

VETERAN FINANCIAL SERVICES

Student Checklist for Obtaining Benefits

Start by Applying

- View university website for admissions requirements and deadlines.
- Speak with your enrollment counselor.
- Fill out an application.
- Provide transcripts and test scores, including military Joint Service Transcripts (jst.doded.mil/official.html) for credits you might have earned while in service.
- Tour campus – either online or in person.

Apply for GI Bill® Benefits

- Check out the education benefits offered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs including the Post-9/11 GI Bill® (including Transfer of Benefits), Montgomery GI Bill®, Survivors and Dependents Assistance, the Yellow Ribbon Program, and Veteran Readiness and Employment. Several states offer varying opportunities to National Guardsmen.
- View benefits and benefits applications at va.gov/education/how-to-apply

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at benefits.va.gov/gibill.

Connect with a Veteran Certifying Official (VCO)

- Contact a Saint Leo University Veteran Certifying Official at www.saintleo.edu/vcos.

Don't Forget to ...

- Submit Your Certificate of Eligibility (COE)** This certifies that you are entitled to benefits for an approved program of education.
 - Request your COE directly from the VA by calling the GI Bill® Hotline at (888) 442-4551 or log into your eBenefits account (ebenefits.va.gov) and provide a printout of your Statement of Benefits.
- Submit Your Request for Certification of Enrollment (RFC) eForm**
 - After you have registered for class, you must submit a request for certification for every term you are seeking to use your VA benefits. Once submitted, the eForm is automatically filed to your account and your Veteran Certifying Official is notified.
 - Submit by going to login.saintleo.edu and selecting the Etrieve tile. In Etrieve, select the “VA Request for Certification of Enrollment” eForm.



Stay in Touch

Connect With Your Student Success Coach

- Your Student Success coach will assist you in developing a suitable educational plan, making your course selections, determining your major, and empowering you in decision-making skills in education, career, and life choices.

Connect With Other Veterans on Campus

- Check out the Military Resource Center (MRC), which is lakeside in Apartment 4. There you can study, eat your lunch, or relax while connecting with other veterans and military-affiliated students. Stop by 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Contact the Office of Military Affairs and Services at militaryservices@saintleo.edu.

Apply for Financial Aid & Scholarships

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by going to studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa

Check out the many types of scholarships available based on merit, academics, or athletics, as well as private and general scholarships by area of interest. Learn more at www.saintleo.edu/financial-aid.

For More Information

Visit our website for more information on using your VA education benefits at Saint Leo University: www.saintleo.edu/veteran-benefits.

