

**WELCOME TO
ORIENTATION!**

Office of Military Services

Education Benefits Orientation



University Life
**NEW STUDENT AND
FAMILY PROGRAMS**
George Mason University®

What We'll Cover



Who We Are

History

- Established August 2009

Location

- Fairfax Campus
 - Student Union Building I (SUBI)
 - Room 1510, lower-level
- Office Hours: 0900-1700

Contact Info

- Tel: 703-993-1316
- E-mail: military@gmu.edu

Leadership

Director

Associate
Director

VMSDEP
Coordinator

Support Team

Senior
Transition
Coordinator

Transition
Coordinator

Assistance
Transition
Coordinator

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Connors

Ryan
Barnett

Fernando
Aguila

Rylee

Briannah

Kyle

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Marine
Corps

Marine Corps

Air Force

Air Force

Army

Setup for Success

Student Accounts

- Direct Deposit
- Authorized User
- Payment Plans
- Refund Requests
- Tuition Insurance

Registrar

- FERPA Release
- Domicile Appeals
- School Certifying Officials

Financial Aid

- FAFSA
- Outside Scholarships
- Out of State Merit Aid adjustments



Student Accounts Office

- Forms
- Direct Deposit Guide
- Payment Plan Guide
- Authorized User Setup



Student Accounts Office

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Third Party Billing Office

Cashiers Office

Account & Loan Management

Bill + Payment PDF Guides

Payment Instructions

Direct Deposit Guide

MSSC Portal Guide

Payment Plan Guide

Authorized User Setup

The mission of the Student Accounts Office is to provide excellent service for our students, staff, and faculty, while maintaining internal controls that ensure financial transactions are accurately processed and proper records are maintained.

ATTENTION STUDENTS — The Secure Payment Portal at TouchNet has moved to Single Sign On (SSO) to enhance security. The change will require you to enter your NetID and Password into the standard SSO login screen before accessing TouchNet. If you have any saved bookmarks please be aware they will need to be updated as well.

We look forward to seeing you at Mason, whether in person or virtually, and are here to assist where we can. If you need assistance related to a Student Accounts Office question (tuition/fee charges, payment information, 1098-T), your first stop is the [Mason Student Services Center](#). The MSSC team is cross trained to provide help to new and continuing students on matters related to billing, as well as registration, enrollment, financial aid, academic records and other student support services.

Pay Online

Online payment is available through a secure portal at [\[Bill+Payment for Students\]](#) or [\[Bill+Payment for Authorized Users\]](#)

The system is unavailable nightly from 10:30 pm – 12:00 am

Having trouble logging in? [Try FAQ for help.](#)

Reminders

Student Accounts Office - GradGuard

Tuition Insurance: GradGuard

- Provides coverage of financial losses if a student withdraws from the semester due to a covered medical reason.
- The cost is 1.10% of the insurance coverage amount requested, so \$10,000 in coverage will cost \$110.
- Purchase each semester.
- The University does not refund/waive tuition & fees after the drop deadlines published in the University calendar.
- To learn more, visit: <https://studentaccounts.gmu.edu/tuition-insurance/>

Office of University Registrar

- Important Dates
- FERPA Release
- Domicile Appeals

Did you Know?

When a student turns 18, or attends a postsecondary institution, FERPA rights belong to the student, not the parent.

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FERPA

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Important Dates

g a Course
limit of three graded attempts for all Mason undergraduate courses not as repeatable for credit. Please see AP 1.3.4 in the University Catalog and your academic advisor if you have any questions.

Academic Calendar Order a Transcript Register for Classes

Ready to Graduate? Appeal Out-of-State Classification

Verify Your Enrollment Veterans Certification **Forms**

Important Dates

2024
Thursday, December 19
Winter Commencement
Saturday, December 21
Degree Conferal Date
Events calendar powered by 25Live

About Us

Office Hours
Monday - Friday: 9 am - 5 pm
Campus Map & Directions

Domicile Appeals

Follow @MasonRegistrar

Financial Aid



Out of State Merit Aid Reductions

- Reduction to in-state is always more valuable
- Merit aid is removed when reduced to in-state
- Merit award can be re-instated if you revert to out-of-state



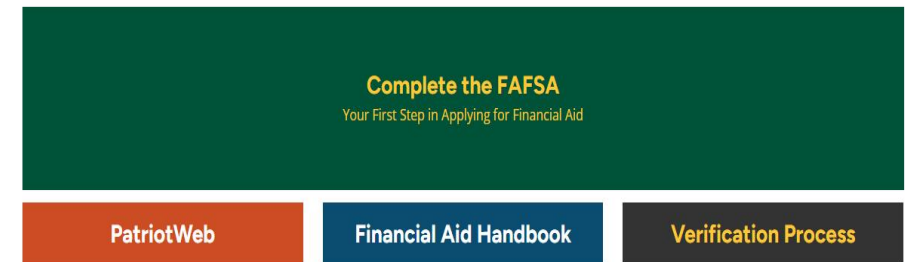
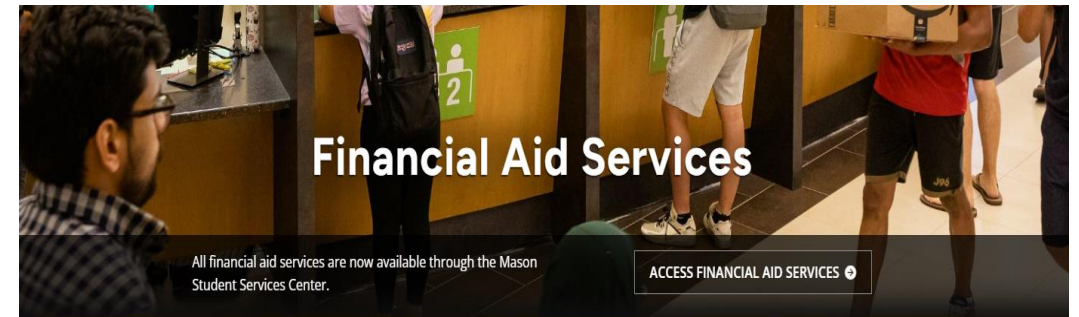
Always submit the FAFSA

- Grants do not have to be paid back
- Loans are money that you borrow and repay with interest



Financial Aid Package

- Adjusted based on the cost of attendance
- Disbursed 10 days prior to the term
- Total package split between Fall & Spring

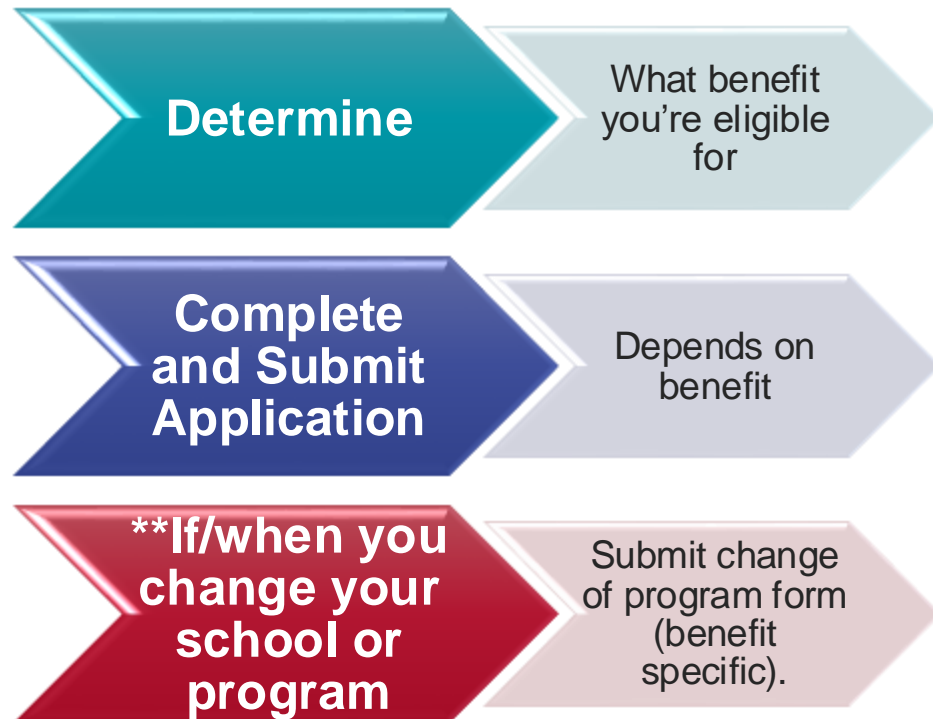




Now, let's talk BENEFITS

Understanding Your Benefits

Steps to Take:



Money Paid to Student

Chapter 30 -
Montgomery GI Bill

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Dependents
Education
Assistance

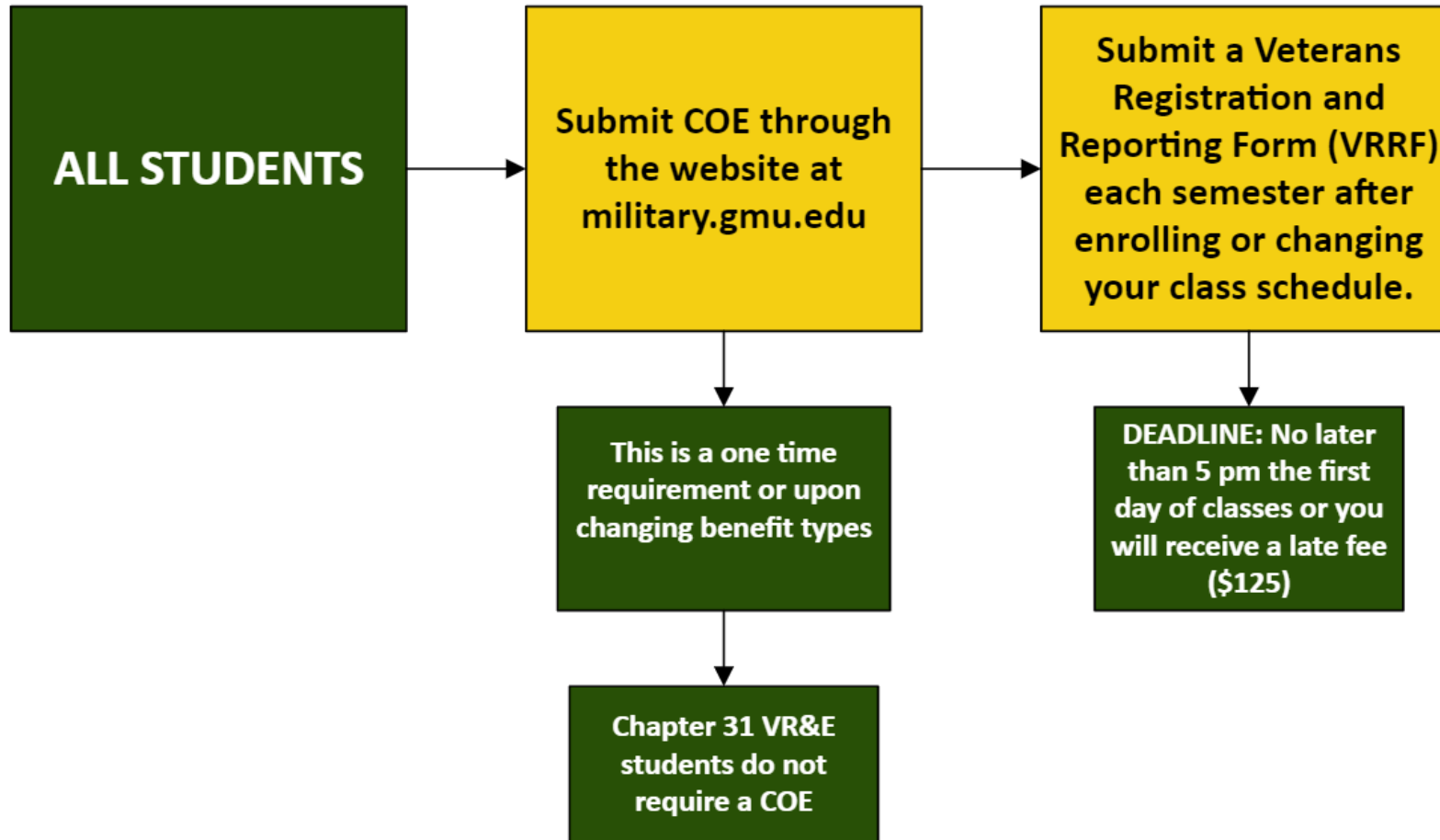
Chapter 1606 -
Selected Reserves

Money Paid to School

Chapter 31 -
Veteran Readiness
and Employment
• *Formerly known as
"Voc Rehab"*

**Chapter 33 - Post-
9/11 GI Bill**
• Fry Scholars and STEM

Using Your Benefits at Mason



Scan me for more information!



Section 702

Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014

What is Section 702?

- Allows in-state tuition rates for eligible out-of-state students.
- **Does not change** domicile status to "in-state."
- Students must:
 - Use VA education benefits.
 - Reside in Virginia and submit a waiver before the first term.
- **Not eligible** for Virginia scholarships or out-of-state grants.
- Registrar audits to ensure eligibility; tuition status reverts if criteria are not met.

Verify Eligibility

- Student must be actively using Ch. 30, Ch 31, Ch. 33, or Ch. 35

Submit 702 OS waiver application

- Submit Section 702 Application

Submit Documentation

- Deed, Lease or other proof
- COE

Veterans should use SCHEV guidelines for in-state tuition rates

Chapter 33 - Post 9/11 GI Bill



Tuition and Fees

Yellow Ribbon Program

Book Stipend

Housing Stipend

Ch. 33 Tuition and Fees

Paid directly to Mason – After the VRRF is submitted, a memo is placed on the student account for the expected payment from the VA. This will reduce your balance due to the housing and meal plan plus any additional fees not considered mandatory.

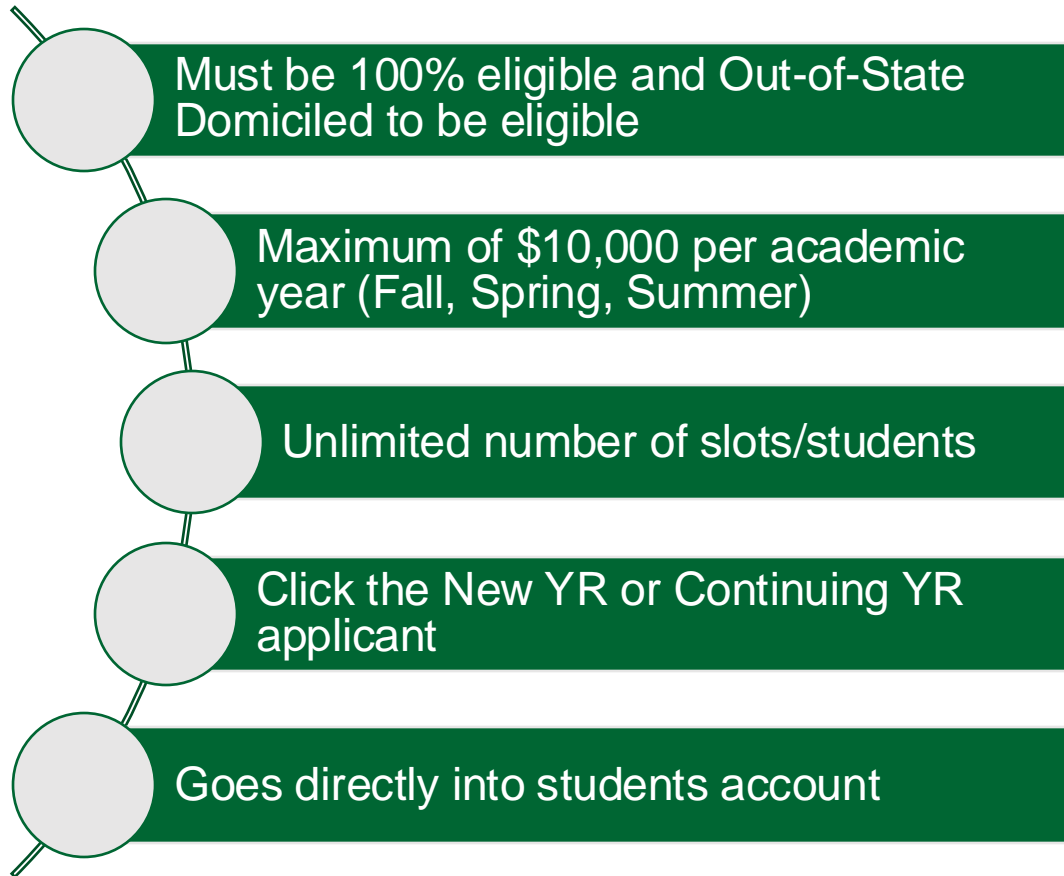
Tuition and fees are based on **percentage (%) of eligibility**

VA covers your percentage at the **in-state rate only**.

The **Yellow Ribbon program** can assist in cost difference between in-state and out-of-state *if requirements are met*.

Percentage of Eligibility	What the VA should cover
100%	<u>100%</u> of the in-state tuition and fees
90%	<u>90%</u> of the in-state tuition and fees
80%	<u>80%</u> of the in-state tuition and fees
70%	<u>70%</u> of the in-state tuition and fees
60%	<u>60%</u> of the in-state tuition and fees
50%	<u>50%</u> of the in-state tuition and fees
40%	<u>40%</u> of the in-state tuition and fees

Yellow Ribbon Program



Covers the Difference

- What you need in your first semester will be used to cover your tuition difference.

Remainder Rolls

- The remaining amount will be available for the following semester.

Annual Reset

- Each fall, the money renews back to \$10,000.

Book Stipend

\$41.67 per credit up to
your maximum

Percentage of Eligibility Based on your COE from the VA	Yearly Maximum Book Stipend Renews each year
100%	\$1,000
90%	\$900
80%	\$800
70%	\$700
60%	\$600
50%	\$500
40%	\$400

Housing Stipend

Paid directly to you (the student)

Based on percentage (%) of eligibility and credits taken

Undergraduates must have at least 7 credits to receive any stipend

Graduates must have at least 5 credits to receive any stipend

**For summer term rates, please contact our office.
MHA requires monthly verification!!!!

Number of Credits
Required
(Fall/Spring**)

Percentage of Housing
Stipend Eligibility*

Undergrad.

Grad.

12+

100%

100%

11

90%

100%

10

80%

100%

9

80%

100%

8

70%

90%

7

60%

80%

6

0%

70%

5

0%

60%

**Based on E-5 with Dependents. Where majority of credit hours are taken (zip code). On 1 August 2024, Fairfax campus MHA is \$2880*

Chapter 30

Montgomery GI Bill

Payments

- **Pays a stipend to the student;** does not cover tuition and fees

Rates as of 1 May 2022

- Full-time → \$2,210.00/month
- $\frac{3}{4}$ time → \$1,657.50/month
- $\frac{1}{2}$ time to more than $\frac{1}{4}$ time → \$1,105.00/month
- $\frac{1}{4}$ time or less → \$ 552.50/month

All students using
Montgomery GI Bill must:



Submit WAVE verification
each month to the VA

either via the VA
website or telephone

Chapter 35

Dependents Education Assistance (DEA) Program

Stipend only

- Does Not Cover Tuition

Payments

- Full time → \$1,488.00/month
- $\frac{3}{4}$ time → \$1,176.00/month
- $\frac{1}{2}$ to $> \frac{1}{4}$ Time → \$862.00/month
- $\frac{1}{4}$ time or less → \$372/month

May be eligible for the
**Virginia Military and
Survivor Dependent
Education Assistance
Program**

90-
100% Service
Connected
Disability

Chapter 1606

Montgomery GI Bill – Selective Reserves

Institutional Training

- **Pays a stipend to the student;** does not cover tuition and fees

Rates as of 1 Oct 2021

- Full-time → \$439/month
- $\frac{3}{4}$ time → \$329/month
- $\frac{1}{2}$ time → \$219/month
- Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ time → \$109.75/month

Virginia Military Survivors & Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP)

Tier 1

- 8 Semesters T&F waiver

Tier 2

- 8 Semesters T&F waiver
- One time stipend each semester
 - Amount varies term to term
 - Disbursed to student account through financial aid



Add Mason, term and # of credits to Step 6, Application Management, in the MyVMSDEP portal

Waiver applied to account prior to start of the term

Federal Tuition Assistance

Steps to take

- Submit **Tuition Assistance approval form**

Where

- [Third Party Billing \(tpbill@gmu.edu\)](mailto:tpbill@gmu.edu)

When (Deadline)

- The first day of classes

\$250 per credit hour, up to \$4,500 per academic year

Example out-of-pocket costs for in-state students

- *Not including course-specific fees.*

Credits	Tuition + MSF	TA	Out-of-Pocket
1	\$542.25	\$250.00	\$292.25
6	\$3,253.50	\$1,500.00	\$2,503.50
12-16 (flat rate)	\$6,507.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,507.00

Fun Facts Q & A

- What happens if you don't go to class?
- What happens if you FAIL a class?
- Can I add and drop classes?
- Can I Study Abroad?
- Can I take classes over the summer?
- Can I use VA benefits in an undeclared major?
- Are first day books and parking considered mandatory fees?

Resources for Success

Applying for Benefits

Veterans Affairs

www.va.gov

Veteran completes the application for initial benefits

GI Bill FAQs

Veterans Affairs

www.gibill.va.gov

VA Benefits Admin

Veterans Affairs

www.ebenefits.va.gov

Transferring Benefits

Department of Defense

www.defense.gov

GI Bill & Academic Planning @ Mason

Office of Military Services

www.military.gmu.edu

OMS Main Resource

www.military.gmu.edu



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