

## Choice Act Section 702 and 417

Effective August 1, 2021, out-of-state students *may* qualify for in-state if they are:

- Using Post 9/11 or Fry Scholarship benefits
- Living in Virginia/JMU area while attending school

### Required Documentation:

- Provide Certificate of Eligibility

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## Yellow Ribbon

Post 9/11 users at JMU are only eligible for Yellow Ribbon if they are:

- An undergraduate student, and
- Charged out-of-state tuition, and
- At the 100% eligibility tier

You must complete our YR application, available on our website. We have 3 total spots and additional applicants will be placed on a waitlist.

It offers up to \$3,000 per semester (\$1500 from JMU & \$1500 from VA) . Yellow Ribbon is not available for summer terms.

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## Scholarships and Post 9/11

Scholarships can impact the tuition portion provided by Post 9/11.

We must have, **in writing**, documentation stating what the scholarship money can cover:

- **Tuition/fee only** – scholarship amount will be deducted from instate tuition reported to VA.
- **General (can pay other costs in addition to tuition/fees)** – scholarship amount will NOT be deducted from instate tuition and can be used to cover other educational expenses.

## Requesting Benefits after 1<sup>st</sup> Semester

- After the first semester, the **JMU Request for Educational Benefits form** (Step 4) is the only required form a student needs to provide each semester to request benefits.
- The form is emailed from **auto\_notification@jmu.edu** and requires all major courses to be signed by the major advisor.
- We email students prior to registration about the required form. The form is emailed directly to the student's JMU dukes email account after registration.
- Parent is *not* notified during this process.

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## Your Financial Obligation Each Semester

- **JMU will wait on VA's portion of in-state tuition.** If you are out-of-state and/or <100% eligible for Post 9/11, you must cover the tuition difference upfront by using financial aid, allowed scholarships, lump payment or include the amount in the payment plan.
- Post 9/11 tuition will be reflected on student's account as "Reported GI Bill" once enrollment has been submitted to VA. It will then show on the account as "Post 9/11 GI Bill" when the money arrives from VA.
- **IMPORTANT:** Tuition differentials and course fees are always reported later in semester (roughly 6-8 weeks in the term).
- **You must pay your room rent and/or meal plan charges upfront by the UBO deadline.**
- Due to JMU's payment structure, any payment/aid is directed to tuition first. Once VA pays tuition, all other payments/aid will be adjusted to cover their intended charges.
- UBO Payment Plan Questions? Call 540-568-6505 or visit [www.jmu.edu/ubo](http://www.jmu.edu/ubo).
- Financial Aid questions? Call 540-568-7820

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## Required Classes for Graduation Only

VA only covers courses that a student needs for graduation, including:

- General education
- Degree requirements (BA, BS)
- Declared major requirements
- Declared minor requirements
- Allowed electives to reach 120 credits (after all other required credits are accounted for)

# Chapter 33 GI Bill® Post 9/11 for Dependents & Spouses



James Madison University  
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[www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans](http://www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans)

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Toll Free # 1-800-MyVA411  
Hours: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm EST

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## Required Steps to Activate & Use Post 9/11

### Step 1: Request DOD/DHS approval to Transfer Entitlement to your child

- Access <http://milconnect.dmdc.mil> to transfer your entitlement. Leave end date blank or use your child's 26<sup>th</sup> birthdate.
- 8 regular semesters (excluding summer terms) uses ~32 months of benefits at JMU. If you want your child to use benefits for 4 years: leave at least 1 month of benefits in all eligible dependents' names until you need to utilize all 36 months.
- Once request is approved, **send a page screenshot to School Certifying Official** using delivery instructions below. DoD/DHS approval needed before proceeding to step 2.

### Step 2: Apply for Post 9/11

**First Time User:** Complete VA form 22-1990e after Step 1 has been approved and your child has reached age 18 or graduated from high school. Application can be completed in the dependent's name on [va.gov](http://va.gov)

**Current Benefit User:** Complete VA Form 22-1995 "Change of Place" application through [va.gov](http://va.gov).

Once approved, VA will mail you the Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Provide the confirmation page from submitted application and new COE to the School Certifying Official.

### Step 3: Sign [JMU Student Agreement Form](#)

- Complete page 1, Post 9/11 section on page 2 and sign/date page 4. **Return completed copy to SCO**
- If you cannot get a parent's signature, that is ok, we will still accept the form.
- Keep a copy for your records.

### Step 4: Submit [JMU Request for Veterans Educational Benefits](#) form

- Student will meet with their advisor during orientation to review and finalize course enrollment.
- Once enrollment is finalized, please complete and **send SCO** the JMU Request form found at: [www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans](http://www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans) under "Forms & Brochures"

#### School Certifying Officials (SCO)

Kelly Burch/540-568-4769/burchke@jmu.edu  
Lauren Houff/540-568-6569/houffle@jmu.edu

Email: Veteran@jmu.edu

Mail/Dropped off: Office of the Registrar  
738 S. Mason St, MSC 3528, Harrisonburg, VA 22807

Fax: 540-568-5615

## Post 9/11 Payments

### VA pays JMU up to 100% of In-state Tuition & Fees



Post 9/11 only pays up to 100% of the in-state tuition rates. If you are classified as out-of-state and/or less than 100%, you will owe the difference in tuition.

The Office of Admissions determines all in-state/out-of-state classifications & charges.

- Payment is subject to eligibility tier %
- **Receiving any scholarships or tuition-specific aid? See reverse side for more information.**
- Title IV Federal Financial Aid which includes Pell Grants, Subsidized/Unsubsidized, Plus, or Stafford loans cannot be considered by VA and impact your benefits
- \$400 deposit is a credit towards your tuition
- JMU is participating in the Yellow Ribbon Program for the 2021-2022 academic year. See reverse side.
- **Post 9/11 tuition payments will show as pending payment on student account after enrollment is submitted to VA.**
- Course fees, COB and Nursing Tuition Differential charges are reported to VA roughly 6-8 weeks after the term has started.
- Refer to "Your Financial Obligation" on reverse side.

	2021-2022 In-state Student	2021-2022 Out-of-State Student
<b>FT Tuition &amp; Fees:</b> <i>Career began in/after summer 2018: (A)</i> <i>Career began before summer 2018: (B)</i>	A: \$6,319/semester B: \$5,995/semester	A: \$14,782/semester B: \$14,622/semester
<b>Orientation Fee*</b>	\$180*	\$180*
<b>Internet Fee**</b>	\$120**/semester	\$120**/semester
<b>Total</b> (less T/F Specific funds; plus any course fees or T/D charges)	A: \$6,619** (+/-) B: \$5,995(+/-)	A: \$15,082**(+/-) B: \$14,622(+/-)
<b>VA Pays to JMU:</b>	\$6,619**/\$5,995 if eligible @100%	\$6,619**/\$5,995 if eligible @100%
<b>You Pay to JMU by UBO deadline:</b>	Remaining % not covered by VA	Out-of-state tuition difference and remaining % not covered by VA

\*one time charge (1st term) \*\*reportable for freshman year only

### Books/Supplies Stipend

VA pays family; sent to bank account; subject to tier %

- Up to \$1,000/academic year (\$41.67/credit hour x %)  
*Ex: \$41.67 x 15 credits x % = \$625.05;*  
*\$374.95 remains for next term if 100%*
- Paid separately from BAH & No receipts required
- **Pay for books upfront and use stipend payment to reimburse costs.**

## Post 9/11 Payments

### Monthly Housing Allowance (BAH)

VA pays family; sent to bank account; subject to tier %

- Payable on pay grade of E5 w/dependents & JMU's zip code; \$1,407 per full month (effective 8/1/2021)
- **Paid monthly and in arrears**– If living off-campus, have at least 2 months of living expenses upfront
- **Payment is subject to eligibility tier %**
- **Prorated payments for Aug, Dec, Jan, & May; based on semesters dates**
- Spouses of A/D service-members not eligible for BAH
- NOT payable to those enrolled for the term at ½ time or less
- Students enrolled solely in online classes receive BAH payments of ½ the national average
- Housing benefits are prorated based upon training time, rounded to the nearest multiple of 10.

*Ex: Enrolled in 7 credits when 12 credits are fulltime, training time is 0.58, rounded to 60% of the applicable BAH rate.*

### BAH % and Daily Rate Breakdown

2021/22 BAH	Elig. Tier %	Amount	Daily Rate
\$1,407	100%	\$1,407.00	\$46.90
\$1,407	90%	\$1,266.30	\$42.21
\$1,407	80%	\$1,125.60	\$37.52
\$1,407	70%	\$984.90	\$32.83
\$1,407	60%	\$844.20	\$28.14
\$1,407	50%	\$703.50	\$23.45
Formula = \$1,407 x Elig % ÷ 30 days to find daily rate			

#### JMU Room Rent

\$2,782.00\*

#### Grace Street Apt

\$3,282.00\*

#### Internet fee: \$120\*\*

\*Charges are per semester  
\*\*Reportable to VA freshman year only

#### Meal Plan Options

All Access: \$2,993.00\*

All Access Plus: \$3,093.00\*

14 Meal Plan = \$2,755.00\*

11 Meal Plan = \$2,886.00\*

\*Charges are per semester

**If living on campus, charges for room rent and meal plan must be paid to JMU by the deadline set by the University Business Office to avoid late fees assessed by UBO and prevent "financial hold."**