State Tuition Assistance
Available to Virginia National Guard members.
Provides up to $8,000 per year for tuition and fees; no textbook allowance. 2 year obligation with Virginia ARNG after last use of State Tuition Assistance.

Virginia National Guard State TA Deadlines:
- April 1 (Summer)
- July 1 (Fall)
- November 1 (Spring)

Apply online at https://vaapp.ngb.army.mil/StateTuition/ by the deadline noted above for each semester. The application website will open approximately 45 days before the deadline date and will close at midnight on the deadline date. Late applications will not be approved.

- Must complete basic training and be a member in good standing
- Must have a degree plan on file and grades from previous semester. GPA must be 2.0 to be approved.
- Once approved by the VA National Guard Education Office at Fort Pickett, an e-mail will be sent to the veteran.
- School will receive roster from the VA National Guard Education Office at Fort Pickett with $ amount for each approved student.
- School bills the VA National Guard Education Office at Fort Pickett and payment is made to schools within 60-90 days of term start date.
- Student must submit grades within 30 days of semester end to Terri Stallings (terri.s.stallings.nfg@mail.mil).

Contact Information:
Phone: 434-298-6222 or 434-298-3020
Email: ng.va.vaarng.mbx.ngva-education@mail.mil

Federal Tuition Assistance
Each military branch has separate procedures for applying for Federal Tuition Assistance. Please visit http://www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans/federaltuition.shtml for more information and the links to apply for Federal Tuition Assistance (TA).

- Army
- Air Force
- Navy
- Marines
- Coast Guard

Please note:
- Students cannot use Federal TA and Chapter 1606 MGIB benefits for the same course.
- If you use Federal TA for an undergrad program, you must wait 10 years after completion before you can use it again for a Graduate program.
- Cindi Sechler in the University Business Office can assist students with tuition assistance. Contact her at sechlecl@jmu.edu or 540-568-7908.

School Certifying Officials (SCO):
Kelly Burch/540-568-4769/burchke@jmu.edu
Lauren Houff/540-568-6569/houffle@jmu.edu
Fax: 540-568-5615
Mail: Office of the Registrar
738 S. Mason St, MSC 3528
Harrisonburg, VA 22807
Email: Veteran@jmu.edu

www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans/federaltuition.shtml

Chapter 1606 MGIB Selected Reserve & National Guard

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James Madison University
Office of the Registrar
Student Success Center Room 5300
veteran@jmu.edu
www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans

www.jmu.edu/registrar/veterans/chapter1606.html
MGIB Chapter 1606

The MGIB-SR program may be available to you if you are a member of the Selected Reserve or National Guard. It provides up to 36 months of education benefits and is paid monthly in arrears, directly to the student.

Eligibility

Eligibility is determined by the Selected Reserve components. VA makes the payments for this program.

- Incur in a six-year Selected Reserve Obligation. You must enter into a six-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve. If you’re an officer, you must agree to serve six years in addition to your current obligation.
- Complete your IADT (Initial Active duty for Training).
- Maintain Selected Reserve Status. Serve in a drilling Selected-Reserve unit and remain in good standing.
- Complete high school. You must obtain a high school diploma or equivalency certificate before you apply for benefits.

How to Apply

- Step 1: Complete VA Form 22-1990 at va.gov
  - Provide copy of confirmation page to SCO
  - Or provide a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility if already received
- Step 2: Sign the Student Agreement Form and turn in to SCO. Keep a copy for your records.
- Step 3: Complete the JMU Request for Educational Benefits form. Only required courses for graduation can be certified to VA. Return once schedule is finalized.
  - Mark on JMU form if receiving Federal or State T/A, or ROTC scholarship or stipend. Not all ROTC scholarships can be used with 1606.

Basic Monthly Rate

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Financial Responsibilities

- The benefit pays a monthly stipend that is sent directly to the student and paid in arrears over the course of the semester. You must pay the full semester bill by the UBO deadline each semester.
- Federal or State T/A, student loans, financial aid, scholarships, UBO monthly payment plan, credit card, etc. may be used to cover the charges.
- Per DOD policy, students cannot use Federal T/A and Chapter 1606 benefits for the same course.

Required Classes for Graduation

VA only covers courses that a student must take to graduate from JMU, including:

- General Education
- Degree Requirements (BA, BS)
- Declared major requirements
- Declared minor requirements
- Allowed electives to reach 120 credits (after all other requirements have been met)

Requesting Benefits after First Semester

- After the first semester, the JMU Request for Educational Benefits form (mentioned in Step 3) is the only required form a student needs to provide each semester to request benefits.
- The form is emailed from "Auto_Notification" and requires all major courses to be signed by the major advisor.
- We email students prior to registration about the form and then the form is emailed during early registration for the upcoming semester.

JMU Student Veteran Association

Join through: https://beinvolved.jmu.edu/
Facebook Page: JMU Student Veterans Association

Early Registration

All identified Veterans, Active-Duty, Reservists, National Guard students are eligible for Early Registration. Contact us to make sure you are on the list. We need proof of service.

Monthly Enrollment Verification

You must verify your enrollment on the last calendar day of every month that you attend classes. Failure to do so will delay payment. Options:

- Online: https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do
- Phone Number: 877-823-2378