## Good Afternoon Military Hoyas!

Welcome back! I hope this message finds you all well and safe. This email will give you instruction and information regarding your benefits for the fall semester. If you do not wish to use your benefits for the fall semester, you may disregard this email.

## General Information

- Max G.I. Bill Benefit Starting August 2020: \$25, 162.14.
- Tuition Deadlines for Continuing Students: August 21, 2020
- Certification Request Form Due: August 17, 2020
- Financial Aid: Lawfinancialaid@georgetown.edu
- **Student Accounts**: myaccount@georgetown.edu
- **Third Party Billing**: Thirdpartybilling@georgetown.edu

## Certification Process:

Step 1: Please ensure that you know how many months you have left in your benefits. If you are not sure of how much time is left in your benefits, please go to your E-benefits page at <u>VA.gov</u>. We do not have access to this information, so it is imperative that you know what is available for your benefits.

Step 2: **Complete the <u>Request for Certification Form\_Fall 2020</u>** by August 17, 2020 to avoid late fee assessments.

\*You may submit your form without having your exact credit amount. You may estimate the amount of credits you will be taking in the fall, I am aware that registration has changed for this year.

\*The form now allows you to submit additional documents as needed so that you no longer need to send additional forms through e-mail!

**Please note:** In order to utilize your benefits, you must submit an request for certification form **each** semester, if you fail to do so the School Certifying Official **CAN NOT** certify your benefits. If you have any specific questions or concerns regarding the certification process, please send an email to Amber Young, Manager of Exams Grades and Veteran Services at lawmilitarybenfits@georgetown.edu or lawreg@georgetown.edu

**Step 3:** Please ensure that you waive any non-mandatory fees as the VA does not pay non-mandatory fees. Below I have included additional Information about these fees and other fees that you may see on your student account that I am aware of. However, our office does not place fees on your account or have the ability to

remove charges from your account, so please pay attention to emails you receive from any of our accounting offices.

**COVID-19 Updates**: The VA will continue to approve claims for education benefits for online learning modalities until the end of this year, there will be an additional notation on the claim form which protects your benefits during this time. If there are any additional changes as time goes on, I will share that information as soon as I have it.

## Reminders:

\*Please ensure that you complete the Request for Certification Form as accurate and complete as possible, if you are unsure of your remaining benefits, please go to your ebenefits page at <a href="https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/">https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/</a>

- \* Throughout the semester you may receive system generated emails from student accounts if there is a balance on your account. Third-party billing will place an estimated memo balance on your account to prevent fees. It takes the VA up to 4 weeks to process certifications. As a result of several offices, including Third Party Billing, Financial Aid and Student Accounts work together to ensure that your benefits" funds are posted to your account in a timely manner.
- \* Please ensure that you waive any additional fees that are not required for your enrollment, such as **Tuition Insurance fees**, the VA does not pay those fees, also **Student Health Insurance** (if you do not wish to utilize student insurance). To do so, please visit the student accounts website <a href="here">here</a>.
- \*Please also be aware that your Monthly Housing Allowance(MHA) or (BAH) is dispersed to you at the beginning of each month for the previous month. It is likely that you will not receive your first payment until September or October.

I look forward to working with you all this year. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions that you may have regarding your certification.

Best wishes,

Amber