TRANSITIONING FROM THE MILITARY TO COLLEGE

A Student Financial Aid Guide for veterans, Active Duty personnel, Reservists, their spouses, and their adult dependents

All students, regardless of what benefit they may be eligible for, should complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year to determine federal aid eligibility at: www.fafsa.gov.

Call (845) 575-3000
Visit www.marist.edu
MARIST IS COMMITTED TO AMERICA’S SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES

As one of the nation’s top military-friendly schools, Marist College is the perfect fit for men and women looking to advance their careers. Marist College is also an Official U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Yellow Ribbon School.

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, as well as state and local government, offers a number of educational assistance programs for veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents. Based on the time and length of service, as well as current status, veterans can be eligible for one or more of these programs.

WHY MARIST?

• Marist is a Yellow Ribbon college, supporting the Post-9/11 GI Bill for veterans
• Reduced tuition for veterans, Active Duty personnel, Reservists, their spouses, and their adult dependents
• Fully accredited undergraduate and graduate degree programs from a highly respected college
• Convenience and flexibility
• Personalized attention, individual advising, and small class sizes
• A caring learning community

“Completing the final stages of my educational career was, in some ways, harder than embarking on my military career. However, that all changed after I was accepted to Marist College. The Marist staff and professors turned a difficult transition into an enjoyable one. My professors responded to my prior career in the military in a constructive way that enhanced my learning and added depth to my future career in the political field. The structural foundation that I have gained from Marist College is comparable to the strong foundation my military career was built on.”

–Britany Diesing
Marist Student Veterans Organization president and veteran
“The commitment, honor, and respect exhibited by Marist and their role in supporting my educational goals has been an invaluable asset for my family and I upon my return to school. I applied to Marist for their reputation, but I chose Marist because they took the extra effort and made me feel like I belonged.”

—Nicholas Castellane
Marist alum and veteran

HOW TO RECEIVE BENEFITS AS A NEW STUDENT:

• **Apply for your VA benefits**
  • If VA educational benefits have been used elsewhere prior to Marist College, complete a “Request for Change of Program” or “Place of training form.” These forms are available at: www.gibill.va.gov.

• **Using “Chapter 33” benefits:**
  • Provide your “VA Certificate of Eligibility” to Marist College’s VA Certifying Official.
  • Complete a “Veteran Benefit Registration” form to receive benefits at Marist College. This form is available at: www.marist.edu/registrar/gibill.
  • Payment for tuition and fees will be sent directly to Marist College. All other stipends and payments (e.g., housing or books) will be sent directly to the student.

• **Using “Chapter 30 or Chapter 1606” benefits:**
  • Verify your enrollment each month with the VA. Payment will be sent directly to the student, who is responsible for submitting the benefit to Student Financial Services.

ADDITIONAL TUITION BENEFITS FOR VETERANS:

• **Marist Military Discount:**
  Active duty personnel and reservists in the U.S. Armed Forces, and their dependents (at least 22 years old at time of acceptance) are eligible for a 25% tuition discount on certain undergraduate and graduate programs.

• **New York State Veteran Tuition Award:**
  Veterans may be eligible for an award through New York State. Students receiving Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits paid at 100% are not eligible for this award. For more information visit: www.hesc.ny.gov.

• **Military Tuition Assistance:**
  Service members in an active or reserve status may qualify for Military Tuition Assistance (TA). Interested students should contact Student Financial Services.

NOTE: If your military benefits do not cover all of your educationally related expenses, or for additional financial aid assistance, please contact Student Financial Services.
POST-9/11 GI BILL

If you served (at least 90 days) after September 10, 2001, and have an honorable discharge, were discharged for a service-connected disability (at least 30 days service) or are still active duty—the Post 9/11 GI Bill can help provide financial support for your education. Benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill are issued as three separate payments. All benefit payments are prorated by the student’s eligibility level.

• **Tuition and Fees:**
  Payment is sent directly to Marist College by the VA. Non-mandatory fees, such as meal plans, are not covered.

• **Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH):**
  The VA will send the BAH directly to the student on the 1st day of the following month. BAH payments are prorated for partial months of enrollment. Students enrolled entirely in distance learning receive BAH at a rate determined by the VA. Students enrolled half-time or less and service members on active duty (or their spouses) are not entitled to BAH payments.

• **Books and Supplies Stipend:**
  The VA will pay a stipend directly to the student at the start of each semester to offset the cost of books and supplies up to $1,000 per academic year.

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**Marist Contacts and Web Sites:**
VA Certifying Official
Office of the Registrar
Cheryl DuBois
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Student Financial Services
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Marist Office of Admission
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**Important VA Contact Information:**
Dutchess County Veterans Service Agency
(845) 486-2060
veteransservices@dutchess.ny.gov

Buffalo Regional VA Benefit Office
800-827-1000
benefits.va.gov/buffalo