

## **Coker University VA Benefit and Institutional and Scholarship Funds Policy**

Veterans and their eligible dependents may qualify for education benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). These benefits can help cover tuition, fees, and book expenses, provided the total amount does not exceed Coker University's cost of attendance. If a student receives VA funding that, when combined with other aid, exceeds the total cost of attendance, institutional funds may be adjusted accordingly. However, receiving VA benefits does **not** impact eligibility for federal Title IV aid, such as the Pell Grant.

Students who are eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 100% level and receive Yellow Ribbon funding may also see adjustments to their institutional aid to prevent exceeding the total cost of attendance. Coker University's Yellow Ribbon funding is awarded during the **spring semester** for qualifying Post-9/11 GI Bill recipients. Yellow Ribbon eligibility must be stated on the student's Certificate of Eligibility to be considered for Yellow Ribbon funding for Coker University.

Each academic year, the VA sets a cap on funding for students attending private colleges. In the spring, the Yellow Ribbon award is calculated by subtracting the amount of fall VA funding from this annual cap. The remaining amount is then used to estimate how much VA will contribute for the spring semester. This estimate is applied to the student's spring tuition and fees bill and split between two awards:

- **YRBN** – The estimated amount the VA will contribute for spring.
- **YRBN2** – The matching amount Coker University will contribute through Yellow Ribbon.

If VA sends less than the estimated Yellow Ribbon award, then the award will be reduced. These awards help ensure that eligible students can maximize their VA education benefits while staying within the cost of attendance limits.