VETERANS BENEFITS

To apply for Veterans Administration benefits, you must complete the appropriate application through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Education and Training website. For information about specific GI Bill© benefit programs, or if you are unsure which benefit may apply to you, contact the VA through Ask VA or the GI Bill© Hotline at **888-442-4551 (888-GIBILL)**.

The most frequent Veteran Education benefits and application forms to submit to VA:

- Chapter 30: Montgomery GI Bill® VA Form 22-1990
- Chapter 31: Vocational Rehabilitation VA Form 28-1900
- Chapter 33: Post 9/11 GI Bill® VA Form 22-1990
- Chapter 35: Dependent Education Assistance Program VA Form 22-5490
- Chapter 1606: Selected Reserves GI Bill® VA Form 22-1990

The University requires a copy of your **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)**. If your COE is not yet available, you can provide a copy of your completed VA educations benefits application instead. However, a COE must be provided before classes can be certified for payment. The COE is made available within an average of 45 days. Once the COE is received by our VA Office, the University can begin the certification process.

If you have further questions, please visit the Military & Veteran Center, located in the lower-level Berns Student Center, or email veterans@methodist.edu.

Register for Classes and Use Your Education Benefit

Academic Advisor appointment: meet with advisor to plan and register for courses.

Submit Request for VA Certification of Benefits form: Once your course schedule is finalized, submit the form through your myMU Experience portal.

Review your schedule: to ensure all courses are "Certifiable." Only courses required for your degree plan, and electives (if needed) can be certified for VA Education Benefits. Previously passed courses/transfer credit cannot be certified.

WHO WE ARE

The mission of Methodist University is to provide an undergraduate and graduate education firmly grounded in the liberal arts tradition that nurtures moral values and ethical decision making; to provide distinctive professional and graduate programs that complement the undergraduate programs; to provide educational and cultural services and resources to the community; and to prepare students for a variety of careers and educational pursuits.

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STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES



HELPING YOU NAVIGATE

How to Pay for College

OUR SERVICES

Financial Aid: We know financial aid and scholarship information play a critical part in determining which institution you choose. At Methodist University, we are confident you will receive the attention and assistance you need to maximize your potential in financial aid and scholarships.

Billing, Payments, & Refunds: Student Financial Services process each semester's billing statement available through the student's Self-Service. Students can authorize parent access through the authorized party link. We also receive payments and process refunds in accordance with Federal Title IV policies.

Veteran Services: Are you using Veterans' Benefits to help pay for college? Our office, in conjunction with our Veterans Services Office, will guide you through the necessary steps you need to pay for college. Veterans' Benefits include Vocational Rehab (Chapter 31), Post 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33), and others.

BILLING

Prior to registering for classes at MU, students are responsible for reading and accepting the Financial Responsibility Agreement. Student Financial Services' goal is to help students understand the cost of their education and the financial responsibilities associated with their enrollment at MU.

Fall Semester – Statement notifications are emailed to MU student email accounts in June and bill clearance requirements begin at that time.

Spring Semester – Statement notifications are emailed to MU student email accounts in November and bill clearance requirements begin at that time.

Summer Term – Statement notifications are emailed to MU student email accounts in April and bill clearance requirements begin at that time.

Always check your MU Student email for important deadline information from Official University accounts.

- We offer several ways to submit payment. Please see our website for detailed instructions.
- Electronic Payment (ACH Checking or Credit/Debit Card*)
- Payment by Mail
- 529 Payments
- Monthly Payment Plans (open in June for Fall and November for Spring)
- Third-Party Payers (any payer that requires the University to submit an invoice to release payment)

*A service charge is added to any debit/credit card usage. There is no additional fee for ACH drafts. Savings accounts cannot be used to make electronic payments or receive electronic refunds as financial institutions do not allow such electronic activity to savings accounts.

SETTLE YOUR STUDENT FINANCES

The Bill Clearance Form is a required communication that informs Student Financial Services how the student's tuition and fee charges are to be paid for a given semester. This form is to be completed **each semester**.

1. **Log into your myMU Portal** – Click on the Bill Clearance Form Link, located on the Monarch Resources card.
2. **Complete the Form** – Enter the required information and choose the option that best fits your needs & make any necessary payment or establish a payment plan. Payment or payment arrangements can be made through the Billing link on the Monarch Resources card.
3. **Submit the Form** – You can elect to receive a copy of the form prior to submission. **Receiving VA Benefits?** Don't forget to get your classes certified.
4. **Check your Status** – Our staff will review your form within 48-72 business hours. Your Clearance Status will appear on your Self Service. A team member will contact you if we need more information to complete the process. **Check your MU student email for updates!**

BEFORE WE FORGET – Make sure you've completed ALL required documents. Incomplete documents will result in a delayed Clearance Process or increased balance due. Some things to remember to complete before the deadline:

A. Your First Semester Loan Entrance Counseling & Master Promissory Note

B. Every Semester Bill Clearance Form | Certification of VA Benefits (if applicable) | Payment or payment arrangements

C. Every Year FAFSA & Loan Acceptance

All Done! It's Time to Relax! Congratulations!
You have successfully settled your account with Methodist University.

[Engage. Enrich. *Empower.*]



APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Applying for aid is as simple as 1-2-3!

1. If the student is a dependent child (under age 24), the student and parent must obtain an FSA ID. You can request one at studentaid.gov.
2. Once you have your FSA ID, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) online at studentaid.gov. Our federal school code is 002946.
3. The FAFSA opens each October, and our priority deadline is June 1 of the following year.

ONE MORE THING

Students – if you are accepting your loans that are automatically generated by the FAFSA, you will need to log into studentaid.gov and complete the Master Promissory Note and Loan Entrance Counseling. Get it done first – you won't have to do this again for your undergraduate career at MU. Your loans will not be disbursed until we receive notification of completion. Get that done ASAP – don't delay!!

ADDITIONAL AID TO APPLY FOR

- **Parents or Guardians** – you may need to borrow funds to help with the education costs, fill out the Federal Direct Parent PLUS loan application located at studentaid.gov. Use your FSA ID and password. Parent PLUS loans open every year on May 1 and the application is valid for six months. Your approval or denial will be provided to you upon submission.
- **Apply for any Alternative, Private Loans** – Most private lenders will require students to have cosigners, but they don't have to be a parent or guardian. Check our website for lenders. Methodist doesn't recommend one lender over another. Choose which one is right for your financial needs.