



**APPLICATION FOR TUITION WAIVER  
FOR CHILDREN OR SPOUSE  
OF DISABLED/DECEASED/MIA/POW  
VETERANS (UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS)**

**Eligibility:** You are eligible to receive a waiver of tuition and fees if your parent or spouse was an eligible veteran\* who 1) became totally disabled (a person has been determined to be one hundred percent disabled by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs); or 2) lost his or her life while engaged in active federal military or naval service; or 3) has been determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action.

**Conditions:** The waiver is awarded only to undergraduate students pursuing their first bachelor's degree and must be turned in no later than **30 days from the start of the quarter**. To continue using the waiver, the student must comply with Financial Aid's Satisfactory Academic Progress Requirements. Total credits earned using the waiver may not exceed 250 credits. Both the beneficiary and the sponsor must be Washington residents. Children of the sponsor must be between the age of seventeen and twenty-six to be eligible for this waiver. A child's marital status does not affect eligibility. A surviving spouse must be a Washington resident. To receive this waiver, a surviving spouse has ten years from the date of death, total disability, or federal determination of POW or MIA status of the eligible veteran. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse is ineligible for the waiver of tuition and fees.

**Procedures:** Complete the application section below and attach: 1) a copy of your parent's or spouse's DD-214 or other supporting documentation showing their qualifying service and proof of death, disability, MIA status, or POW status; 2) a copy of your birth certificate or marriage certificate; 3) proof of your Washington domiciliary; and 4) proof of your eligible sponsor's Washington domiciliary. Use the below table as a checklist, but do not write in it. **If you have previously received this waiver from a Washington State institution of higher education since July 15, 2007**, you must also complete the Supplementary Form and submit it along with all other required documents listed above.

*If eligible for this waiver your \$300 confirmation fee may be waived or if fee is already paid, it may be reimbursed. Please contact the Veterans Services Office at 360-650-3324 to learn more about the waiver and confirmation fee.*

\*An *eligible veteran* is one who served in active federal service, under either Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code, in war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters or in another location in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters, and if discharged from service, has received an honorable discharge.

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**APPLICATION SECTION**

I wish to use the waiver starting  (term),  (year)

Name  WWU Student Id

Email  Daytime Phone

I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements and understand the conditions listed above.

Signature Date

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Chapter 35 eligibility (recommended)		Birth, Marriage or Adoption Certificate	
DD-214 (member #4 showing <b>Honorable</b> ) (Or other supporting documents)		WA domiciliary of student	
Proof of Death ( <b>As a result of Active Service</b> )/Disability		WA domiciliary of veteran (parent/spouse)	
Supplementary Transfer Student Form		Waiver Approved/Denied	

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### **General:**

- The [State Legislature](#) requires state community colleges, colleges and universities to waive all undergraduate full or part time tuition and fees for eligible dependents of eligible veteran or National Guard member up to 200 quarter credits or equivalent semester credits.
- Waivers for graduate credits are encouraged but not required.
- Fees include all assessments for costs incurred as a condition to a student's full participation in coursework and related activities at an institution of higher education.
- Continued participation in the tuition waiver program is subject to the school's satisfactory progress policy.
- Private vocational schools and private higher education institutions are encouraged to provide tuition waivers.

### **Eligible Dependents:**

- A child and the spouse/domestic partner or surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner of an eligible veteran or national guard member who became totally disabled as a result of serving in active federal military or naval service, or who is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action.
- A child and the surviving spouse/domestic partner of an eligible veteran or National Guard member who lost his or her life as a result of serving in active federal military or naval service.
- A child or surviving spouse/domestic partner must be a Washington domiciliary.

### **Eligibility Timeframes:**

- A child must be between the age of seventeen and twenty-six to be eligible for the tuition waiver. A child's marital status does not affect eligibility.
- A surviving spouse/domestic partner has ten years from the date of the death, total disability, or federal determination of prisoner of war or missing in action status of the eligible veteran or National Guard member to receive benefits under the waiver. Upon remarriage or registration in a subsequent domestic partnership, the surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner is ineligible for the waiver of all tuition and fees.
- If a death results from total disability, the surviving spouse has ten years from the date of death in which to receive benefits under the waiver.

### **Book Stipend:**

- If funds are appropriated by the legislature, recipients of the dependent's tuition waiver shall also receive a stipend for textbooks and course materials in the amount of five hundred dollars per academic year.
- Funds are divided equally among academic terms and prorated for part-time enrollment.

### **Definitions:**

- "Child" means a biological child, adopted child, or stepchild.
- "Eligible veteran or national guard member" means a Washington domiciliary who was an active or reserve member of the United States military or naval forces, or a national guard member called to active duty, who served in active federal service, under either Title 10 or Title 32 of the United States Code, in a war or conflict fought on foreign soil or in international waters or in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters, and if discharged from service, has received an honorable discharge.
- "Totally disabled" means a person who has been determined to be one hundred percent disabled by the federal department of veteran's affairs.
- "Washington domiciliary" means a person whose true, fixed, and permanent house and place of habitation is the state of Washington. "Washington domiciliary" includes a person who is residing in rental housing or residing in base housing. In ascertaining whether a child or surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner is domiciled in the state of Washington, public institutions of higher education shall, to the fullest extent possible, rely upon the standards provided in RCW **28B.15.013**

Visit <http://www.dva.wa.gov/benefits/education-and-training> for additional information.