

How to Apply for VA Education Benefits



Paris Junior College



All Veterans Affairs Students:

- Apply for VA Education Benefits with the VA online at: www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply
- Learn how to apply to Paris Junior College at: <https://www.parisjc.edu/main/gen-info/>
- Visit the Counseling and Advising Office to speak with a Student Success Coach and set up your Degree Plan and Class Schedule. **If you have previous college credit, you must bring your transcripts to this meeting.**

New VA Students:

To determine your VA benefits, you are **required** to submit the following documents to the PJC Veterans Specialist **no later than 30 days after the first day of class for the semester:**

- A Certificate of Eligibility with the beneficiary's personal info, benefit type, and amount remaining (obtained from the VA)
- DD-214 showing "Honorable" discharge status (<https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/>)
- Joint Services Transcript (www.jst.doded.mil/jst)
- All previous college transcripts
- Copies of your Official Degree Plan and Current Class Schedule

You must also complete the "Request for Veterans Educational Benefits" form on the Veterans Services page of the PJC Website. (www.parisjc.edu/main/veterans)

Returning VA Students:

Every semester, you must complete the "Request for Veterans Educational Benefits" form on the Veterans Services page of the PJC Website. (www.parisjc.edu/main/veterans)

All Veterans:

VA Benefits **cannot be certified** until all required documents have been received. This includes transcripts, degree plans, and your Certificate of Eligibility. We also encourage you to apply for federal financial aid by completing a FAFSA application (studentaid.gov). **If you are not using Post 9/11 or VRE, or are late delivering documents, be prepared to pay for your own enrollment expenses, such as tuition, books, and fees!**

Questions? Contact Matthew Dillon at (903) 782-0371 or veterans@parisjc.edu

Paris Junior College gives equal consideration of all applicants for admission, without regard to race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, or veteran status. Assistance is provided to students with limited English-speaking abilities, disabilities, or academic deficiencies.