

Applying for VA Eligibility Approval

The Office of Financial Aid does not determine initial eligibility for any VA Educational Benefit program. The educational arm of the US Department of Veterans Affairs is the sole determinant body of benefit eligibility.

Time is the key factor in the application process and often determines how you may apply for approval. The VA requests 30-45 business days (5-9 calendar weeks) to process an application. In certain circumstances this time period may be extended. Applications can be submitted to the VA before a student is officially admitted to JMLS.

You may submit the application and supporting documents in one of two ways:

1. Directly to the VA Regional Processing Center (RPO) in Decatur, Georgia. Use this option only if you are submitting the application at least two (2) months before your first (1st) planned semester of attendance.
If the application is approved, you need only provide the resulting Certificate of Eligibility to the Office of Financial Aid.
2. Indirectly through the Office of Financial Aid.

All VA Educational Benefits are part of what's commonly called the GI BILL. The VA classifies all recipients of benefits by the different chapters of the bill. In order to send the correct application to the VA you must know what chapter you are.