

Getting Started

Once you determine your benefits eligibility, you can get started by completing the required application. This will either be the Veterans Online Application (<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/#modal>), or the Application for VA Education Benefits - VA FORM 22-1990 (<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1990-ARE.pdf>), or the Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits - VA Form 22-5490 (<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-5490-ARE.pdf>).

After completing your military benefits application form the next steps include:

1. **Apply for admission to SUNY FMCC** if you haven't already and **make an appointment with VA School Certifying Officer**, Jean D'Ambrosia who is located in the Student Financial Services Office. Bring the following items to this meeting:
 1. Copy of your DD-214-member copy 4
 2. Copy of your VONAPP application
 3. Copy of your Certificate of Eligibility
2. **Request a copy of your Military Transcript.** For Army, Navy, Coast Guard, or Marines go to <https://jst.doded.mil/jst/>. For Airforce go to <http://www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf>.
3. **Apply for Financial Aid** by completing your Federal application at <https://studentaid.gov/> and New York State TAP application <http://www.hesc.ny.gov>.
4. **Make an appointment to meet with an Academic Advisor by contacting the Academic Advising office at 518-736-FMCC (3622) Ext. 8140 or email: talktoanadvisor@fmcc.edu.**
5. **After registering for classes each semester, you must notify the VA Certifying Officer by** bringing a copy of your schedule to the Financial Aid Office.
 - a. If you change your degree program, have a break in enrollment or switch colleges, please complete and submit Request for Change of Program or Place of Training - VA Form 22-1995 (<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-1995-ARE.pdf>) for Ch. 30, 32,33, 1606, 1607 and VRAP or Dependents' Request for Change of Program or Place of Training – VA Form 22-5495 (<https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-5495-ARE.pdf>) for Ch. 35.

You can connect with other veterans on campus by joining our Veteran's Club. Interested? Contact the Student Involvement Office, located in the Evans Library Building, room L100S. Or email our Coordinator of Student Involvement Allison Snell at asnell@fmcc.edu or by phone at 518-736-3622 ext. 8070.