

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**, Scott Collins who is located in the Student Development Center. Bring the following items to this meeting:
 - a. Copy of your DD-214 member copy 4
 - b. Copy of your VONAPP application
 - c. 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 www.fafsa.ed.gov and New York State TAP application <http://www.hesc.ny.gov>.
4. **Complete any required placement test** and **make an appointment to meet with the Veterans Academic Advisor Christie Davis**, located in the Student Development Center.
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 the **Veterans' Club**. Please Contact Club Advisor Dan Towne, daniel.towne@fmcc.suny.edu or call 736-3622 ext. 8051.