

# Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Benefits for Military Personnel and Retirees

## Eligibility

**1. Is Maryland University of Integrative Health (MUIH) accredited?** Yes, Maryland University of Integrative Health is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), the institutional accrediting agency for colleges and universities in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States.

**2. Is my program at MUIH eligible to receive VA benefits?** Yes, all of our academic programs are eligible.

**3. Is MUIH a Yellow Ribbon School?** No, MUIH does not participate in the Yellow Ribbon program.

**4. Full Time and Part-time Student Status** Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 credits to be considered half-time. Students enrolled in 6 credits or more are considered full-time. For students using Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill, housing allowance is calculated based on rate of pursuit. For example, since full time is considered 6 credits, students enrolled into 3 credits are at 50% rate of pursuit, and will receive 50% of their housing allowance for the period they are enrolled. Housing allowance is only paid when a student has a rate of pursuit is more than 50%.

## Types of Funding Available

**5. How can I find about education benefits available to veterans? How do I apply for benefits?** You can visit the US Department of Veterans Affairs website or contact the US Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GI-Bill-1) and speak with a Veterans Benefits Counselor. After consulting with a Veterans Benefits Counselor through the US Department of Veterans Affairs, you can complete the 22-1990 VONAPP application for benefits online at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) .

**6. How can I find out how much time I have remaining for VA education benefits?** You must contact the US Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GI-Bill-1) or [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

**7. What is the maximum of VA funds I can receive yearly?** You must contact the US Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GI-Bill 1) or [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).

**8. Can VA students take out financial aid? How do I apply for financial aid? What types of aid are available for VA students?** Yes, VA students can apply for financial aid. To apply for federal financial aid students should first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The Maryland University of Integrative Health school code to use when completing the FAFSA is G25784. To complete the FAFSA Entrance Counseling, Master Promissory Note, students should go to [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). VA students who have completed the FAFSA are considered for loans, scholarships, and fellowships.

**9. Am I eligible to receive a Housing Allowance?** You must contact the US Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GI-Bill-1) or [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) to check for your eligibility.

## Getting Started at MUIH

**10. How do I get started and what do I need to submit?** You first need to apply and become accepted to a program at MUIH. Next you will need to submit your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) from the US Department of Veterans Affairs to the Registrar's Office: [veteransaffairs@muih.edu](mailto:veteransaffairs@muih.edu) the University's VA Certifying Official. Please indicate on your certificate of eligibility which Veterans benefit you are using. Please check with your VA representative for details.

**11. Where can I obtain a copy of my certificate of eligibility?** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will mail you a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility after they have determined your eligibility.

**12. Where do I submit my tuition assistance forms & tuition waiver forms?** Once you are enrolled, these completed forms must be submitted to MUIH's Finance Department at [bdonelan@muih.edu](mailto:bdonelan@muih.edu). You may also contact that office at 410-888-9048 ext. 6684.

**13. Once accepted as a VA student, do I have to submit a deposit?** No, students receiving veteran's benefits may indicate on their Admissions Reply Form that they are a VA student.

## Certification of Enrollment

**14. Who certifies my enrollment status at MUIH so that I can receive my VA education benefits?** The Registrar's Office certifies your enrollment status at MUIH.

**15. When will my enrollment be certified? You will be certified when the following requirements have been met:** Appropriate paperwork\* (Certificate of Eligibility) has been submitted to the University's VA Certifying Official and you are registered for the term of certification.

\* Please note Chapter 30 Vocational Rehabilitation recipients must submit a 22-1905 form approved by their Case Manager prior to enrollment certification. Please check with your VA representative for details.

**16. How will I know if MUIH has processed my certification?** The University's VA Certifying Official will send an email confirming the submittal of your certification.

**17. What do I need to do to receive my benefits every semester?** Certification is not automatic. You must email [veteransaffairs@muih.edu](mailto:veteransaffairs@muih.edu) each semester along with a copy of your schedule in order to be certified.

## Payment and Services

**18. When can I expect payment for my VA education benefits?** Normally, it takes six to eight weeks from the date of certification. The VA will send funds via electronic transfer to our Finance Department. Call the US Department of Veterans Affairs if you have questions pertaining to payment of benefits.

**19. Is there tutoring assistance or book stipends available?** Yes, you must contact the US Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-442-4551 (1-888-GI-Bill-1) or [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) to check for your eligibility. The form is called Individualized Tutorial Assistance form 22-1990t.

**20. What happens if my benefits run out?** You should contact the VA to make sure there is no mistake in your records. If your benefits have been exhausted, you are still responsible for your student account balance.

**21. How can I update my address and or direct deposit information?** You may do so online. Log on to [WAVE](http://WAVE). On the left click "Direct Deposit Enrollment Form" or "Change of Address". You may also call 1-888-442-4551. Please also send a change of address email to [veteransaffairs@muih.edu](mailto:veteransaffairs@muih.edu)

## Registration and Withdrawal of Courses Questions

**19. Do I need to notify the University's VA Official if I add, drop, or withdraw from classes?** YES, you must always notify of any changes in credit/course load. \* Email [Veteransaffairs@muih.edu](mailto:Veteransaffairs@muih.edu) with any schedule adjustments.

\* Please note that withdrawing from a course past the schedule adjustment period *may* result in necessary repayment of VA funds, including housing allowance. Please visit <http://www.muih.edu/admissions/financial-aid/refund-policy> for more information on MUIH's refund policy or contact your VA representative for details.

### **Your MUIH VA Certifying Officials**

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