran, you are entitled to education benefits, and are eligible to participate in certain education programs. Veterans are accorded the same rights and must meet all academic requirements and maintain the same academic standards as any student attending James Sprunt Community College.

Active duty service members should consult with the Education Services Officer (ESO) on their military installation before submitting an application for VA benefits.

BENEFITS AVAILABLE

Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30)

Eligibility for basic educational assistance can be established by individuals who first became members of the Armed Forces of first entered on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces after June 30, 1985 or is voluntary active duty.

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (CHAPTER 31)

The purpose of this program is to provide eligible veterans with compensable service-connected disabilities all services and assistance necessary to enable them to achieve maximum independence, to become employable, and to obtain and maintain suitable employment. Basic entitlement and necessity for training and rehabilitation are determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Regional Office in Winston-Salem, NC, Vocational Rehabilitation Department notifies the veterans and the college regarding approval for training. Payment is made directly to the school for tuition & fees.

POST 911 GI BILL (Chapter 33)

This program provides VA Educational Benefits to eligible veterans for services that were performed after September 10, 2001 and active duty. Members must have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty. However, individuals honorably discharged for a service-connected disability who served 30 continuous days after September 10, 2001, may also establish eligibility. You may also transfer your Chapter 33 benefits to their children and/or spouse. This is called a transfer of entitlement. A transfer cannot exceed 36 months to all dependents. Payments are made directly to the school.

SURVIVOR'S AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE (CHAPTER 35)

This program assists dependents and the spouse of a veteran who died of a service-connected disability or who has a service-connected total permanent disability. The child or spouse of a person who is on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces and who now is, and, for a period of 90 days, has been, listed by the Secretary as missing in action, captured in line of duty by a hostile force, or forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign power should be eligible for these benefits.

CHAPTER 1606/1607

VETERANS RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VRAP)

This program provides eligible veterans with education benefits for up to 12 months of training. VRAP will provide training for programs of education that lead to a high demand occupation, as determined by the Department of Labor.

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Active North Carolina National Guard members who have completed at least one year of satisfactory service in the North Carolina National Guard, and have a minimum of two years remaining as a member of the National Guard from the end of the academic period for which tuition assistance is requested may be eligible for tuition assistance. Persons desiring information or applications for this assistance should contact the Office of the Adjutant General P.O. Box 2628, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611 or call 1-800-621-4136.

STEPS TO VA EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

DO I QUALIFY FOR VA BENEFITS?

The Veterans Administration will make a determination of whether or not you qualify for Veterans Benefits. For questions and inquiries regarding VA education benefits, call 1-888-GIBILL (4551) or visit www.gibill.va.gov

HOW DO I APPLY?

You can apply for VA benefits on-line at <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov> by filling out the VA Application (VA Form 22-1990). Students approved for Dependents Education Assistance (Chapter 35) complete VA Form 22-5490. (Save a copy for me).

HOW MUCH OF THE COST WILL MY VA BENEFITS COVER?

Go to www.gibill.va.gov/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.html to view the rates.

If you are undecided about which GI Bill benefit to use, see the comparison chart between the Post-9/11 and other GI Bill chapters, and see the comparison of monetary benefits.

www.gibill.va.gov/resources/benefits_resources/benefit_comparison_tools.html

Full-time training for undergraduate students is 12 credit hours minimum at main campus or 6 credit hours minimum each term under accelerated terms. Graduate students need to look at their bulletin/catalog to determine full-time load. A student who enrolls for less than full-time will have the amount he/she can receive in benefits prorated each month according to how many days of classes are in each individual month. For additional information on financial aid, visit:

<http://www.jamessprunt.edu/financial-aid>

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

Be advised that failure to provide the School's Veteran's Affairs (VA) Office with all required forms and a class schedule in a timely manner may result in a delay of benefits. A list of required documentation is listed below*.

VETERAN'S AFFAIRS CHECKLIST*

The following documents are required for **ALL** Educational Benefits. Additional documents required are listed under the specific Chapter.

- Transcripts (H.S. and all other institutions attended since high school) to be turned into admissions
- Completion of a JSCC Application for Admission
- Signed & dated VA Policy and Procedure Form
- Copy of VA Awards letter or Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

CHAPTERS 30 (GI BILL) OR CHAPTER 32 (VEAP) CHAPTER 33 (POST 9/11)

- VA Form 22-1990 or 1990E Application (New) OR 22-1995 (Change of place or program)
- Copy of your DD Form 214 (Service Member Copy 4)
- Military Transcript (AARTS, SMART, or CCAF)

CHAPTER 1606/CHAPTER 1607 (GUARD AND RESERVE)/ (REAP)

- VA Form 22-1990 Application (New) OR 22-1995 (Change of program or program)
- Copy of your DD Form 214 (Service Member Copy 4 -Discharge paper)
- Military Transcript (AARTS, SMART, or CCAF)
- Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE – Unit Form)
- Kicker paperwork a.k.a. Army or Navy College Fund (if you received one)

CHAPTER 31 (VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION)

- Copy of your DD Form 214 (Service Member Copy 4)
- VA Form 28-1905, Authorization and Certification of Entrance or Reentrance into Rehabilitation and Certification of Status (Comes from your Case Manager)

CHAPTER 35 (SURVIVORS AND DEPENDENTS)

- Copy of the Veteran's DD Form 214 (Service Member Copy 4 – Discharge Paper)
- VA Form 22-5490 Application (New) OR 22-5495 (Change of place or program)

ONCE YOU ARE CERTIFIED:

- Included in your award letter from VA will be information on verification of attendance. Some VA students are required to verify attendance monthly. For those students, we recommend you sign up for the monthly automatic email reminder through the W.A.V.E website (www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do).

- For Post-9/11 (Chapter 33 students) the book allowance can come at any time during the month. Other payments are always paid at the end of the month.

To Keep Your Benefits Running Smoothly:

- Read and familiarize yourself with the Policy and Procedures form located at (<http://www.jamessprunt.edu/veterans-affairs>).

Print the Policy and Procedures page and take a signed copy to the JSCC VA office.

- You **MUST** provide our office with a copy of your schedule before we can recertify you for the next semester. Otherwise, YOU WILL NOT BE CERTIFIED.
- Keep in mind that VA will only pay for courses that are required for graduation as defined by your curriculum and as published in the catalog/bulletin. VA will not pay for non-degree or additional courses.
- In the event you wish to change your schedule, major, course(s), address, etc., you **must** provide our office with documentation indicating the changes.

Important Numbers to Know:

1-888-442-4551 – VA call center (General Inquiries and Information, which includes address changes, requests to establish benefits, & general information)

1-877-823-2378 – VA or Use W.A.V.E (on GI Bill website): Monthly verification of attendance

1-877-838-2778 – VA Direct Deposit Center for Education (Start, stop or change direct deposit info)