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

**FEBRUARY 5, 2019** 

MR. KAIALII KAHELE

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Dear Mr. Kahele:

# 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 36 months and 0 days of full-time benefits remaining.

You have no time limit to use your education benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

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:

Earliest Eligil Date	ble Latest Eligible Date	Service Length (in days)	Training Length (in days)	Total (Service/Training)
09/01/2003	09/30/2017	1,542	0	1,542

Beginning September 1, 2003 and ending September 30, 2017, you have accumulated 46 periods of service for an aggregate total of 1,542 days.

### 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 receive a list of Yellow Ribbon Program participating schools, please visit

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow\_ribbon/yellow\_ribbon info schools.asp.

## Choosing the Right Career and Training

CareerScope® assesses your interests and aptitudes, gives career recommendations and helps you decide which courses or training programs you should focus on. To access CareerScope® please visit http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/careerscope.asp.

The GI Bill® Comparison tool allows you to compare estimated benefits by schools tool please visit https://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool.

#### 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.

#### **Debt Information**

You must promptly notify your school's veterans certifying official and the VA. If there is any change in your enrollment, it may create a debt due to overpayment. Generally, VA cannot pay 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.

For additional information regarding debts, please visit http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/education\_resources/debt\_info.asp.

You may notify VA of changes to your enrollment via:

- The Internet by visiting www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/
- 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.

# Career Counseling

The receipt of this Certificate of Eligibility (COE) means that you are also eligible for VA-provided professional career counseling services at any time during your eligibility period.

Please note: When considering the school(s) for which you would like to receive your educational training, we recommend that you research your perspective school using the GI Bill Comparison Tool and our "Factors to Consider When Choosing a School: A guide before using the G.I. Bill".

- GI Bill Comparison Tool: <u>www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool</u>
- 'Factors to Choosing a School: A guide before using the GI Bill':

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## www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/factsheets/choosing a school.pdf

Pay particular attention to whether your prospective school(s) has articulation agreements in place, what the agreement involves, and how it applies to credit transferability should you wish to transfer to a different school at a later date.

If you have questions, particularly about articulation agreements, or would like more information about career counseling services, you may call VA to speak directly with a customer service representative at 1-800-827-1000.

Additionally, if you are within six months of discharge, you may be eligible for VA's professional career counseling. For more information, call 1-800-827-1000.

# 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,

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Pam Stephens
Education Officer

Enclosures:

**VA Form 4107** 

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