

Veterans Affairs MISSION Act of 2018

On June 6, 2018 the Veteran’s Affairs MISSION Act of 2018 was signed into law. Congress enacted the educational sections of the MISSION Act to recruit and retain high quality healthcare professionals. The MISSION Act empowers VA to improve recruitment through scholarships and loan repayments. VA particularly needs professionals:

- from underrepresented populations
- with Veteran experience
- willing to go to underserved and rural areas

Veterans Healing Veterans Medical Access and Scholarship Program (VHVMASP)

The MISSION Act created a pilot program to provide scholarship support to two Veteran medical students at each of the five Teague-Cranston and the four Historically Black Colleges and Universities medical schools in exchange for a four-year service obligation at a VA facility.

Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine (MUJCESOM) is one of the nine participating schools. Veterans applying to MUJCESOM must meet the school’s admission requirements for the MD program. The Veteran’s Affairs Office of Academic Affiliations determines eligibility for VHVMASP.

The scholarship covers tuition, fees, equipment and books, a stipend, and costs for two rotations at a Veterans Affairs facility during the senior year of medical school.

The recipient must not have separated from the Armed Forces for greater than 10 years, not concurrently be receiving GI Bill benefits, agree to maintain acceptable academic progress, and complete residency training leading to board eligibility in a specialty that is applicable to VA.

Beginning with the class entering in 2020, participating schools must reserve two seats for the highest-ranking Veteran applicants who meet the minimum acceptance criteria for the school.

To learn more, please refer to the [Educational Initiatives for Veterans FACT SHEET](#) or the [VA Office of Academic Affiliations Educational Initiatives BROCHURE](#)

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