



Dear fellow veterans,

Congratulations on your decision to pursue higher education! The Office of Veteran Services exists to support veteran students and process veteran education benefits. Use this checklist to learn how to apply to Framingham State University and utilize your veteran education benefits. This checklist is divided into two parts:

(1) Application Instructions and (2) Accepted Student Instructions.

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## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

### **1) Apply to FSU:**

Complete FSU's online application by <https://www.framingham.edu/admissions-and-aid/admissions/index> . *Be sure to indicate that you are a veteran or active service member on the application.*

Veterans always apply as transfer students. Please visit <https://www.framingham.edu/the-fsu-difference/new-student-and-family-programs/> to learn more about the application process for transfer students.

### **2) Apply for VA Benefits:**

Visit VA website at <https://www.va.gov/> and apply for benefits. You must complete the appropriate form to utilize your benefits. Once the VA processes your application and you are found eligible for benefits, the VA will mail you a document titled "Certificate of Eligibility."

If you have questions about your education benefits call the GI Bill\* One-Source at 1-888-442-4551.

### **3) Provide FSU Office of Veteran Services the "Certificate of Eligibility"**

### **4) Transcripts:**

Submit official transcripts from any institution that awarded you college credit, including military transcripts.

- Army, Coast Guard, marines and Navy: order transcripts from JST via <https://jst.doded.mil/jst/>
- Air Force: order transcripts through the CCAF via <https://www.airuniversity.af.edu/Barnes/CCAF/Display/Article/803247/community-college-of-the-air-force-transcripts/>

**\*\* your computer may recognize the two links above as unsecure, continue to the site.**

### **5) Check the status of your application: use your login/pin number (created when you applied) to access your online application.**

### **6) Financial Aid:**

**EVERY** veteran student should complete the FAFSA form via <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> the when in addition to the application. Some students are eligible for state and federal grants.

More information and assistance regarding financial aid can be found by contacting the FSU Office of Financial Aid or visiting their website <https://www.framingham.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/>



## **ACCEPTED STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS:**

### **1) Enrollment deposit:**

Information on how to submit your enrollment deposit will be contained in the acceptance letter. (You may be eligible for a waiver if your benefits are 100% covered).

### **2) Attend orientation—you will receive information in the mail.**

- Undergraduate Day Division students will receive academic advising and schedule your classes for the following semester at orientation. Information regarding orientation can be found at <https://www.framingham.edu/the-fsu-difference/new-student-and-family-programs/>
- Undergraduate Evening Students do not attend orientation and may register for courses after depositing. It is highly recommended that you contact your advisor by email before registering for courses.

### **3) Tuition and fee waiver certificate:**

Massachusetts Army and Air National Guard members must apply for a tuition and fee waiver certificate online at <https://tuition.chs.state.ma.us/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>.

**Please note that this form must be done for every term.**

### **4) Health Insurance:**

Full time students (3 or more courses) must have health insurance and are eligible for insurance through Framingham State University. If you do not want the health insurance plan offered by the University, then you must waive the university health insurance online through your *myFramingham* account.

Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill\* recipients, the VA will pay the health insurance premiums.

*\*\*GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official United States Government Web site at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.*

Please contact the Office of Veteran Services if you have any questions. We look forward to having you to campus!

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