

# Veteran Education Benefits FAQ's

## How can I see if I am eligible for Veteran Education Benefits?

You can call the Veteran Assistance Student hotline at: 1-888-442-4551. You will need to provide the social security number of the member who served in the military. They might be able to answer all your questions, or they will refer you to <https://www.va.gov/education/eligibility/>.

If you have questions navigating the website, please contact the McMurry School Certifying Official (SCO) at [marsh.carrie@mcm.edu](mailto:marsh.carrie@mcm.edu).

## What will the VA cover (i.e. tuition, fees, room, board, meals, etc)?

This completely depends on the education benefit you are eligible for and will be determined upon your application for benefits. Once the VA confirms your benefit please contact McMurry's SCO to learn how this benefit can affect your financial arrangements while attending McMurry.

Follow this link to view current VA pay rates:

[https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits\\_resources/rate\\_tables.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp)

## Will I still receive financial aid if I use my VA Education Benefits?

Students receiving Veteran Readiness and Employment funding, Chapter 31, are ineligible for institutional scholarships.

## How long does it take the VA to begin sending payments?

The typical processing time for the VA is 30 days minimum.

## Does McMurry University participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program?

Yes. The Letter of Eligibility, or Certificate of Eligibility, that you receive from the VA will have complete information on your eligibility status to utilize Yellow Ribbon funds. Please note this is only for students eligible to receive **Post 9/11 benefits at the 100% rate**.

## Does McMurry University accept the Hazlewood Act?

No, McMurry University is a private institution and is not eligible to participate in this program.

## How does the VA know I am registered for classes?

The School Certifying Official will submit enrollment information directly to the VA on behalf of Chapter 30, 31, 33, 35, and 1606 students.

## **What happens if I drop a course?**

NOTIFY THE SCO IMMEDIATELY. Schedule changes can, and often will, affect your VA payments. Many times a debt is created for a reduction in credit hours that result in a reduction of tuition and fees. The VA will issue a debt to McMurry University to repay this difference. You will then be required to repay the school for this amount. This became effective January 5, 2021 with the passage of the Isakson & Roe Public Law 115-316.

If you withdraw or drop classes from McMurry after the first day of class, a portion of your VA benefits may be charged. VA education benefits DO NOT calculate based on McMurry's refund schedule.

## **I want to take course(s) that are not required for my degree. Will the VA pay for it?**

Possibly. Many of the degrees offered at McMurry require a certain number of general electives in order to reach the required 120 credit hours for graduation. If a student has remaining general electives, the course(s) can be certified with the VA. However, if none are required the student will be notified by the SCO to select another degree required course.

## **Can I change my major while using VA benefits?**

Yes. Notify the SCO immediately when you elect to change your major. A change in your major may cause courses you are currently registered for to become ineligible for VA compensation. Remember, only courses required can be submitted to the VA for payment.

If you have additional questions, please contact McMurry University's School Certifying Official at [marsh.carrie@mcm.edu](mailto:marsh.carrie@mcm.edu).