

## **The Office of Veterans Affairs and Office of Records and Registration**

The goal of the Office of Veterans Affairs at Claflin University is to assist veterans in pursuing their educational, vocational or professional objectives. The Office Student Financial Aid serves as a liaison between enrolled veterans, dependents of veteran students and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Our goal is to better serve our veterans and to offer availability, accuracy, and excellent service in relation to veteran educational benefits, certifying enrollments for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and monitoring students' degree plans and academic progress.

### **Veterans Education Benefits**

#### ***(CHAPTER 34, OLD GI BILL)***

*This program was discontinued on December 31, 1989. Generally, veteran students under this chapter entered active duty prior to January 1, 1977. Certain students eligible under this chapter on December 31, 1989, may also be eligible for Chapter 30 educational benefits if they have additional active duty service from October 19, 1984, through June 30, 1985, and meet other criteria as established under Chapter 30 guidelines.*

#### ***(CHAPTER 30, NEW GI BILL (MONTGOMERY GI BILL)***

*Entered Active Duty after June 30, 1985. Completed at least 2 years continuous active service; contributed \$1200 to the program; received a high school diploma or GED; and received an honorable discharge. For more information on the Montgomery GI Bill visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).*

#### ***(CHAPTER 1606, NEW GI BILL (SELECTED RESERVE)***

*Any person who enlists, re-enlists, or extends an enlistment in the Selective Reserve for not less than 6 years, in addition to any other period of obligation after June 30, 1985 and completed high school or GED, IADT, 180 days of service in the selective reserve and is satisfactorily participating in required training in the selective reserve. For more information on the Reserve GI Bill visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).*

#### ***(CHAPTER 32, VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)***

*Entered the military service after January 1, 1977, contributed to the program, and did not contract with the Armed Forces under a delayed entry program. Benefits are dependent upon total contributions made and are calculated individually. No allowance is made for payment for dependents. Active duty service members may receive full VA educational entitlement under the VEAP program. Under specified conditions, participants under VEAP may be eligible to convert their entitlement to the New/Montgomery GI Bill. For more information on the Veterans Educational Assistance Program visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).*

#### ***(CHAPTER 35, DEPENDENTS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)***

*This portion of 38 U.S.C. authorizes educational benefits to dependents and survivors of certain veterans who have serious disabilities as the result of their service, (100% disabled), or who have died of a service-connected cause, were a prisoner of war, or missing in action. For more information on the Dependents Educational Assistance Program visit [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov).*

#### ***(CHAPTER 31, VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION)***

Veterans who have been declared disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs due to service

related injury. For more information on Vocational Rehabilitation contact your assigned case manager.

***(CHAPTER 1607, ACTIVATED RESERVISTS AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001)***

Certain reservists who were activated after September 11, 2001 may either be eligible for education benefits or eligible for increased benefits. For more information on Chapter 1607 select education

***(CHAPTER 33, THE POST-9/11 VETERANS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2008)***

The Post-9/11 GI Bill is for individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001 or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days.

For more information on Chapter 33, please visit the following on the Department of Veterans Affairs website at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov):

- Eligibility and Benefits click [here](#).
- Comparison between Chapter 33 and other educational benefits click [here](#).
- Housing Allowances select [Housing](#) or [Basic Housing Allowance](#)

*Note: The Basic Housing allowance is based on an E5 with dependents at the location of the school.*

**How do I get started with benefits at Claflin University?**

**New Students:**

**1. Complete the Veterans On-line Application [VONAPP](#) online via the Department of Veterans Affairs website.**

- **Veterans eligible for Chapters 30, 32, 33, 1606, or 1607 benefits must fill out Form 22-1990. Dependents under Chapter 35 must fill out Form 22-5490.**
- **Veterans eligible for Chapter 31 benefits must contact their Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor before enrollment into the University.**
- **Veterans under Chapter 31 must submit Form 28-1905 (received from Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor) to the VA Coordinator.**

Claflin University Veterans Affairs Representative  
ATTN: Ms. Terria C. Williams  
Corson Hall Suite 143  
Orangeburg, South Carolina

***It can take 6 to 8 weeks for the Department of Veterans Affairs to process your application. It is highly advised that new students entering Claflin University for the Spring Semester complete their application no later than December 1st, all new students that will be entering for the Fall Semester no later than June 1st.***

Once your benefits letter is received, immediately submit it to the VA Coordinator.

2. All Chapters must complete a (by email, mail or in-person) to:

*Clafin University Office of Student Financial Aid/ Veterans Affairs Coordinator:  
400 Magnolia Street/Corson Hall Suite 143  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115*

**Continuing Students:**

1. If necessary update any change in chapter status via the Department of Veterans Affairs website: Students under Chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, 1606, & 1607 fill out Form 22-1995. Students under Chapter 35 fill out Form 22-5495.

2. Complete Clafin University VA Certification Enrollment Form. All Veterans and Dependent students must verify their enrollment each semester.

3. Submit the above document to the following:

*Clafin University Office of Student Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs Coordinator:  
400 Magnolia Street/Corson Hall Suite 143  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115*

**Transfer Students:**

Veteran students transferring to Clafin University from another institution must update their status by completing the following:

1. Go to [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms) and type Form# in the search box. Students under Chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, 1606, & 1607 fill out Form 22-1995. Students under Chapter 35 fill out form 22-5495.
2. Download, print, and submit to the VA Coordinator at Clafin University.
3. Complete VA enrollment Certification Form. All Veterans and Dependent students must verify their enrollment each semester.
4. Submit the documentation above (by email, mail or in-person) to:

*Clafin University Office of Student Financial Aid/ Veterans Affairs Coordinator:  
400 Magnolia Street/ Corson Hall Suite 143  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29115*

**NOTE:** *Please allow six to eight weeks for the Department of Veterans Affairs to process VA Applications and Enrollment Certification Request Forms. New and continuing students seeking Veterans benefits are asked to complete and submit all necessary documentation to ensure certification.*