John Jay Student Veterans’ Guide

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I. **John Jay Services**

**Activating your VA benefits**
You apply (activate) for your GI Bill benefits at:
https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/#modal

If you have used your VA educational benefits at another college, you need to submit the transfer form below online or provide a hard copy to Ms. Pacheco, the Certifying Official.

Form 22-1995 Request Change of Program/Place of Training (for transfer students)

After you have applied for your VA educational benefits, create an account with eBenefits to track the status of your payments. You can also access your DD214 and educational benefit records which need to be submitted to the school.

https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/apply

**Coordinate with the Veteran Certifying Official**

Contact the Certifying Official after enrollment to ensure you receive your VA, state and/or military benefits in a timely manner.

**Chrissy Pacheco**
Financial Aid, BMW Building, 6th Floor
Suite 607
(212) 237-8153
cpacheco@jjay.cuny.edu

Provide Ms. Pacheco your DD214 and VA benefits letter (mailed copy or from ebenefits)

Office hours:
9:00 am-5:00pm Monday—Friday

To schedule appointments with Ms. Pacheco in the evening or other times, email or phone her.

**Transfer Military Service into Credit**

Retrieve your JST online at https://jst.doded.mil/official.html

The Office of Testing and Evaluation (L.71NB (212) 237-8108) will evaluate your Joint Service Transcript. After you request your JST, inform them it is coming at their office or by emailing them at testing@jjay.cuny.edu

Evaluation of the JST grants you military experience credit that can be used for electives, General Education requirements, or your major.
Academic Advisement Center

All new Freshman, Transfer and Readmitted students need to meet with an academic advisor to understand the structure of the degree requirements, create a semester by semester academic plan, understand your credit evaluation (JST and Transfer students), plan your course load, and select the major that prepares you for the Career you Desire!

Hugo Monroy-Caceres
Academic Advisement Center,
Room L.73.04NB
(212) 621-4106
Hmonroy-caceres@jjay.cuny.edu
Make an appointment online (http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academic-advisement-center), call or stop by the office.

CUNY Assessment Test (CAT)

All conditionally accepted students are required to meet CUNY’s Skills Requirements in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics. This may be satisfied by taking the assessment test. Practice exercises can be taken here, which prove helpful with the tests.

http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/cuny-assessment-tests

Career and Internship Planning

It is never too early to prepare for your post-graduate career through valuable internship experiences, job searches, and resume support.

Prem Sukhan, Associate Director and Veterans’ Liaison
Center for Career & Professional Development (L.72.21NB)
(212) 237-8437
psukhan@jjay.cuny.edu
Make an appointment online (http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/Career-services), call or stop by the office
**Classroom and Study Support**

Veterans with special needs may register to receive supportive services such as extended time on exams, note-taking services, separate testing and/or other accommodations.

**Chandrika Surajpal**
Office of Accessibility Services L.66.01NB
(212) 484-1342
[csurajpal@jjay.cuny.edu](mailto:csurajpal@jjay.cuny.edu)
Workshops on Organizational Skills, Time Management, and Anxiety Management

**Math and Science Resource Center, room 01.94NB**
Email: msrc@jjay.cuny.edu
Phone: (646) 557-4635

**Writing Center, room 1.68NB**
Information: (212) 237-8567

**Track your degree progress**

Log into CUNYportal and select [DegreeWorks - Online Advisement System](#)

You can view grades, credits, and courses needed for graduation. This is supplemental to meeting with an Academic Advisor, and does not take the place of formal advisement or speaking with the Chair of your major’s department.
II. Benefits

VA (US Department of Veterans Affairs)

Post-9/11 GI Bill
This scholarship includes up to 36 months of educational benefits including tuition & fees, Monthly Housing Allowance, and a Books and Supplies Stipend of up to $1000 per year. The recent Forever GI Bill (Harry W. Colmery Veteran Educational Act) ended the 15-year time limit for veterans leaving active duty after January 1, 2013, and expanded benefits for some National Guard and Reserve members. Additionally, the benefits are transferable to a spouse or dependent(s) by serving members of the uniformed services that have completed at least six years of service. To transfer benefits, the military member usually needs to agree to serve an additional four years.

Eligibility:
- Served on active duty for at least 90 days (does not need to be consecutive) after September 10, 2001 and are still on active duty,
- Or honorably discharged or discharged with a service-related disability after 30 days.
- Once proven eligible, the veteran must make an irrevocable election of the Post 9/11 GI Bill to receive benefits.
- *Good for undergraduate and graduate studies

Link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp
FAQ: https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/523

Transfer of Entitlement Option
Under Post-9/11 GI Bill, service members can transfer all or some unused benefits to their spouse or dependent children. The transfer is only viable if the request is submitted while the service member is an active member of the Armed Forces. After the Department of Defense (DoD) determines whether or not the spouse or dependents is eligible for the benefits, the spouse or dependents must apply for the benefits at the VA. (Visit this website to apply now: https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/ ).

Eligibility:
- Any member of the armed forces active duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted who is eligible for the post 9/11 GI Bill
- At least six years of service in the armed forces (active duty and/or Selected Reserve) on the date of approval and agrees to serve four additional years in the armed forces from the date of election
- Has at least 10 years of service in the armed forces (active duty and/or Selected Reserve) on the date of approval, is precluded by either standard policy (by Service Branch or DoD) or statute from committing to four additional years, and agrees to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed by such policy or statute.
• Transfer requests are submitted and approved while the member is in the armed forces.

If eligible, benefits can be transferred to:
• Spouse
• One or more of service member’s children
• Any combination of spouse and child

Link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_transfer.asp
Fact Sheet: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/factsheets/Transferability_Factsheet.pdf

Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship

Children and surviving spouses of an active duty service member who died in the line of duty while on active duty after September 10, 2001, are eligible for Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits.

Eligibility:
• Children are eligible when they turn 18 or when they graduate high school (whichever is sooner)
• Child can be married
• For children that became eligible before January 1, 2013 their eligibility ends on their 33rd birthday. This age limit no longer applies to children that became eligible on or after January 1, 2013.
• Surviving spouses lose eligibility upon remarriage.

** Someone who is eligible for the Fry Scholarship and DEA (Dependents Educational Assistance) must choose one of the programs because they cannot receive benefits from both of the programs at the same time based on the same event. Exception: If the child’s parent died before August 1, 201, child may be eligible for both programs but may only use one program at a time and combined benefits are maxed at a total of 81 months of full-time training.

** Surviving spouses are eligible to receive Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) in tandem with the Fry Scholarship. The children over 18 who are receiving DIC benefits will stop receiving them once they start getting VA education benefits such as the Fry Scholarship.

Link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Fry_scholarship.asp

Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (MGIB-AD)

Eligible Veterans either receive a monthly payment of $1,928 for full-time students who served for at least three years or $1,566 for full-time students who served less than three years. Unlike the Post 9/11 GI Bill, MGIB-AD students must pay for their own tuition, fees, books, and other education-related expenses. The Buy-Up program may be used with the MGIB-AD (as long as the veteran signed up for the Buy-Up program while serving). Any student who is not full-time will receive a monthly payment that is pro-rated based on a quarter-time basis. Lastly, this benefit expires 10 years from the date of discharge.

Eligibility:
• Veteran must be on active duty
• Elected the MGIB-AD at the time of enlistment
• Paid the $1,200 contribution fee by: monthly payments of $100 from their payroll (for the first 12 months), or lump-sum
• Served for at least 24 to 36 months

Links: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_ad.asp
http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/vocational-trade-school/guide-for-veterans/

Montgomery GI Bill – Selective Reserve (MGIB-SR)
Eligible Service members receive 36 months of education benefits at $375 per month for full-time students. Students are solely responsible for paying tuition and fees. The MGIB-SR may be used with other types of financial aid, such as Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), scholarships, and any education benefit that may be provided to selective Reserve members by their state.

Eligibility:
• Selected Reserve members (including the Reserves of each of the military branches and the National Guard) who enlist for at least six years after June 30, 1984
• Education benefits expire after serving 10 years or upon discharge
  *These benefits must be used in the first two years of serving

Links: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_sr.asp
http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/vocational-trade-school/guide-for-veterans/

Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance (DEA)
DEA provides education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of veterans who died while on active duty or because of a service related condition. DEA benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. A spouse is eligible to take a correspondence course. Additionally, remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. DEA beneficiaries are either eligible to receive benefits for up to 45 months or 81 months if they use the benefits from both the Fry Scholarship and the DEA. Please use the direct link below for more information.

Eligibility:
You must be the son, daughter, or spouse of:
• A veteran who died or is permanently disabled

Link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/DEA.asp

Tuition Assistance

This program provides financial aid for service members to get college credit at almost any two-year, four-year, or correspondence school. Tuition Assistance (TA) provides slightly different benefits depending on the military branch. TA is not available if the service member is getting a degree equal or lower than their current degree (second bachelor’s degree), or for any degree higher than a Master’s. The program pays up to 100% of tuition and fees and up to the following amounts:
• $250 per credit hour (for semesters)
• $166 per credit hour (for quarters)
• Up to $4500 in a fiscal year
Please check the link regarding each military branch for more information.

**Army**
In addition to the information stated above, the Army TA will pay 100 percent of tuition costs up to the Department of Defense (DoD) semester hour cap of $250 per semester hour cap for up to 16 semester hours of TA-funded courses per fiscal year. Current Army policy limits TA to 130 semester hours of undergraduate credit or a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first, and 39 semester hours of graduate credit or master's degree, whichever comes first. The 39-semester hour limit applies to all credits taken after completion of a baccalaureate degree. Army TA is available to members of the Army Reserves and the Army National Guard.

**Navy**
In addition to the information stated above, Navy TA is available to active duty Officers and Enlisted personnel. It is also available to enlisted enlisted Naval Reservists ordered to active duty 120 days and to Naval Reservist Officers ordered to active duty for 2 years or more. At the tuition cap limit the navy will pay for up to 16-semester hours or 24-quarter hours in a fiscal year.
**Link:** [http://www.navycollege.navy.mil/tuition-assistance/what-is-tuition-assistance.htm](http://www.navycollege.navy.mil/tuition-assistance/what-is-tuition-assistance.htm)

**Marine Corps**
In addition to the information stated above, the Marine TA is available for all active duty Marines. TA is also available to Reservists on continuous active duty, enlisted Reservists ordered to active duty 120 days, and to Reservist Officers ordered to active duty for two years or more. First time TA applicants must be in service 24-months since their service base date.
**Link:** [http://www.usmc-mccs.org/articles/how-do-i-apply-for-tuition-assistance/](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/articles/how-do-i-apply-for-tuition-assistance/)

**Coast Guard**
In addition to the above, the FY18 Coast Guard Tuition Assistance cap is $2250. Active duty members and reservists on long-term orders greater than 180days are eligible.
**Link:** [https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b3d054](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/1b3d054)

**Air Force**
In addition to the above, members of the Air Force Reserve also are eligible for Tuition Assistance.
New York State Programs

Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (RIRP)
RIRP’s directive is to recruit and retain members for the State Military Forces (Army and Air National Guard, and Naval Militia). The program will pay the cost of tuition up to SUNY tuition rates per semester.

Eligibility:
- Be in good standing with the State Military Forces by attending or making up all drills and annual trainings
- Be accepted and enrolled in an undergraduate degree-granting program for a minimum of six credit hours per semester or four credit hours per quarter
- Be a resident of New York State for a period of 186 days prior to using the program, excluding Active Duty periods
- Please visit the website for more eligibility requirements and for more information

Link: http://dmna.ny.gov/education/?id=rirp

Veterans Tuition Award (VTA)
The NYS Higher Education Services Corporation awards the VTA to veterans who are full or part time study and are matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate-granting institution or in an approved vocational training program in NYS. In addition to being NYS residents and honorably discharged, eligible students must also be one of the following:

Eligibility:
- Vietnam Veteran who served in Indochina between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975
- Persian Gulf Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf on or after August 2, 1990
- Afghanistan Veterans who served in Afghanistan during hostilities on or after September 11, 2001
- Veterans of the US Armed Forces who served in hostilities that occurred after February 28, 1961, as evidenced by the receipt of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or a Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- If the veteran also receives TAP, it may be reduced
- The veteran cannot use the VTA in conjunction with GI bills except the Montgomery GI bill
- Please visit the website for more information on the VTA

Military and Veteran Scholarships

AFCEA War Veterans Scholarship for Undergraduates
$2500 scholarships for sophomore or junior veteran or active or reserve military that served in Afghanistan or Iraq combat from 2003-present. For computer science and Cybersecurity majors. AFCEA STEM Majors Scholarships for Undergraduates: This program awards scholarships to students enrolled in their second semester and pursuing a graduate degree at an accredited academic institution. To be eligible, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Applications due in April and November. Also have scholarships for sophomore and junior students in ROTC programs majoring in computer science fields.
[Link](https://www.afcea.org/site/foundation/scholarships)

The American Legion
This nonprofit organization provides a variety of scholarships to fund undergraduate education at an accredited college or university. These scholarships are primarily for the children, grandchildren and/or great grandchildren of veterans and service members. The scholarships include the Samsung scholarship, the Legacy scholarship, and the Baseball scholarship.
[Link](https://www.legion.org/scholarships)

AMVETS National Scholarship Program
This program provides scholarships for veterans, active duty, guard and reserves service members, as well as the children and grandchildren of veterans, with financial need. The scholarships for veterans and service members include a $4,000 AMVETS Scholarship, $12,000 Dr. Aurelio M. Caccomo Family Foundation Memorial Scholarship, and a $1,000 Henry G. Huestis Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships for children and grandchildren of veterans include a $4,000 AMVETS Scholarship, and a $1,000 JROTC Scholarship. To qualify for these scholarships, applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, be enrolled in or accepted in an undergraduate program, graduate program, accredited degree or certificate program, or an online educational program.
[Link](http://www.amvets.org/amvets-in-action/scholarships/)

Army Scholarship Foundation
This scholarship program provides scholarships of between $500 and $2000 to the children of soldiers of the US Army, as well as to the spouses of enlisted soldiers serving on active duty in the US Army. This program provides a variety of scholarships, all of which can be renewed for a total of four years of higher education for undergraduate studies at accredited educational/technical institutions.
[Link](http://armyscholarshipfoundation.org/index.html)
Army Women’s Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program
This scholarship program provides scholarships of up to $2,500 for women veterans of the US Army (active duty, reserves, national guard) and their child/children. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled at an accredited college or university, have completed at least 30 credit hours, have a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher. The program awards scholarships to students enrolled in community colleges, certificate programs, four-year college/universities, and graduate programs.
Link: http://www.awfdn.org/scholarships.html

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME)
The CCME offers 1K scholarships each year to US service members (both active duty and veterans) and spouses of service members who are pursuing higher education degrees while attending a CCME membership institution. Please see the website for more details. If in an associates or Bachelor’s program, one must have a minimum of 12 or more hours (units) and a cumulative 2.5 GPA. If in a graduate program, must have 6 or more hours and a cumulative 3.0 GPA.
Link: http://www.ccmeonline.org/scholarships

Donaldson D. Frizzell Scholarship
This scholarship provides funds to members of the US Armed Forces (active, guard, reserve, retired, or non-retired veterans) and their family members, and non-contractual ROTC students. The scholarship amount varies, but can be used to pursue accredited trade school certifications, associate, undergraduate and graduate degrees.
Link: https://www.fcef.com/scholarships/donaldson-d-frizzell-scholarship-3/

eLearners.com Military Scholarship
This scholarship provides funds of up to $1,000 to veterans and their spouses pursuing higher education. The scholarship application is an essay answering the question “how has your military service better prepared you to enhance your education?” To be eligible, applicants must be active duty personnel, honorably discharged, veteran, and/or military spouse (of any branch) and enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution.
Link: https://www.elearners.com/scholarships/military-scholarships/

Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Member Scholarship
This scholarship program awards scholarships of up to $5,000 to full-time students pursuing a college or graduate degree at an accredited college or university in the US. FRA scholarships are for those affiliated with the US Navy, US Marine Corps, or the US Coast Guard through their own service, service of their spouse, parent, grandparent or great-grandparent. The scholarships are based on financial need, academic standing, character and leadership qualities.
Link: http://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/Fra_Education_Foundation_Scholarships/Web/Content/FRA_Education_Foundation.aspx?hkey=fe5fe4c8-48b6-4003-be7b-5f3f317c6600
**Friedl Richardson Scholarship for Veterans Pursuing a Career in Law**
This scholarship program provides funds of up to $1,000 to veterans pursuing a legal career. To be eligible, applicants must be a veteran of the US Armed Forces, be enrolled in a college or university, and have a minimum 2.8 GPA.

**Military Award Program (MAP)**
This $1,000 scholarship funded by The Imagine America Foundation helps active duty, reservist, honorably discharged or retired veterans receive a career education at a participating college. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in a participating college, demonstrate financial need, and not be a previous recipient of another Imagine America Foundation scholarship.
**Link:** [http://imagine-america.org/grantsformilitary](http://imagine-america.org/grantsformilitary)

**MyCAA (Military Spouse scholarship program)**
MYCAA provides up to $4,000 in financial assistance for the career advancement of active-duty military spouses working towards a license, certification, or Associate’s degree in particular career fields. Qualification also is based within eligible pay grade quadrants (E1 through E-5, W1 through W-2, and O1 through O-2). Steps to get started include registration, establishing MyICP, creating an education plan, and requesting financial assistance.
**Link:** [https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/](https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/)

**National Association of Veterans Programs Administrators (NAVPA) Scholarship Program**
NAVPA offers scholarships for veteran, active duty, reserve and Guard, and military and veteran family member students enrolled at NAVPA member institutions (John Jay is a NAVPA member). Applications are open September/October-early January each year.
**Link:** [www.navpa.org](http://www.navpa.org)

**National Military Family Association – NMFA Spouse Scholarships**
The NFMA provides a variety of scholarships for military/veteran spouses. They provide scholarships from $500 - $1,000 for career funding, degrees, business funding and more. To be eligible, applicants must be a military spouse with valid military ID, married to an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, wounded or fallen service member, a dual service military spouse, or a divorced spouse (only if you receive 20/20/20 or 20/20/15 benefits).
**Link:** [http://www.militaryfamily.org/spouses-scholarships/scholarships.html](http://www.militaryfamily.org/spouses-scholarships/scholarships.html)

**SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society Scholarships**
Applicants must be SALUTE members (John Jay has a chapter—see Military and veteran Services manager for information). Applications for these annual awards open in May.
**Link:** [www.salute.colostate.edu](http://www.salute.colostate.edu)
Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship
This scholarship awards $5,000 to eligible student veterans for a semester. The scholarship serves to fund the educational careers of veteran’s without obtaining excessive loan debts. To be eligible, applicants must: be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve, have completed basic training and follow-on training, hold a rank of E-5 or below, participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution.
Link: https://www.vfw.org/scholarship/

Student Veterans of America: NBC Universal Scholarship
This program is geared towards increasing diversity on the air and behind the scenes. The scholarship provides two $12,000 scholarships to eligible student veterans. To be eligible, applicants must be in pursuit of an Associate, Bachelors, or Graduate degree at an accredited institution. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above. The application deadline is in April.
Link: http://studentveterans.org/programs/scholarships?layout=edit&id=706

Student Veterans of America: Raytheon Patriot Scholarship
Two $10,000 scholarships are awarded to Army veteran students that have demonstrated a commitment to and passion for their chosen field of study, as well as demonstrated leadership and engagement within their community. The application deadline is in April.
Link: http://studentveterans.org/programs/scholarships?layout=edit&id=705

Tillman Military Scholars Program
This program supports active-duty service members, veterans, and military spouses in higher education. The program covers educational expenses, including tuition, fees, books and living expenses. Veterans of both the Pre and Post 9/11 eras and of all branches including the Guard and Reserves are eligible to apply. Additionally, spouses of veterans or active-duty service members are eligible. Applicants must be full-time degree students in an undergraduate, graduate or professional program, in both private and public accredited institutions.
Link: http://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply-to-be-a-scholar/

Veterans United Foundation Scholarship
This scholarship provides funds to the spouse or child of a deceased veteran of the US Armed Forces, to support their educational career. To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a college or university, and pursuing an associate’s, bachelor’s, graduate, post-graduate, or doctoral degree.
Link: https://www.enhancelives.com/scholarships-Fall2016
Wells Fargo Veterans Scholarship Program and Emergency Grant Program
Wells Fargo offers scholarships and emergency grants to honorably discharged veterans and spouse of disabled veterans to help them meet the educational costs of their full-time undergraduate and graduate studies. Deadline for scholarship application is Februray 28. Applications for emergency grants of up to $1000 may be submitted at any time. 
Link: https://wellsfargovets.scholarsapply.org/

Woman Marines Association (WMA) Scholarships
This scholarship program provides a variety of scholarships to veterans, active duty and reserve personnel of the United States Marine Corps. The scholarships are also available to direct descendants, legally adopted children or step children of a Marine, a sibling or a descendant of sibling of a Marine, or to students who have participated in a Marine Corps JROTC program. The scholarships are up to $3,000 and may be used at any accredited college, university or trade school. Application period: November 1-February 28 each year. 
Link: https://www.womenmarines.org/scholarships

Women’s Forum of New York Education Fund
This scholarship program provides financial awards to women age 35 and over who are pursuing their first Associate or Bachelor degree. The scholarship is awarded to women who demonstrate high potential and faced extreme adversity which disrupted their education and derailed their futures. The $10,000 award goes directly to the recipient to be used at her discretion. Applications must be submitted by December 1 for the next academic year. 
Link: https://www.womensforumny.org/index.cfm/edfund/

Grants
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
This program is administered by financial aid offices in individual schools. The purpose of this program is to provide grants between $100 and $4,000 to students depending on financial need, time of application, other amounts of financial aid, and fund availability. FSEOG funds are limited per year, thus they are given to eligible students on a first come, first served basis. To be eligible for this grant, students must be enrolled as an undergraduate student without having previously received a bachelor’s degree. Eligibility for this grant is determined through the FAFSA application. 
Link: https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/fseog

Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants
This grant is provided to students whose parent or guardian died as a result of military service during the wars in Iraq and/or Afghanistan after 9/11. To be eligible to receive this grant of up to $5,815, students must not be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant on the basis of expected family
contribution, but be eligible in all other requirements of the Federal Pell Grant, and have been under 24 years of age or enrolled in college at the time of their parent/guardians death. 

**Pell Grant**
This grant is provided to all eligible students who demonstrate financial need. Eligibility requirements include financial need, cost of attendance, full-time or part-time student status, and plans to attend school for a full academic year. Additionally, to be eligible, students must be undergraduates who have not earned a bachelor’s or professional degree. The maximum amount a student may receive is $5,815 per award year, and the grant is available for only 12 semesters of study (about 6 years).

**Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants**
This grant of up to $4,000 a year is provided to students pursuing a career in teaching. Recipients of this grant must agree to TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve, in which they agree to teach in a high-need field (bilingual education, ELA, foreign language, mathematics, reading specialist, science and special education). Additionally, by receiving this grant, students agree to serve as a full-time teacher for a total of 4 academic years at a low income school or educational service agency. Failure to go through with the agreement results in the grant being converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan which must be repaid to the DOE. To be eligible for this grant, students must meet the basic eligibility criteria for FAFSA, be enrolled as an undergraduate, post baccalaureate, or graduate student at a school that participates in the TEACH program, be enrolled in a TEACH-Grant eligible program, meet academic achievement requirements, and sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.

**Federal Loan**

**FAFSA**
FAFSA provides grants, loans and work-study funds to students attending college/university or career school. The FAFSA program awards more than $150 billion annually to over 13 million college students in the US. Awards are provided on a basis of financial need.
III. Counseling

Vet Centers (in NYC)
The Vet centers offer individual, group, family, bereavement, sexual trauma, and substance abuse counseling. They also offer community education and VA Information and referrals. The services that the vet centers provide are free to all eligible veterans and their families. Additionally, no information that was disclosed during counseling will be given to any person or agency, without written consent from the veteran, except in circumstances to avert crisis (HIPPA, 1996).

1. Manhattan
   32 Broadway 2nd Floor - Suite 200
   New York, NY 10004
   Phone: 212-951-6866
   Fax: 212-742-9593
   https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=744&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1

2. Bronx
   2471 Morris Ave., Suite 1A
   Bronx, NY 10468
   Phone: 718-367-3500
   Fax: 718-364-6867
   https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=741&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1

3. Queens
   75-10B 91 Avenue
   Woodhaven, NY 11421
   Phone: 718-296-2871
   Fax: 718-296-4660
   https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=747&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1

4. Brooklyn
   25 Chapel St. Suite 604
   Brooklyn, NY 11201
   Phone: 718-630-2830
   Fax: 718-624-3323
   https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=742&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1

5. Staten Island
   60 Bay Street
   Staten Island, NY 10301
   Phone: 718-816-4499
   Fax: 718-816-6899
   https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5440&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1
6. Harlem
   2279 - 3rd Avenue, 2nd Floor
   New York, NY 10035
   Phone: 646-273-8139 Or 646-273-8139
   Fax: 212-423-5963
   https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5487&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1

The vet centers also provide a 24/7 hotline for veterans: (877) WAR-VETS or (877) 927-8387.

**Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at NYU Medical Center**

The clinic provides free care for veterans and military families who are experiencing long-term effects of all phases of military service and other life stresses, including relationship difficulties, school problems, and unemployment and relocation issues. Family members include spouses, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, and significant others. For more information, please call (855) 698-4677 or email militaryfamilyclinic@nyumc.org. The clinic is located at the NYU Medical Langone Center, One Park Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 100616. The clinic hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Friday, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM. The clinic is closed on weekends and holidays. If you need immediate assistance on those days, please contact the National Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255.

**Link:** nyulangone.org/militaryfamilyclinic

**Military Family Center at New York Presbyterian**

The Military Family Wellness Center is on the cutting edge of clinical care for mood and anxiety disorders, and trauma related to military service, including both combat and military sexual trauma (MST). Guided by our armed forces research programs, we create evidence-based treatment plans for service members and their families are coping with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety and other mental health issues. The Military Family Center offers individual therapy, telehealth, couples therapy, group therapy and emerging treatment. It offers services at 3-locations:

- **Weill Cornell Medical, Program for Anxiety and Traumatic Stress Studies:** 425 East 61st Street, Floor PH, Room 1301, New York, NY 10065 (212-821-0717; ano2015@med,cornell.med)

- **New York Presbyterian Westchester Division (Weill Cornell):** 21 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, NY 10605 (212-821-0717; ano2015@med,cornell.med)

- **New York State Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University Medical Center, PTSD Research and Treatment Program:** Herbert Pardes Building, 1051 Riverside Drive, Suite 3200, New York, NY 10032 (646-774-8042; hillbur@hyspi.columbia.edu)
IV. Housing

NYC Resources

- Mitchell-Lama Housing
  This program provides affordable housing options in all five boroughs for moderate and middle income families. Student veterans have been successful in the past with placement through veteran priority status. However, student veterans should check the following document to be sure that they are eligible for the veteran priority status:

- NYC Housing Search
  - In the general search information section, be sure to specify (by clicking yes) that you are a veteran
  - Link: http://www.nyhousingsearch.gov/index.html

- VetConnectNYC
  - A comprehensive source of veteran housing and other support in New York City
  - Link: https://vetconnectnyc.org/

- G.I. Bill Housing Allowances
  - Qualifying student veterans pursuing higher education in New York City may utilize G.I. Bill Housing allowances to subsidize the cost of renting an apartment.

VA Resource

- Department of Veteran Affairs: 1-877-4AID VET or (877) 424-3838
  - Provide HUD-VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) vouchers for housing and case management services.

Non-VA Resources

- Samaritan Village Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
  - Link: http://samaritanvillage.org/people-we-serve/veterans

- Jericho Project
  - Link: http://www.jerichoproject.org/

- Black Veterans for Social Justice
  - Link: http://bvsj.org/vsc

- HELP USA
  - Link: http://www.helpusa.org/who-we-serve/veterans/

- The Bridge Fund
  - Link: http://thebridgefund.org/
- Long March Home
  - Link: http://longmarchhome.org/
- Phone App: Streeteasy
  - Link: http://streeteasy.com/mobile
V. Vocational

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)
Voc Rehab services help veterans and service members with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. Additionally, services may be given to help veterans start their own businesses and independent living services may be given to veterans who are disabled and unable to work in traditional employment. One applies for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits online through eBenefits. Please see website for more information.
Link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp

Education and Career Counseling Program
The VA’s Education and Career Counseling program provides veterans and service members with personalized counseling and support with regards to their career path, maximizing the use of their VA benefits, and achieving their goals. One applies for Education/Career Counseling online through eBenefits. Please see the website for more information.
Link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp

Federal Work-Study Program
This program provides part-time jobs to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a participating college/university either full-time or part-time. The program benefits students with financial need by allowing them to earn money through community service work or work related to their course of study. Jobs can be either on or off campus. To apply, see the Military and Veteran Services Manager.
Link: https://www2.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html
VI. Legal Assistance

CITY BAR Justice Center – Veterans Assistance Project (VAP)
Provides disabled, low-income veterans in NYC with pro bono legal assistance on issues related to claims for service-connected disability compensation from the VA.
Link: https://www.citybarjusticecenter.org/projects/veterans-assistance-project/

Legal Services NYC : Veterans Justice Project (VJP)
Provides civil legal services to low-income military veterans, service members and their families. VJP is designed to help veterans achieve housing and financial stability as well as connect veterans with social and mental health services in NYC.
Link: http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/what-we-do/practice-areas-and-projects/veterans-justice-project

New York Legal Assistance Group Veterans Project
Provides free legal services to NYC veterans who cannot afford to hire a private attorney. They provide services related to veterans’ benefits, housing, public benefits, consumer protection, and advance planning.
Link: http://www.nylag.org/units/public-benefits/projects/veterans-legal-assistance-project

Urban Justice Center : Veterans Advocacy Project (VAP)
Provides free civil legal services to low-income veterans (with focus on those living with PTS, TBI and substance use problems) and their families.
Link: https://vap.urbanjustice.org/vap-about

Free Legal Services : Military Mondays Initiative
Provides general legal advice to veterans regarding SSD/SSI claim denials, applying for SSD/SSI benefits, housing concerns, and more.
Link: http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/sites/default/files/contentgroups/stud_affairs/Military%20Mondays%20Flyer.pdf
Resources:
- http://www.va.gov/
- http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/