



VA Education Benefits Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for VA education benefits?

- You must apply for your educational benefits through the VA in Muskogee, OK online at vabenefits.vba.va.gov. Please call the VA education hotline for eligibility or payment history questions at 1-888-442-4551, or visit <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage>.

I have a parent who is a veteran. How can I receive VA education benefits because of their service time?

- See [Chapter 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program](#) and [Chapter 33 Transfer of Eligibility for Dependents and Spouse](#). Eligibility must be determined with the VA before you can be certified by Baylor College of Medicine.

How does Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) know I want to use my benefits?

- All VA Education Benefit students must submit a BCM Enrollment Certification Request to the School Certifying Official (SCO) every semester that you want to use your benefits. Enrollment Certification Requests should be turned in at least 6 weeks before the start of the next semester so that there is little to no delay in payment.

How long does it take for me to start receiving money from my VA benefits?

- The Office of the Registrar certifies students' enrollments to the VA in the order requests are received. After you submit your paperwork it takes approximately 5 business days for the university to certify it to

What courses can be certified to the VA?

- Classes certified to the VA are classes required in your degree plan. If you are not registered in all degree applicable classes, your benefits from the VA may be affected.

What fees can be certified to the VA?

- The VA specifies that only mandatory fees can be reported to the VA. Mandatory fees are fees that are charged to all students with no option to opt out. These fees do not include parking or health insurance. If not needed, students must opt out of the University Health Insurance. Health Insurance Fees will not be reported to the VA and will need to be paid out of pocket by you, the student, if not waived. (This process occurs every Academic Year with the BCM Benefits Office.)

Does my financial aid tuition scholarship impact my Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) benefits?

- Your tuition amount will be sent to the VA reducing any tuition based scholarships received. The net cost of tuition and fees are assessed at Baylor College of Medicine after the application of any waiver of, or

reduction in, tuition and fees; and any scholarship, or other Federal, State, institutional, or employer-based aid or assistance (excluding loans). These regulations are outlined in [Public Law 111-](#)