

## **MILITARY CONNECTED STUDENT NEXT STEPS CHECKLIST**

### **DEPENDENT UTILIZING MILITARY ED. BENEFITS**

**Congratulations on your acceptance to Northern Arizona University (NAU).  
Please use the following checklist to help guide you in your transition to NAU.**

- 1. Accept your offer of Admission and pay your enrollment deposit.**
  - A. You will be asked to pay an enrollment deposit which holds your place in the incoming class. This enrollment deposit is not covered by GI Bill® benefits. Log into [nau.edu/acceptmyoffer](http://nau.edu/acceptmyoffer) using your NAU User-ID and password to complete this step.
  - B. Log into [nau.edu/acceptmyoffer](http://nau.edu/acceptmyoffer) using your NAU User-ID and password to complete this step.
  
- 2. Get your VA Education Benefits started.**
  - A. Visit : <http://nau.edu/Military-Veteran-Education/Military-Benefits/> and follow steps 1 through 3 to initiate your transferred VA education benefits. You must be enrolled in your classes before you complete step 3.
    - \* Please note, you must have your classes “CERTIFIED” by the VA Certifying Official for every term or any time you make a change in your schedule.
  - B. Additional information regarding specific benefit answers and procedures that may apply to you can be found at:  
<http://nau.edu/Military-Veteran-Education/Military-Benefits/>
  
- 3. In-State Residency Status**
  - A. As a military connected spouse or child, you may receive in-state residency status for tuition if you fall under specific circumstances and providee the proper documents to our office.
  - B. Contact the Veteran Success Center at (928) 523-VETS for details of the Veteran Choice Act Section 702.

#### 4. Yellow Ribbon Program

- A. If you are a dependent utilizing Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) GI Bill® Benefits with 100% eligibility and are a resident of a WUE state, you may apply for the Yellow Ribbon Program.
- B. The information and eligibility will be on the application at <http://nau.edu/Military-Veteran-Education/Scholarships/>
- C. If you are eligible for the Veteran Choice Act Section 702, you will not complete the Yellow Ribbon application.

#### 5. Financial Aid

- A. We encourage all students to complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. FAFSA determines your eligibility for low/no interest student loans as well as state/federal grants.
- B. Make sure to report any veteran/military benefits you will be receiving. Financial Aid is initially based on your previous year's earnings. If this doesn't accurately reflect your income at the time you will be taking classes, make sure to complete a financial aid appeal through the NAU Financial Aid Office to have your award reassessed.

#### **CONTACT AND RESOURCE GUIDE:**

**Military and Veteran Student Center**, your one-stop-shop for answers and guidance:

Bldg. #30, NAU Field House, Room 138 | website: [nau.edu/military-veteran-education/](http://nau.edu/military-veteran-education/)

Email: [Veteran.Center@nau.edu](mailto:Veteran.Center@nau.edu) | Phone: 928-523-8387 | Fax: 928-523-8775

#### **More Resources for Veterans and Military Students**

Check out the following link anytime for other helpful resources during your NAU academic endeavor:  
[franke.nau.edu/fcb\\_veteran\\_student\\_center/#resources](http://franke.nau.edu/fcb_veteran_student_center/#resources)