

# MILITARY AND VETERAN STUDENT GUIDE



ST. JOHN'S  
UNIVERSITY

# St. John's University

is a Catholic and Vincentian University that prepares students for personal and professional success in today's global society.



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**QUEENS**



**MANHATTAN**

"The close-knit and supportive community is great for veteran and military students. The relationships I built with the deans and faculty helped me transition into college. My department provided experiences outside the classroom and connected us with community leaders. St. John's is focused on our success."


—Raymond McAuliffe,  
US Navy, '13CPS

St. John's University is committed to supporting active military and veteran students and their families. As part of our mission of success, we seek to provide all students with a smooth transition into starting or continuing their college education.

We are prepared to evaluate your military training, college course work, and/or prior learning for credit, outline what courses are still needed, and develop a manageable degree plan that fits your schedule. You can

- Have up to 90 transfer credits accepted, including credits for life, work, and military experience.\*
- Utilize VA education and Military Tuition Assistance benefits.
- Take advantage of the Yellow Ribbon Program.
- Receive personalized career and academic advisement from your dean or academic advisor.

\* Some program exclusions apply. Credit for prior learning may be done through a portfolio process with your academic advisor.



To learn more about the academic programs offered at our New York campuses, visit [stjohns.edu/majors](https://stjohns.edu/majors).

**Step 1: Speak with your St. John's military/veteran admission counselor.**

- Discuss degree programs that will help you meet your educational goals.

**Step 2: Apply**

- Submit your application online at [stjohns.edu/apply](https://stjohns.edu/apply).
- Freshman application—applicants who have not attended college or completed college coursework
- Transfer application—applicants who have completed some college-level coursework after high school graduation
- Online learning application—applicants interested in online undergraduate programs

**Step 3: Submit Supporting Documents**

- Transcripts  
Transfer applicants must submit official college transcripts from all institutions attended. An official high school transcript or official GED scores will be required for any applicant who will not complete an associate's degree before transferring. Unofficial transcripts may be accepted temporarily to render an admission decision.
- First-time freshman applicants must submit a final official high school transcript.
- Standardized Test Scores  
First-year undergraduate applicants are required to submit standardized test scores unless applying test-optional. Please refer to [stjohns.edu/TestOptional](https://stjohns.edu/TestOptional) for more information about applying test-optional.

- Request Your official Joint Services Transcript (JST) or Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcript.
- Apply for Service Member or Veteran Benefits
  - GI Bill® education benefits
  - Department of Defense tuition assistance, if applicable
  - See pages 11–13 for information about commonly accepted education benefit programs.
- Apply for Financial Aid
  - Free Application for Federal Student Aid at **[fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)**
  - New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) at **[hesc.ny.gov](https://hesc.ny.gov)**
  - New York State Veterans Tuition Award (VTA) at **[hesc.ny.gov](https://hesc.ny.gov)**
  - New York National Guard tuition benefit (if eligible) at **[dmna.state.ny.us/education](https://dmna.state.ny.us/education)**

#### **Step 4: After you are Admitted**

- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss transfer credits and your course schedule.
- Provide your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to one of the St. John's VA certifying officials. See last page of guide for contact information.
- Register for the Veteran New Student Orientation.
- Contact the St. John's Veteran Success Center to explore the many opportunities and resources available to you, including membership in the Student Veteran Association.



No Application fee.



St. John's University values your military training and experience. Your advisor will work closely with you to determine which of the following prior learning assessment pathways to pursue.

### **Evaluation of Transfer Credits**

Students have the opportunity to apply up to 90 credit hours earned from other accredited institutions to their St. John's degree.\* This can include credit for military training, such as those listed on the Joint Services Transcript (JST) or Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcripts. To process the credit transfer, applicants must provide an official transcript.

### **Credit for Work and Life Experience**

Your academic advisor can help you identify college-level knowledge you may already possess and assist you with the following:

- Developing a portfolio to highlight your life experiences that may be equivalent to college-level study.
- Identifying specific standardized examinations, such as CLEP, ECE, and DSST, that you can take for course credit within your program. These exams test knowledge of college-level coursework.

*\*Some program exclusions apply.*





St. John's academic advisors can evaluate your military experience to see how it can be translated into college credits. Military experience received through the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard is translated onto your Joint Services Transcripts (JST), as shown below.

Visit <http://jst.doded.mil/official.html> to view an unofficial transcript or request an official copy. Your St. John's admission counselor can also request an official copy of your JST on your behalf.

Please note that the United States Air Force has not yet merged with this transcript system. Currently, all Air Force training, experience, and standardized test scores are captured on the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcripts. You can obtain your CCAF by visiting [www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/Transcripts](http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/Transcripts).

**Military Course Completions**

Military Course ID	ACE Identifier Course Title Location-Description-Credit Areas	Dates Taken	ACE Credit Recommendations	Level
31B10-OSUT	<b>AR-1728-0167</b> 23-SEP-2011 to 16-FEB-2012 <b>Basic Military Police One Station Unit Training (OSUT):</b> Military Police School Ft Leonard Wood MO  Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to demonstrate general knowledge of military police organization and culture; demonstrate proficiency in marksmanship, physical conditioning, and self-defense; perform basic military police procedures including arrest, traffic, custody of detainees, and security operations; identify evidence and contraband; and utilize and operate various types of law enforcement equipment and vehicles.			
	• Criminal Justice		1 SH	L
	• First Aid		1 SH	L
	• Law Enforcement		3 SH	L
	• Law Enforcement Operations		3 SH	L
	• Marksmanship		1 SH	L
	• Military Science		2 SH	L
	• Physical Conditioning		2 SH	L

Questions regarding technical support can be directed to [jst@doded.mil](mailto:jst@doded.mil).

Our advising approach is highly personalized. You will work with your academic advisor from your initial planning meeting through your graduation day. As an accepted student, the first thing you will do is meet with your advisor to discuss your goals and begin to develop a degree plan.

Our campuses provide additional academic and nonacademic resources, such as:

- ☐ Career services
- ☐ Campus VA benefits representative
- ☐ Counseling and wellness services
- ☐ Writing assistance
- ☐ Student housing assistance
- ☐ Academic advising
- ☐ Campus Ministry
- ☐ Disabled student services
- ☐ Student Veterans Association

For a list of academic advisors and degree programs, visit [stjohns.edu/veterans](http://stjohns.edu/veterans).



*"Adults returning to school need time to adjust. St. John's provides that one-on-one attention. Many of our faculty members are professionals in their fields, which enhances the learning experience. And we have a strong network of alumni who really look out for each other."*

**Providence Palastro,**  
Assistant Dean and Director  
of Advisement, College of  
Professional Studies  
As featured in Military  
Advanced Education  
Transition magazine







## ADDITIONAL CAMPUS RESOURCES

### **St. John's University Veterans Success Center (SJUVSC)**

Our center assists student veterans in successfully transitioning from military service to University life through networking opportunities, resources, community service, and advocacy. The SJUVSC aims to foster an environment honoring military service and improving the quality of their University experience. For more information, contact SJU's Student Veterans Success Center, at **718-990-1420**: [sjuvetaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:sjuvetaffairs@gmail.com).

### **Campus Resources**

#### **Office of Student Life**

Queens 718-990-1422

Staten Island 718-390-4444

#### **Student Veterans Association**

[sjuvetaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:sjuvetaffairs@gmail.com)

#### **Center for Counseling and Consultation**

Queens 718-990-6384

Staten Island 718-390-4452

#### **Office of Disability Services**

Queens 718-990-6867

Staten Island 718-390-4451

#### **Student Health Services**

Queens 718-990-6360

Staten Island 718-390-4447

#### **University Career Services**

Queens 718-990-6375

Staten Island 718-390-4438

#### **Online Learning**

718-990-2786

[onlinelearning@stjohns.edu](mailto:onlinelearning@stjohns.edu)

St. John's University is committed to making a college degree within your financial reach. Prospective students are encouraged to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Office of Student Financial Services is available to help you with the application process, as well as discuss payment plan options, federal loans, and grants such as the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Federal Pell Grant program. Our military and veteran benefit specialist is ready to walk you through the military and veteran benefit process.

We also offer a range of scholarships for both new and continuing students.

### **First-Year Student Scholarships**

First-year applicants may be eligible for a merit award. Applicants do not apply for these separately, as they are awarded upon acceptance into an academic program at St. John's. These merit awards are for four years of continuous undergraduate study and may range up to full tuition. These may also be combined with internal and external scholarship awards.

### **Transfer Student Scholarships**

Transfer students may be eligible for merit- or nonmerit-based awards.

- Students who have received an Associate's degree are eligible for the Transfer Distinction Award. This award ranges from \$15,000 to \$17,000 per year, depending on the campus of record, for continuous undergraduate full-time study.
- Merit awards may be awarded to transfer students who do not have an associate's degree. These scholarships are determined by the student's cumulative college grade point average and are for continuous full-time study in an undergraduate program at St. John's. These awards range from \$3,000 to \$17,000 per year, depending on the campus of record.
- An additional \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

More information on University tuition and fees and endowed scholarships can be found at [stjohns.edu/FinancialAid](http://stjohns.edu/FinancialAid).

As a service member or veteran, you may also be eligible for additional resources to help finance your education at St. John's University. See below for a list of popular scholarship programs. Eligible students are encouraged to apply. Please refer to the sponsoring organizations for deadlines, eligibility criteria, and updated information.

**Pat Tillman Foundation, Tillman Scholars Program**

Scholarship program offered for degree seeking veterans, service members, and/or their spouses who exemplify community leadership and volunteerism, academic achievement, and who possess a record of military service and/or community impact as a military spouse. Award amount varies. [patillmanfoundation.org](http://patillmanfoundation.org)

**AMVETS National Scholarship**

American Veterans (AMVETS) offers scholarships on the basis of financial need, academic promise, and merit. Awarded to veterans, service members, and families who have exhausted government aid or who might not otherwise have the financial means to further their education. [amvets.org](http://amvets.org)

**Troops to Teachers**

National program designed to help military personnel successfully transition into a career in teaching, with the purpose of educating our nation's youth in critical subject areas. The program also provides stipends up to \$10,000. [troopstoteachers.net](http://troopstoteachers.net)

**Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Education Assistance Program**

Program that provides interest-free grants and loans ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 to undergraduate spouses or children of active duty, retired, or deceased Sailors or Marines. Students must attend an accredited institution. [nmcrs.org/pages/education-loans-and-scholarships](http://nmcrs.org/pages/education-loans-and-scholarships)

**Army Women's Foundation, Legacy Scholarship Program**

This foundation provides grants to women soldiers, past and present, and their lineal descendants to help them attain their educational goals. Undergraduate or graduate student recipients will receive a grant up to \$2,500. [armywomensfoundation.org/scholarships](http://armywomensfoundation.org/scholarships)

**AFCEA Foundation**

This foundation promotes excellence in education and is committed to providing academic support to military personnel. Their program provides merit-based scholarships to active duty service members, ROTC students, war veterans, and disabled war veterans who attend an eligible program at an accredited four-year college or [afcea.org](http://afcea.org)

**Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship**

Scholarship funded by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Sport Clips, to provide financial assistance to service members and veterans who are attending an accredited institution. Award amount varies up to \$5,000. [vfw.org/scholarship/](http://vfw.org/scholarship/)

**The Fisher House Foundation Scholarship**

Foundation that partners with the Scholarships for Military Children Program to provide scholarships to the dependent children of active duty military seeking to complete an undergraduate or graduate degree program. [militaryscholar.org](http://militaryscholar.org)

## MAXIMIZING YOUR MILITARY BENEFITS

In accordance with the US Department of Veterans Affairs education benefits programs, St. John's University works with military and veteran students to ensure awareness of programs for which they are eligible. We offer personalized advice including information on special benefits, living stipends, and available support services. Students are encouraged to utilize their benefits, as in some instances, 100 percent of tuition and fees may be covered. We honor an array of such programs. Please review the following options:

### **Chapter 1606–Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)**

Available to eligible members of the Selected Reserve from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and National Guard military branches.

### **Chapter 30–Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty (MGIB-AD)**

Provides up to 36 months of education benefits for eligible veterans. Monthly benefits are based upon several factors which include, but are not limited to, length of service, category, and type of training.

### **Chapter 31–Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (VR&E)**

Helps eligible veterans and active duty service members with service-related disabilities prepare for separation from the military and find and maintain employment upon separation.

### **Chapter 33–The Post-9/11 GI Bill®**

Provides education benefits and housing allowances to veterans. Those eligible must have served at least 90 aggregate days on active duty after September 10, 2001, or were honorably discharged with a service-related disability after serving 30 days.

### **Yellow Ribbon Program**

Supplementary program under the Post-9/11 GI Bill® that helps cover tuition costs for eligible veterans in excess of their maximum Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits. The VA matches the school's contributions for the eligible student.



### **Chapter 35–Survivors and Dependents Assistance (DEA)**

Grants educational benefits to the dependents of those killed in action, missing, or disabled while serving. Recipients may be eligible to receive benefits for up to 45 months.

### **Transfer of Entitlement**

Allows those who served and are eligible to receive education benefits to transfer the benefits to a spouse, children, or both. The US Department of Defense determines eligibility.

### **US Department of Veterans Affairs Student Work-Study Allowance Program**

Eligible military members or their dependents can apply to participate in this work program while attending a college, vocational, or professional school. This is separate from federal work-study; the number of applicants accepted depends on job availability. All jobs must be VA-related.

### **Military Tuition Assistance (TA)**

Pays tuition expenses for military members attending school. To be eligible, students must be active duty in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, National Guard, or Coast Guard. Eligible students receive a specified allowance per semester hour, not to exceed an annual amount determined by the branch. As part of the tuition assistance program, money is paid by the military branch directly to the institution. Those eligible may also elect to participate in the Top-Up program (Montgomery GI Bill–Active Duty) to supplement the cost of additional tuition expenses while using military tuition assistance. Check with your unit’s educational branch office for up-to-date information regarding Military Tuition Assistance and the Top-Up program. Each branch pays a different amount and has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application process, and restrictions.

### **Post-9/11 GI Bill®**

Active duty members may be eligible to tap into their Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits while they are serving. However, members will not be eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program during this time, and other stipulations may apply. While you are serving, you may also be eligible to participate in veteran benefit programs. Please contact the Department of Veterans Affairs for more information regarding such programs and eligibility criteria.



## LOCAL VETERAN RESOURCES

**US DEPARTMENT OF  
VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
1-800-827-1000 (all benefits)  
1-800-273-8255 (crisis line)  
[va.gov](http://va.gov)  
[veterans.ny.gov](http://veterans.ny.gov)

**NEW YORK REGIONAL  
BENEFIT OFFICE**  
245 West Houston Street  
New York, NY 10014  
800-827-1000  
212-807-3162  
Fax: 212-807-4024  
(open Monday to Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS  
AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITIES  
AND CLINICS**

**VA Medical Center New York  
(Manhattan)**  
212-686-7500

**James J. Peters VA Medical  
Center (Bronx)**  
718-584-9000

**Veterans Hospital  
(Staten Island)**  
718-761-2973

**St. Alban's Community Living  
Center (Queens)**  
718-526-1000

**Veterans Hospital (Brooklyn)**  
718-836-6600

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF  
MILITARY AND VETERAN AFFAIRS,  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES**

**Newark Regional Office**  
973-297-3230  
or 800-827-1000

**Hackensack**  
201-996-8050  
or 8051

**Jersey City**  
201-536-3401  
or 3403

**Asbury Park**  
732-775-7005

**Union County**  
908-659-7407  
866-640-7115

**CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL  
RESOURCES**

**Veterans Affairs Division  
(Staten Island Borough Hall)**  
718-761-2973

**New York State Education  
Department Office of Adult Career  
and Continuing Education Services–  
Vocational Rehabilitation  
(ACCES-VR)**

**ACCES-VR Staten Island**  
718-816-4800

**ACCES-VR Long Island City**  
347-510-3100

**Workforce 1 Staten Island**  
718-285-8388

**Workforce 1 Queens Career Center**  
718-557-6755

**Counseling Services**  
Staten Island Vet Center  
718-816-4499

**Queens Vet Center**  
718-296-2871

**Records and Archives**  
Richmond County Clerk  
718-675-7700

**Queens County Clerk**  
718-298-0600

## **MILITARY AND VETERAN ADMISSION COUNSELORS**

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## **VA CERTIFYING OFFICIALS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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718-390-4352

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**Maryanne H. Twomey, Director of Financial Aid/Research**  
twomeym@stjohns.edu  
718-990-5743

## **CAMPUS OFFICES**

**Staten Island Campus**  
**Office of Undergraduate Admission**  
300 Howard Avenue  
Kelleher Center, Room 126  
Staten Island, NY 10301  
718-390-4500

**Queens Campus**  
**Veterans Success Center**  
8000 Utopia Parkway  
Marillac Hall, Terrace  
Queens, NY 11439  
718-990-1420

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