

Veterans Affairs - Educational Funds Information

To receive veteran educational funds you must first complete an application. You should visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website at GI Bill Forms <http://www.gibill.va.gov/> . To apply for veterans, National Guard, or reservist benefits, you must complete a 22-1990 form. For students applying for dependents benefits, you must complete a 22-5490 application.

If you are registered for classes when you apply for benefits, an enrollment certification (22-1999) can be submitted along with the application for benefits. Once you are approved by the VA to receive benefits, the VA will have the application needed to release your funds. This eliminates your waiting extra weeks for funds.

You must be enrolled for a total of 12 credit hours (undergraduates) and 9 credit hours (graduates) to qualify for fulltime benefits. Also remember that 9 hours is fulltime for the summer (undergraduates) and 6 hours is fulltime for (graduates).

Effective Fall 2011, Post 911 aka Chapter 33 students must present all of the following documents to the VA Certifying Official to process an enrollment certification:

- Copy of Certificate of Eligibility (from VA)
- Copy of Bethune-Cookman University Financial Aid Award Letter
- Copy of Bethune-Cookman University Student Accounts Worksheet
- Final Schedule of Bethune-Cookman University classes

It is important that the VA certifying official is informed of any changes in your status that affect the rate of pay you are receiving, such as drops, withdrawals, etc. When this is not done it sometimes causes overpayments. (A veteran under chapter 33 benefits must inform VA certifying official of additional changes that affect the rate of payments received, such as adding classes).

For Questions, students may call 1-888-442-4551 for the Educational Service Hotline Center for any questions pertaining to VA educational benefits.

For more information concerning the veteran's affairs you can visit the Department of Veterans Affairs website at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

For more information concerning federal and/or state financial aid, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 386/481-2620.

For more information concerning payment of your Bethune-Cookman University balance, please contact the Office of Student Accounts at 386/481-2507.

Your local VA Certifying Official is located in the Office of the Registrar. The main office number is 386/481-2525 or 386/481-2517 or you may email registrar@cookman.edu.

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