



Required Documentation for Certification of Federal Benefits

To have your enrollment certified with the VA, you will need to submit the following and then see the Coordinator of Veteran Affairs on the day you register on campus before you leave.

- A copy of your Certificate of Eligibility – it is your awards letter from the VA. It shows me your percentage coverage and remaining months of eligibility.
- The UM Request for Certification – this is the information to be submitted to the VA along with your enrollment. On the UM Website or in the Registrar's Office.

The Alabama GI Dependents' Scholarship

Does not require the two documents above. Does require an awards certificate from the Alabama Department of Veteran Affairs: http://www.va.state.al.us/gi_dep_scholarship.aspx

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA) (Chapter 35)

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/DEA.asp>

Post 9/11 GI Bill (CH 33)

Have you applied for your benefits?

After the Post 9/11 (CH 33) benefits are transferred to you or if you are using your own benefits, you must apply for them. If you have not already applied, follow this link and click on Apply for Benefits:

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp>

Once the VA processes your application, they will send you a Certificate of Eligibility – of which I need a copy.

Military transcript

Send UM a copy of your military transcript in order to receive college credit for your training. Order all but Air Force transcripts here: <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do>

VA benefits and paying for on campus housing

Just a quick reminder regarding VA benefits and on campus housing. The VA will not pay any housing directly to the University regardless of which benefit you use. If you live on campus, the Cashier's Office offers a payment arrangement service that will allow you to pay for on campus housing monthly. If you receive a monthly stipend directly to you from the VA, you may use that to pay your housing on or off campus, but housing is your responsibility to pay.

Informational links

CH 33 benefits details:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/pamphlets/ch33_pamphlet.pdf

Tips for new students using the GI Bill:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/docs/factsheets/NAVPA_Tips.pdf

eBenefits:

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>

GI Bill Resident Rate Requirements:

http://benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_residentraterequirements.asp

CH 1606 (for Reserves – if you are not eligible for CH 33):

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_sr.asp

Outside Funding

There are also many private scholarships available for spouses and dependents.

<http://www.finaid.org/military/veterans.phtml>

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/education-and-employment/higher-education-for-children>

<http://www.military.com/education/money-for-school/military-spouse-and-family-educational-assistance-programs.html>

<http://www.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do>

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/military-scholarships/>

https://va.columbusstate.edu/va_info_sheets/Known%20Veterans%20Scholarships.pdf

<http://www.montevallo.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/scholarships/outside-scholarships/>

For Federal VA and DoD Education Benefits, contact:

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