



Application Process

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact Office of Financial Aid	First-time VA students at WCM should email finaid@med.cornell.edu to identify themselves as a student interested in using their veteran education benefits and to initiate the process. Returning VA students will automatically receive an email each semester requesting verification of their VA benefit elections.
<input type="checkbox"/>	SSN/Tax ID Requirement	First-time students at WCM log into LEARN → Financial Aid Billing → New Student Onboarding Form: complete and submit U.S. Social Security Number or Tax ID Number Information form to create your student record.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply and Receive Certificate of Eligibility from VA	VA Form 22-1990: For Chapters 30, 33 (Post-9/11 GI Bill®), 1606 and 1607, Montgomery GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve or Veterans' Educational Assistance Program. VA Form 22-5490: For Chapter 35 Survivors' and Dependents' Education Assistance or Chapter 33 FRY Scholarship. Additional Veteran Resources: For Chapter 31- Veteran Readiness and Employment and Chapter 36- Educational and Career counseling.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Apply for Other Financial Assistance at WCM (optional)	Institutional Need-Based Funds: MD students are encouraged to apply for Institutional Need-based funds by completing FAFSA Application, CSS Profile, and providing all required documentation. Federal Aid Application Process: if you need federal loan funding aside from VA Education Benefits, complete the FAFSA application and provide any required documentation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	LEARN → NetPartner (Financial Aid Portal)	Upload required documents for VA Benefits Review Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ WCM- Veteran & Military Services Certification Request Form ✓ VA Certificate of Eligibility
<input type="checkbox"/>	When to Expect Payment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Your VA benefits cover tuition and applicable fees at WCM. In most cases, funds are sent directly to the college after the start of classes. ✓ After the semester begins, Cornell's School Certifying Officials (SCOs) will submit your tuition and applicable fee charges to the VA. A Financial Aid Award Offer will then be issued to confirm your anticipated benefit allotment.* ✓ VA payments are typically received 3-4 weeks after certification by Cornell. Your enrollment and/or tuition are reported to the VA within the first month of the semester. If any of your classes have variable start dates, tuition may be allocated to those specific courses, which may result in tuition payments arriving in varying amounts later in the term.

**Please understand that if your VA allotment changes at any point in the academic year, you will be responsible for finalizing payment for any outstanding balance. The office of student accounting will help you understand the options available to you if necessary. Please ensure you inform both financial aid and student accounting if you are notified of an award change by the VA.*

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