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**PARENT'S GUIDE FOR
MILITARY BENEFITS**



**MILITARY & POST-TRADITIONAL
STUDENT SERVICES**
JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

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Welcome to Jacksonville State University, we are very excited to have you join our Gamecock family. We know this can be a scary and confusing time for you. If this is your first time doing this, or have not been to college before, we are here to make your transition to JSU as easy as possible.

This guide was developed to inform you about potential Military Benefits that you could be eligible for and to explain how our certification process works. We highly encourage you to check out our **Benefits FAQ** that will answer most of your common questions. Our staff is here to assist you and your spouse or child as they start their academic careers at JSU. We all have strong ties to the military and love helping our community members.



IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Federal VA Benefits: 1-888-442-4551

State VA Benefits: (334) 242-5077

Military & Post-Traditional Student Services:

Phone: (256)782-8838 **Email:** veterans@jsu.edu

Financial Aid Office:

Phone: (256)782-5006 **Email:** finaid@jsu.edu

Student Accounts:

Phone: (256) 782- 5458 **Email:** bursar@jsu.edu

You can also join our [JSU Military Parents](#) Facebook Group

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State Benefits

Alabama G.I. Dependents' Scholarship Program (FAFSA Required)



The **Alabama G.I. Dependents' Scholarship Program** is available to dependents of disabled veterans. This program helps with the cost of tuition and books. The Veteran must have entered the service in Alabama. For more information about the program go to Alabama's VA website at www.va.state.al.us/gi_dep_scholarship.aspx.

Alabama National Guard Education Assistance Program (FAFSA Required)



ANGEAP is a program established by the State of Alabama to assist the members of the Alabama National Guard with the cost of their education. Each year the state establishes a maximum dollar amount the eligible student may receive in tuition and fees. To receive ANGEAP the student must [submit an application](#) for the current year to Military & Post-Traditional Student Service for each semester enrolled.

Federal Benefits

[Chapter 1606 \(Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserves\)](#)



Students who are part of the Air Force/Army National Guard or the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Navy Reserve components may qualify for this benefit. Chapter 1606 benefits are a monthly stipend paid directly to the student. For more information for Chapter 1606 go to https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_sr.asp.

[Chapter 30 \(Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty\)](#)



Students who began active duty service after 6/30/85, had \$100 automatically taken out of their paycheck for 12 months, and received an honorable discharge may be eligible for this benefit. Chapter 30 benefit is a monthly stipend paid directly to the student. For more information for Chapter 30 go to https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_ad.asp.

[Chapter 31 \(Vocational Rehabilitation\)](#)



This benefit is only for students who are disabled veterans. Contact the local VA office and request an appointment to discuss Vocational Rehabilitation with a counselor. Once approved the veteran will be assigned a case manager. When the study plan is accepted by the VA then the case manager will issue an authorization that is sent directly to the school. Benefits for Chapter 31 includes all tuition and applicable fees, a housing allowance, books, and supplies. For more information for Chapter 31 go to <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/how-to-apply/>.

Federal Benefits

[Chapter 33 \(Post 9/11\) for Service Member](#) and [Chapter 33 Transferred to Dependent](#)



Chapter 33 benefits could have been earned by serving time on Active Duty or the benefits could have been transferred to the Veteran's dependent during the Veteran's Active Duty time. Chapter 33 benefits include tuition and applicable fees, a book stipend, and housing allowance. Tuition and fees are paid directly to the school. The book stipend and the monthly housing allowance (MHA) is payed directly to the student's designated bank account. **The total amount of time in active military service determines the percentage that will be covered by the benefit. The percentage will be between 40 and 100.** For more information pertaining to Chapter 33 go to <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>.

[Chapter 35 \(Dependents' Educational Assistance\)](#)



The dependent of a veteran who has a service-connected permanent and total disability (100%) or died as a result of service-connected disability may be eligible for these benefits. Chapter 35 benefits include a monthly stipend paid directly to the student. For more information for Chapter 35 go to <https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/DEA.asp>.

For information relating to the current rate of all benefits please go to https://benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp

Federal Benefits

New Students - You can apply for Federal VA Educational Benefits at <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>. Print a copy of your confirmation page for your records.

Transfer Students – You can transfer your benefit from another institution to JSU at <https://www.va.gov/education/change-gi-bill-benefits/> (Veterans - VA form DD22-1995 and Dependents - VA form DD22-5495).

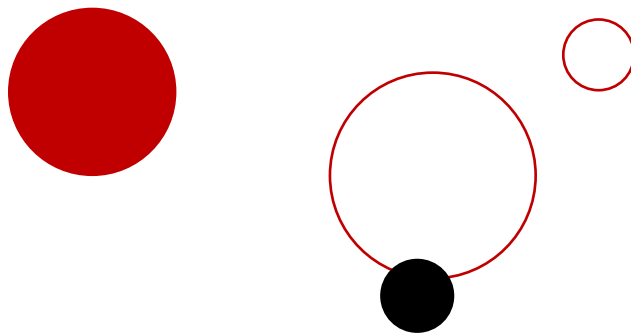
Transient Students – JSU needs the Parent Letter from your main school

State Benefits

New Students – You must apply for the Alabama G.I. Dependent’s Scholarship Program in person by going to the closest State VA office. To find that closest location, go to their website <https://va.alabama.gov/dependents-scholarship/>.

You must apply for ANGEAP by [completing the application](#) **every semester** that you want to use this benefit and you must upload that to our website www.jsu.edu/post-trad.

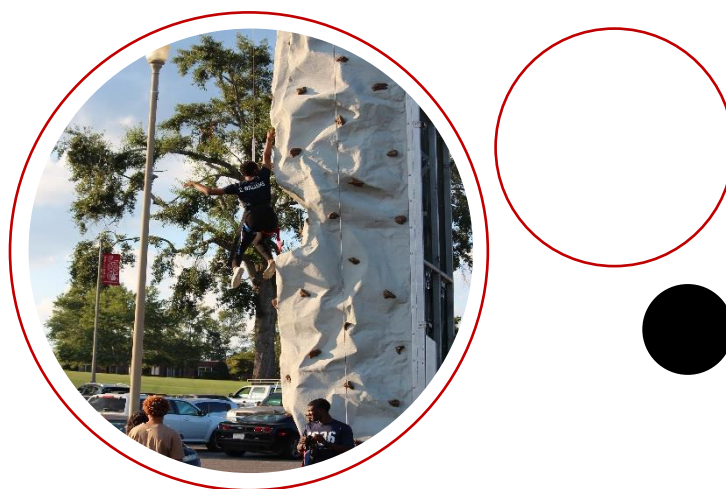
Transferring Students – You must fill out the top two sections of the [Request for Supplemental Certificate](#) form, sign and date it, and then send it to the official at the school you are transferring from.



Required Forms

All the required documents can be submitted or uploaded on our website (<http://www.jsu.edu/post-trad/index.html>). The following are some helpful hints:

- Screen Shots/Snap Shots of documents will not be accepted.
- All students requesting to be certified for VA education benefits **MUST complete** a Class Registration Form every time you want to use the benefit.
- Failure to provide these documents in a timely manner will delay the certification for VA benefits.



In order to process and certify a student to use their VA benefits a JSU VA file must be established. The student is responsible for providing the following documentation.

[Chapter 1606 – Montgomery G.I. Bill Selected Reserves](#)

[Chapter 30 – Montgomery G.I. Bill Active Duty](#)

[Chapter 31- Vocational Rehabilitation](#)

Chapter 33 – Post 9/11 G.I. Bill

- [Service Member](#)
- [Transferred to Dependent](#)

[Chapter 35- Dependents' Educational Assistance Program](#)

[Alabama G.I. Dependents Scholarship Program](#)

[ANGEAP – Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program](#)

To receive VA benefits while attending JSU, the student must declare a major (and a minor if required or desired) that is offered at JSU. Only courses required for the major, and applicable minor, can be certified as indicated on the appropriate plan of study.

Official Transcripts: The VA requires **Student Veterans** to request official military transcripts be provided to JSU for evaluation of transfer credit. The Student Veteran must submit either the [Joint Services Transcript \(JST\)](#) or [Community College of the Air Force \(CCAF\)](#) transcripts to the Admissions office. Student Veterans can expect an average of 3-10 credits awarded for prior military training. Please submit those transcripts as follows:

Standard Mail - Undergraduate Admissions 700 Pelham Rd N Jacksonville, AL 36265

E-Transcripts - ugtranscripts@jsu.edu

Enrollment Certification

Once we have the complete VA file of the student then we can process the benefit. We begin to certify no later than four weeks prior to the start of the term or after the student is enrolled, whichever happens last. We certify in the order we receive the Class registration forms.

For all benefits, if the student drops a course after the enrollment has been certified, it could result in a debt with the VA. The VA will notify the student of any debt. If payment arrangements are not made in a timely manner, then monthly stipends could be affected.

Satisfactory Progress:

Students receiving Federal VA educational benefits are expected to stay in good academic standing and to make satisfactory progress towards a degree. Students not meeting this academic standard and are placed on “Probation” or “Warning” will need to meet with Tashua Dennis before we can certify their classes. The student will develop an academic plan that they are expected to follow

Verification of Attendance:

A monthly attendance verification is required by any student receiving benefits under Chapter 30, 1606, and 1607. Student can use either the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE- <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/login.do>) or by Interactive Voice Response (IVR- 1-877-823-2378).

Discussing VA Benefits:

We cannot discuss specifics of a student’s VA benefits with any person other than the student. However, the student can identify a third party whom we can discuss their benefits with using a [Proxy form](#) that can be found on the JSU website.