

Dear VA Survivors' and Dependent Educational Assistance Recipient:

This letter is designed to help you with a list of important items for 2009-2010.

File the FAFSA for 2009-2010

The **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) must be filed and received at the processing center by **MAY 1, 2009** to be considered for both State and Federal aid programs. You can still apply for federal financial aid after May 1, but some financial aid programs may be exhausted by that time.

- Slippery Rock University's federal school code is **003327**.
- You should submit the FAFSA **on-line** at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- If you anticipate a reduction in income or unusual expenses for 2009, contact the Financial Aid Office to request a special circumstances form.

Montgomery G.I. Bill or Dependent Benefit Enrollment Form summer 2009, fall 2009 and spring 2010

Complete the enclosed form and return it to the SRU Veterans Office by May 1 if you wish to receive the VA benefits for **SUMMER 2009, FALL 2009, and/or SPRING 2010**. You can still submit the form after May 1, but we encourage you to complete the form prior to this date because of the processing time needed by the VA.

Pay your bill. VA Survivors' and Dependent Educational Assistance Benefits are considered a part of your financial aid package for use towards education-related expenses. If your other financial aid does not cover your billable charges at SRU, you will be responsible for paying the remaining portion of the bill.

Notify the Veterans Coordinator of:

- Your intended enrollment each semester (you do this by completing the enclosed enrollment form)
- Any change in course load (drop, add, withdrawal, no longer attending a class), in a timely manner
- Your current campus/local address and phone number
- A change in your major

Termination or Adjustment of VA Survivors' and Dependent Educational Assistance

Attendance. The Veterans Coordinator must monitor class attendance via your professors, midterm and final grades. Students who do not attend on a regular basis, **stop attending** or withdraw (either officially or unofficially) will be reported to the VA Buffalo Regional Processor. Such notification can include a last date of attendance for each class and may result in a reduction, overpayment or termination of your educational benefit eligibility by the VA.

Two Semester Policy (Academic Probation/Suspension). A student who is placed on academic probation and/or suspension for **TWO CONSECUTIVE** terms of attendance at SRU will have his/her VA educational benefits terminated. Refer to the SRU Veterans Affairs website for additional information.

Academic Suspension. A student who is placed on academic suspension will immediately have his/her VA educational benefits terminated.

Overpayments. An overpayment may result if you receive a grade of I, W, NC or AU, which is not used in computing requirements for your degree/graduation, or if you repeat a course in which you previously received a passing grade. Overpayment may also result if you stop attending class, withdraw from school, or did not attend class on a regular basis to the end of the term. The VA will collect overpayments from you.

***NOTE:** *for additional information regarding your responsibilities and information about overpayments and termination of benefits, refer to www.sru.edu/pages/2686.asp*

Important phone numbers and websites

SRU Veterans Affairs	tiffany.aloi@sru.edu 724-738-2219 (re: GI Bill, EAP) www.sru.edu/pages/2686.asp HOURS: 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:30 (4:00 in summer)
SRU Financial Aid	724-738-2044 (re: applying for aid such as grants, loans and scholarships) www.sru.edu/pages/5013.asp
SRU Student Accounts	724-738-2088 (re: FTA, billing, payment, refund checks)
VA toll-free (questions)	888-442-4551
VA benefits other than GI Bill	800-827-1000
Verify monthly enrollment	877-823-2378 or by internet: https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do
Start/stop GI Bill direct deposit	877-838-2778
Veterans Vocational Rehab	412-395-6070 Fax: 412-395-6071 * This is a program that you can apply for if you have a disability caused by a service-related incident
Department of Veterans Affairs	www.gibill.va.gov

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at tiffany.aloi@sru.edu.

Sincerely,

Tiffany K. Aloï
Assistant Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Coordinator

Return to: Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs Office
Slippery Rock University
1 Morrow Way
Slippery Rock PA 16057

Montgomery G.I. Bill or Dependent Benefit Enrollment Certification

Name:

ID Number

Major:

Expected Graduation Date

If your **permanent** address has changed, you should update your information with the VA through WAVE at www.gibill.va.gov.

- You should then list the new address here so that the SRU Veterans Office has up-to-date information.

New Address:

Summer 2009 Enrollment Certification

If you want Summer VA benefits, you must complete this section. Put the **number of credits** you plan to take each session. BE ACCURATE! Your VA payment may be affected by a change in the number of credits or the session you take the credits. If you change your classes after submitting this form, please inform the SRU Veterans Office immediately.

- Three credits is full-time in each particular summer session unless your class extends beyond the end of the session.
- Report internship/practicum credits only on the internship/practicum line.

I will be taking: Pre-session _____ # of credits

Summer I _____ # of credits

Summer II _____ # of credits

Internship or Practicum _____ # of Credits

Do not put check marks. Put number of credits.

- You will need to attach a signed letter from your professor that indicates your beginning and end dates for your internship/practicum.

I understand that my enrollment will be reported to the VA for educational benefit purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____

Fall Advance Pay Request – This form must be returned by June 12, 2009 for Advance Pay

If you will **not** attend Summer 2009 Session II, you may apply for Fall Advance Pay. You should complete this section if you want Advance Pay. Advance Pay will be an early check that will replace your end of September payment. This option is not available for Dependent benefit recipients.

- If you want Advance Pay, you must sign below and return this form no later than **June 12, 2009**.
- The Advance Pay Check will be released no earlier than 1 week prior to the beginning of the fall semester in the Veterans Office and you must be registered for your fall courses.
- You should check to be sure that you have certified all prior months including May 2009. If you have not certified a prior enrollment, the VA will not send an Advance Pay Check.

I am requesting Advance Pay. Signature _____ Date _____

Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 Enrollment Certification

If you want Fall 2009 and/or Spring 2010 VA benefits, you must complete this section. Put the **number of credits** you plan to take each semester.

- Be accurate. Changes in credits may affect your GI Bill eligibility. E-mail tiffany.aloi@sruc.edu if you become part-time.

I will be taking: Fall 2009 _____ # of credits

Spring 2010 _____ # of credits

Do not put check marks. Put number of credits.

I understand that my enrollment will be reported to the VA for educational benefit purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____