

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MUSKOGEE REGIONAL OFFICE P.O. BOX 8888 MUSKOGEE OK 74402-8888

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

MR. THOMAS W. MCCOOL JR 8718 SNOW GOOSE SAN ANTONIO, TX 78254

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Dear Mr. McCool:

Certificate of Eligibility

This certifies that you are entitled to benefits for an approved program of education or training under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

You must take this letter to your school. Your school must certify your enrollment before you can get paid.

You have 14 months and 14 days of full-time benefits remaining.

You have until December 15, 2025 to use your benefits under this program, which is fifteen years from your last separation from active duty.

You're entitled to receive 100% of the benefits payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill program for training offered by an institution of higher education. We determined this percentage based on your length of creditable active duty service. We based our decision on the following service information:

| Begin Date | End Date | Service Length (in days) | Training Length (in days) | Total (Service/Training) |
|------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 04/04/2003 | 12/14/2010 | 2,812 | 0 | 2,812 |
| Total: | | 2,812 | 0 | 2,812 |

Yellow Ribbon

Because you are eligible at the 100% benefit rate, you may also be eligible to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program. The Yellow Ribbon Program allows schools to enter into an agreement with VA to provide additional financial assistance to individuals who are charged tuitions and fees that exceed the in-state maximum amount payable under the Post-9/11 GI Bill program. This benefit is only payable if the Post-9/11 GI Bill tuition and fee payment does not cover the full cost of your school's tuition and fees.

Note: Individuals on active duty are not eligible for this program. The Yellow Ribbon Program is not available at all schools. To determine if your school participates or to get a list of Yellow Ribbon Program participating schools please visit www.GIBILL.va.gov.

What You Must Do

You should take this letter to your school's veterans certifying official as proof of your eligibility and ask him or her to submit your enrollment certification to VA. After your school submits your enrollment certification, your tuition and fees payment will be sent to the school on your behalf. All other payments will be sent directly to you.

Other Information

You should promptly notify your school's veterans certifying official and VA if there is any change in your enrollment. Generally, we can't pay you for:

- · Courses you don't attend.
- Courses from which you withdraw.
- Courses you complete but receive a grade which will not count towards graduation.

You are responsible for <u>ALL</u> debts resulting from reductions or terminations of your enrollment even if the payment was submitted directly to the school on your behalf.

You may notify VA via:

- The Internet by visiting <u>www.GIBILL.va.gov</u>
- Telephone by calling toll-free at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551).
- Postal mail by sending correspondence to the address at the top of this letter.

If You Have Questions or Need Assistance

If you have questions or need assistance, contact the Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551). If you use the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the Federal number is 711. See the "If You Need Help" enclosure for contact information.

Sincerely,

Pam Stephens

Education Officer

Enclosures:

VA Form 4107

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If You Need Help

cc: Tennessee - Department of Veterans' Affairs 320/20

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