



Veterans and Military Student Services

Dear Veterans and Military Students,

Welcome to the new school year!

My name is Marcallina James (MJ) Coordinator of the Veterans and Military Student Services Department (VMSS). I wanted to reach out and offer some guidance regarding **financial assistance** and **scholarships**.

The Financial Aid Office administers federal, state and institutional aid programs to qualified students. Have you applied for FAFSA yet? Did you know that you may be eligible for Federal Student Aid, VA educational benefits AND additional scholarships? Apply as soon as possible at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>

If you have further questions, refer to the UofM Financial Aid Roadmap Resource Guide: http://www.memphis.edu/financialaid/pdfs/2018-2019_financial_aid_roadmap.pdf or contact Karen Smith at **(901) 678-4825**.

Please note, Veterans education benefits, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill, will *not* be counted as income when determining your financial need. If you are approved for Title IV funds such as Pell grant, Hope Scholarship or funds that help with **general educational expenses, your VA education benefits and BAH will NOT be affected**. However, **non-title IV funds**, such as tuition-based scholarships will impact the net tuition and must be reported to the VA. Under these circumstances, your VA Education benefits *will* be affected. Some examples of non-title IV funds include: Graduate Assistantships, GA Waivers, institutional tuition discounts, state tuition discounts, employer based aid, military tuition assistance such as federal or state TA, or any other assistance specifically designated for tuition and fees.

If you have VA education benefits questions, visit the Veterans Educational Benefits & Certification (VEBC) site at <http://www.memphis.edu/registrar/vetedben> . You may also contact Jeff Jones, the VEBC Coordinator at **(901) 678-2996**

Other opportunities to increase financial support can be accessed by applying for the scholarships listed below.

Helping Heroes Grant: The award amount is \$1,000 per semester for a student who successfully completes twelve (12) or more semester hours with no failing grade as the final grade for the course. The student shall receive \$500 per semester for successfully completing six (6) to eleven (11) semester hours with no failing grade as a final grade for the course. The student shall not receive an award if enrolled in fewer than six (6) semester hours. **DEADLINE is September 1, 2018 for Fall Semester, February 1 for Spring Semester and May 1 for summer enrollment.** For more information and to apply online visit: <https://www.tn.gov/collegepays/money-for-college/tn-education-lottery-programs/helping-heroes-grant.html>



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Dr. M. David Rudd Scholarship:

Finally, please remember to visit the Veterans and Military Student Services Department (VMSS) for resources, support and opportunities to build camaraderie with your fellow veterans, military service members and dependents. For any other questions you may have, email Marcallina James (MJ) at msjames@memphis.edu or call 901-678-4269.