

A special message for students eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation, Veteran's Administration or Yellow Ribbon Educational Benefits

Saint Martin's University is proud to serve our local civilian and military communities and welcomes nearly 200 students to campus each year using various educational benefit programs from the Federal Government, State government and the Veterans Administration. These programs are excellent sources of assistance in you earning your bachelors or masters degree.

Saint Martin's University maintains a policy common among private colleges and universities that the total amount of financial aid cannot exceed the total cost of attendance. Total cost of attendance includes tuition, required fees, and a \$4000 allowance for books, supplies and transportation, plus an allowance for room and board for resident students or housing for off-campus students.

Please be advised that it is also Saint Martin's University Policy that a student may not receive gift aid (institutional grants, scholarships, and benefits such as Chapter 33) that exceeds tuition and mandatory fees. State and Federal aid, including Stafford Loans, are not affected by this policy.

One of the challenges we face each year is that many students utilizing these benefits will not know exactly what benefits they will receive at the time they are admitted and offered financial aid. In some cases those details do not become known to the student or the University until the semester begins. If you utilize these types of benefits the financial aid award you are receiving today is likely to change once those benefits are applied, such that the total amount of aid does not exceed the cost of attendance or any gift aid exceeds tuition and fees. There are exceptions to this policy as dictated by federal law for Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel.

If you have questions about the Policy regarding Vocational Rehabilitation, Veteran's benefits or the Yellow Ribbon Educational benefits, please feel free to contact the financial aid staff at finaid@stmartin.edu or 360-438-4397.