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### VA EDUCATION BENEFITS STUDENT AGREEMENT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

#### VA BENEFIT

Montgomery CH 30                       Guard/Reserve CH 1606                       Dependent CH 35 DEA  
 VEAP CH 32                               ACTIVE DUTY (now)                               Post 9/11 CH 33  
 VRAP     CH 31 (DAV)     Dependent of Veteran DOV

It is the student's responsibility to understand and adhere to the following guidelines as they relate to their VA Educational Benefits:

- ❖ Understand that to be certified, your admissions file must be completed.
- ❖ A copy of your Certificate of Eligibility must be provided to the Veterans/Military Service Coordinator in order to be certified for your education benefits. Each term you must report your registration and any changes in your enrollment to the VA Certifying Official. This includes but is not limited to turning in a copy of your schedule.
- ❖ **All veterans and veteran dependents must report all changes to schedules (such as dropping and adding classes or complete withdrawal for any reason to prevent overpayments ASAP Delayed reporting of changes could result in an overpayment from the VA. THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OFFICIALLY WITHDRAWING FROM COURSES.**
- ❖ You are responsible for the payment of all tuition and fees in accordance with Meridian Community College policy. If your VA Educational benefits will not be received until after the tuition due date, you will need to make arrangements for payment of your tuition. Administrative corrections to certifications to adhere to VA Policy may result in a student debt to Meridian Community College.
- ❖ You must be enrolled in an approved program of study that leads to a standard college certificate, diploma or degree and have all transcripts evaluated.
- ❖ You must submit official copies of all military and college transcripts to Meridian Community College to be evaluated for transfer credit. Do not enroll in courses you think you may have completed as this could result in an overpayment from the VA. Failure to submit official transcripts may cause the VA to suspend your Education Benefits. You should not expect to be paid by the VA for classes previously passed at another college.
- ❖ You will need to insure that the classes you are taking are required in your program. You must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward graduation. Online developmental courses and courses not

required for your degree will not count towards your credit totals which determine your full time status. It is the student's responsibility to know what courses are required for their degree.

- ❖ Understand that grades of "F" or "W" may result in a reduced payment from the VA.
- ❖ Understand that classes scheduled to meet for less than the normal semester term dates may be paid at a different rate based on the number of credits and the length of the class. (i.e.- mini term courses).
- ❖ Military training obligations must be reported in writing with a documented copy of the training orders to the Veteran Affairs Office on campus.
- ❖ Chapter 1606 (Reserve) must submit a copy of the NOBE (Notice of Basic Eligibility) which can be obtained through the Military Training Unit only.
- ❖ VA determines eligibility for housing allowance by calculating the rate of pursuit. Rate of pursuit is expressed in a percentage calculated by dividing the number of credits in which the student is enrolled by the number of credits considered to be full time. **A student with a rate of pursuit GREATER than 50% can qualify for the housing allowance. You will not qualify for monthly housing allowance at 50% rate of pursuit.** Some schools offer classes in terms that are shorter than a standard length semester or quarter. This is especially true for online classes and summer enrollments, but some schools offer accelerated terms at brick-and-mortar campuses year round. In these cases, VA calculates weighted "equivalent credit hours" so that fewer credits are required for full-time (and more than half-time) training. You may contact the Department of Veteran Affairs to determine your rate of pursuit and if you qualify for a monthly housing allowance for the enrollment term. Students will only receive benefits for the actual days they are enrolled in a semester.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE LISTED REQUIREMENTS

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please read and sign the section for your benefit on the following pages\*

**CHAPTER 33:** Tuition benefit will pay directly to Meridian Community College while the books and supplies stipend and the BAH benefits will pay directly to the benefit recipient. The books and supplies stipend is pro-rated based on credit hours, recipients will receive up to \$1000/year.

Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for Chapter 33 Benefits:

- Pays a month following the month of enrollment
- Is reduced if all courses are taken online
- Only pays if student has more than ½ time enrollment
- Is pro-rated based on enrollment time
- Is equal to the DOD rate for an E-5 with dependents

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAPTER 30:** Benefits will pay the benefit recipient and not the College. You are responsible for the payment of all tuition and fees to Meridian Community College. You may be assessed a late fee if payment is not made before the start of the term. You must verify your attendance each month in order for payments to be issued. You can verify your enrollment by calling the VA at 1-877-823-2378 or on the VA website <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave>.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAPTER 1606:** Benefits will pay the benefit recipient and not the College. You are responsible for the payment of all tuition and fees to Meridian Community College. You may be assessed a late fee if payment is not made before the start of the term. You must verify your attendance each month in order for payments to be issued. You can verify your enrollment by calling the VA at 1-877-823-2378 or on the VA website <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave>. Chapter 1606 benefits CAN NOT be used for the same courses as Federal Tuition Assistance.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAPTER 35:** Benefits will pay the benefit recipient and not the College. You are responsible for the payment of all tuition and fees to Meridian Community College. You may be assessed a late fee if payment is not made before the start of the term.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHAPTER 31:** Meridian Community College must receive authorization from your Voc Rehab Counselor before your enrollment certification can be submitted. Book stipends are processed by the Bursar's Office once authorization is received.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_