Scholarships and Post 9/11

Scholarships can impact the tuition portion of Post 9/11 benefits. We must have, in writing, documentation stating what the scholarship money can cover:

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

Summary of Must Have Documents:
- Certificate of Eligibility
- JMU Request Form every semester
- JMU Student Agreement Form
- DD-214
- Joint Services Transcript (JST)
- All prior higher education transcripts
- VA Form 22-1995 if used benefit at another school

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

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

Veterans Scholar Task Force
JMU has a Veterans Scholar Task Force comprised of many departmental representatives. Meetings are held every semester to ensure JMU is meeting the needs of Veterans. Students are welcome to have a voice in this committee. Contact the SVA club with your interest.

Student Veteran’s Center
A private student Veteran led space. 24/7 JaCard access. Contact Kelly Burch or Lauren Houff for access.

Requesting Benefits after 1st Semester
- After the first semester, the JMU Request for Educational Benefits form (Step 3) is the only required form a student needs to provide each semester to request benefits.
- NO FORM = NO MONEY
- The form is emailed to your dukes email account 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 directly to the student’s dukes email account.

Your Financial Obligation
- 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 pay the tuition difference upfront.
- Post 9/11 tuition will be reflected on student’s account as “Reported GI Bill” once enrollment has been submitted to VA. When the funds arrive from VA, it will then show as “Post 9/11 GI Bill” on student’s account.
- Tuition differentials and course fees are always reported later in semester.
- You must pay your Room Rent and/or Meal Plan charges upfront by the UBO deadline each term, if applicable.
- 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.
- Financial Aid questions? Call 540-568-7820

Required Classes for Graduation Only
VA only allows 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)
Steps to Activate Your Post 9/11 Benefit

Step 1: VA Post 9/11 application

First Time User: VA Form 22-1990 Application
- Submit VA 22-1990 application through va.gov. Provide direct deposit information in application.
- VA will review your 22-1990 application within 4-6 weeks and mail you a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) letter to the address on the application.
- Please provide a copy of the COE to School Certifying Official (SCO).

Current Benefit User: VA Form 22-1995 Application
- Submit VA Form 22-1995 Change of Place form through va.gov.
- Provide confirmation page or new COE to SCO

Step 2: JMU Student Agreement Form
- Complete page 1, Chapter 33 Post 9/11 section on page 2 and sign/date page 3. Return completed form to SCO.
- Keep a copy for your records.

Step 3: JMU’s Request for Veterans Educational Benefits form
- After you meet with your academic advisor during orientation and your schedule finalized, complete JMU request form and follow delivery instructions below. We must have this form to report your enrollment to VA.

Step 4: Provide the following additional required documents:
- JST: https://jst.doded.mil/smart/welcome.do to request official JST transcript sent directly to JMU for credit evaluation. Unofficial copies are not accepted.
- DD-214 for credit evaluation.
- All other higher education transcripts (to JMU)

Books/Supplies Stipend
VA pays you sent to bank account
- Up to $1,000/academic year ($41.67/credit hour)
  ◊ Ex: $41.67 x 15 credits x % = $625.05;
  ◊ $374.95 remains for next term if 100%
- Payment is subject to eligibility tier %
- Paid separately from BAH & No receipts required
- Pay for book costs upfront and use stipend payment to reimburse costs.

Post 9/11 Payments

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

The Office of Admissions determines all in-state/out-of-state classifications and charges—(540) 568-5681. If you are a Veteran residing in Virginia, you may qualify for in-state tuition per state law: http://www.schev.edu/index/students-and-parents/student-type/military-education/veterans-and-families

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

- Payment is subject to eligibility tier %
- Receiving any aid/scholarships that is being sent to JMU? See reverse side with more information.
- Title IV Federal Financial Aid which includes Pell Grants, Plus or Stafford loans cannot impact benefits.
- $400 deposit is a credit towards your tuition
- Post 9/11 tuition payments will show as pending payment on student account after enrollment is submitted to VA.
- Refer to “Your Financial Obligation” on reverse side

Monthly Housing Allowance (BAH)
VA pays you; sent to your bank account
- Payable on pay grade of E5 w/dependents & JMU’s zip code (22807); $1,413/month
- Paid monthly and in arrears. If living off-campus, have at least 2 months of living expenses upfront.
- Payment is subject to eligibility tier %
- NOT payable to those enrolled for the term at ½ time or less and NOT payable if on Active Duty
- Students enrolled solely in online classes receive BAH payments of ½ the national average.
- Housing benefits are prorated based upon training time, rounded to nearest multiple of 10. Ex: enrolled in 7 credits when 12 credits are full time, training time is 0.58, rounded to 60% of the applicable BAH rate.

BAH % and Daily Rate Breakdown

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Formula = $1,413 x Elig % + 30 days to find daily rate

JMU Room/Board Charges (2019-2020)

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If living on campus, room rent, internet fee and meal plan charges must be paid upfront to JMU by the first Friday of the semester to avoid late fees assessed by UBO and prevent "financial hold."