Fact Sheet Chapter 35 Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance

Helpful Hints

• VA will only pay for classes applicable to your program.

• VA will only pay for remedial or developmental classes taken completely inside the classroom.

• VA considers hybrid and self-paced classes as online learning.

• You must be full time the entire semester to receive full Monthly Housing Allotment. (At least 12 credit hours for Fall and Spring; 7 credit hours for Summer).

• If you choose all online classes, the VA will pay only half of the national MHA based on enrollment status.

• VA pays you, you pay DCC. The VA pays benefits to the student directly. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that tuition and fees are paid to the school. Please contact the Business Office at 434-797-8418 to make payment arrangements.

• If you are in programs receiving a diploma, certificate, or career studies certificate, you must verify your attendance with VA on the last day of every month at 888-442-4551 (TTY: 711). Then, select 1 to verify your enrollment Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET to receive your next benefit payment.

• The VA will pay for a course in which the student earned an F grade as long as the student attended the entire semester. The student afterwards may retake the course and VA will pay.

• To avoid a VA debt, keep the Veterans Specialist updated on schedule changes.

• Check your student email account regularly. This is the primary method of communication with students.