



COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE  
105 S. SAN JOAQUIN STREET  
STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA 95202  
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## CALIFORNIA COLLEGE FEE WAIVER

Thank you for your interest in the California College Fee Waiver. The California College Fee Waiver program benefits spouses and children of U.S. veterans. Students meeting the eligibility criteria may get their college tuition fees waived if they attend a California Community College, a California State University or a University of California campus. Most eligible students will qualify for the program under either "Plan A" or "Plan B." Medal of Honor recipients and their children and dependents and survivors of permanently disabled National Guard members may qualify under different plans.

### YOU NEED TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING

- Application for College Fee Waiver (DVS-40)
- Proof of relationship to veteran: Copy of birth certificate
  - If step-child, parents' marriage certificate
- Copy of student's tax return for prior year, such as IRS form 1040EZ or similar State form, or a statement of non-filing from the IRS or California Franchise Tax Board
- Verification of Veteran's service connected disability rating

**All documents requiring a signature MUST be signed by the Veteran or widow and student. Court appointed conservator or guardian may sign. Please include a copy of your letters of conservatorship. If the Veteran is unable to sign, contact this office for instructions.**

Once you have completed the application, return to the San Joaquin Veterans Service Office or regular mail to the address above. All signature pages must be originally signed by veteran/widow or student and returned by regular mail or hand delivered to San Joaquin Veterans Service Office. The VA requires that we submit original signatures only. If you have any questions please call 209 468-2916 for further assistance.

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Linda   
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RETURN ALL DOCUMENTS TO:

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# FRANCHISE TAX BOARD FIELD OFFICES

Our public counter assistance hours are **Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**, except state holidays.

You can also call us, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., except state holidays.

- 800.338.0505 Automated Service (inside the U.S.)
- 800.852.5711 (inside the U.S.)
- 916.845.6500 (outside the U.S.)

## SACRAMENTO

3321 Power Inn Road, Suite 250  
Sacramento, CA 95826-3893

San Francisco

121 Spear Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94105-1584

San Diego

7575 Metropolitan Drive, Suite 201  
92108-4421

## OAKLAND

1515 Clay Street, Suite 305  
Oakland, CA 94612-1445

Los Angeles

300 S. Spring Street, Suite 5704  
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1265

Santa Ana

600 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Suite 300  
Santa Ana, CA 92701-4543

## INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE – IRS FIELD OFFICES

<b>Stockton</b>	4643 Quail Lakes Dr. Stockton, CA 95207	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	(209) 942-1910
<b>Modesto</b>	1533 Lakewood Ave. Modesto, CA 95355	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	(209) 548-7388
<b>Sacramento</b>	4330 Watt Ave. Sacramento, CA 95821	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	(916) 974-5225
<b>San Francisco</b>	450 Golden Gate Ave. San Francisco, CA 94102	Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.	(415) 553-8990

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
**COLLEGE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM FOR VETERANS DEPENDENTS**  
PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION  
CONTAINED ON THE REVERSE SIDE



**I. STUDENT INFORMATION**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status:  Married  Single Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S relationship to veteran in Section III below: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR THIS BENEFIT BEFORE?  YES  NO

ARE YOU *receiving*, OR ARE YOU CURRENTLY *eligible to receive* VA EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS UNDER CHAPTER 35?  YES  NO

ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME (AGI) of student from last year (January 1st through December 31st): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: Refer to "HOW TO APPLY" on the reverse for required statements.

ANNUAL VALUE OF SUPPORT *received from a parent*: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*NOTE: if entering \$0.0 you must attach an explanation)

\*Note: examples of support include, but are not limited to: college housing, transportation, books, school supplies, medical care etc...

Note: Under plan B, the total amount of the child's income and value of support, as listed above, cannot exceed the "national poverty level" as determined by the U.S. Census Bureau and published by the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

**II. SCHOOL INFORMATION**

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY you are attending or plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

ACADEMIC YEAR for which you are requesting waiver of tuition/fees: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. VETERAN INFORMATION**

Name served under: Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ VETERAN'S E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of Death (if applicable): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ VA Claim #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Active Duty service FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL: \_\_\_\_\_ Service#/SSN#: \_\_\_\_\_

If the veteran is alive, current percentage of service-connected disability adjudicated by the military or USDVA: \_\_\_\_\_ %

If the veteran is deceased, was the death "service-connected," or did the veteran have a service-connected disability at the time of death?  YES  NO

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this application and supporting documents is given for the purpose of obtaining educational benefits and is true, correct and complete. I authorize the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) employees, officers, and designees to verify these documents. I hereby authorize the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, Employment Development Department and the Franchise Tax Board, to release information regarding my service-connected disability rating and/or income to CDVA with the understanding that the department will keep such information confidential. Further, I understand that educational benefits may be denied if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate.

Signature of VETERAN (or Parent if Veteran not available): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(If Parent or Veteran is unable to sign, a statement as to why the veteran is unavailable must be attached)

Signature of STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

Waiver of all mandatory system wide tuition and fees at any State of California Community College, Campus of the University of California, or Campus of the California State University system.

## WHO MAY APPLY?

**1 – Students must meet the California residency requirements as determined by the school they will attend.**

**2 - Students who meet the requirements of at least one of the following plans :**

**PLAN A:** The spouse, child or unmarried surviving spouse or California certified registered domestic partner (RDP) of a veteran who is totally service-connected disabled or who has died of service-related causes, may qualify. The veteran must have served during a period of war declared by Congress, or been awarded a Campaign or Expeditionary Medal. This program does not have an income limit. A child must be under 27 years of age to receive the fee waiver benefit. The age limit is extended to 30 years of age if the child is a veteran. There are no age limits for a spouse, surviving spouse or RDP. \*Note: a dependent cannot receive this benefit if they are in receipt of VA Chapter 35 benefits,

**OR,**

**PLAN B:** The child (no age limit) of a veteran who has a service-connected disability, or had a service-connected disability at the time of death, or who died of service-related causes, may also qualify for a waiver of fees. The child's income, which includes the student's **ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME, PLUS THE VALUE OF SUPPORT** provided by a parent, *cannot exceed the "national poverty level" as published by the U.S. Census Bureau on December 31<sup>st</sup> of last year.* \*NOTE: This figure changes annually. To obtain the applicable national poverty level, contact your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO).

**OR,**

**PLAN C:** Any dependent, non-remarried surviving spouse, or current RDP of a member of the California National Guard who was killed, permanently disabled or died of this disability that resulted from activation under Military and Veterans Code Section 146. **OR**

**PLAN D:** Plan D Benefits are available to Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and their children.

## HOW TO APPLY:

(1) This form must be fully completed, signed by the student and the veteran (or parent, but you must explain why the veteran is not available), and all questions must be answered. If a question does not apply, write "N/A". If neither parent is available to sign, please attach an explanation.

(2) A Child, under PLAN B, must submit either a copy of their federal income tax form 1040 or state income tax form 540, from "Last Year" or, if a child does not have a copy of their income tax, or if a child did not file a return, they must submit a *statement* from the Internal Revenue Service (800-829-1040) or the Franchise Tax Board (800-852-5711) which must verify the amount of adjusted gross income or the fact that a return was not filed. \*\*NOTE\*\*: Current academic year entitlement is based upon last year's adjusted gross income and value of support. For Example: If applying for benefits for academic year 2015-2016, the total amount of your reported adjusted gross income and value of support from calendar year 2014 will be used to determine eligibility.

(3) If you are a "child" of a veteran, you must **attach a Verification of Dependency**. Acceptable verifications include, but are not limited to, a Birth Certificate, Adoption Records or a Court Order. Those seeking status as an Adopted Child or as a Stepchild must have entered into such status prior to the child's 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Adopted and stepchild status after the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday is only valid if the child has continuously been in school since the age of 18 (transcripts must be provided), and for stepchildren they must be a member of the veteran's household.

## WHEN TO APPLY:

Always try to apply for these benefits prior to attending school. Benefits are awarded on an academic year basis and students are required to reapply each year for ongoing benefits. **NOTE:** The earliest effective date fee waiver benefits may be awarded is the first day of the academic year in which an application is received.

## WHERE TO APPLY:

To obtain an application, additional information and to apply for benefits under this program, contact your local County Veterans Service Office at: [www.cacvso.org](http://www.cacvso.org).

"If eligibility criteria are met, use of the California College Fee Waiver for Veterans Dependents may be applied to state-supported programs in the CCC, CSU, and UC systems. Some academic programs at these institutions that are considered self-supported, commonly referred to as extension courses or extended education are not covered under the Fee Waiver because these courses, degrees, and certificates are neither funded by the state nor are they system-wide programs. **Veteran's dependents applying for this waiver should research their academic programs thoroughly before applying to the college or university.**"

**YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO ADDITIONAL VETERANS BENEFITS  
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS YOU HAVE EARNED, VISIT:**

[www.cacvso.org](http://www.cacvso.org) or [www.calvet.ca.gov](http://www.calvet.ca.gov)

## PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

The Information Practices Act of 1977 (Civil Code Section 1798.17) and the Federal Privacy Act (Public Law 93-579) require that this notice be provided when collecting personal information from individuals. Information requested on this form is voluntary and will be used for the purposes of identification and to determine eligibility for benefits under the provisions of the Military and Veterans Code, Sections 890 through 899 and 980 and Education Code, Section 66025.3. The program is administered by: Deputy Secretary, Veterans Services Division, 1227 "O" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Failure to provide requested information will result in the delay or denial of benefits. Individuals may review available personal records during normal business hours. Appeals of denied benefits shall be filed with the Veterans Services Division (note address above). Appeals must be in writing, stating the reasons you feel the benefits should be granted, and filed within 90 days after the date of the "letter of denial."

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## College Fee Waiver

The College Tuition Fee Waiver for Veteran Dependents benefit waives mandatory system-wide tuition and fees at any State of California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus. This program does not cover the expense of books, parking or room and board. There are four plans under which dependents of veterans may be eligible.

### Plan A

- The child of a veteran who is totally disabled due to service-connected disabilities or whose death was officially rated as service-connected is eligible. The child must be over 14 years old and under 27 years old to be eligible. If the child is a veteran, then the age limit is extended to age 30;
- The spouse or Registered Domestic Partner (RDP) of a wartime veteran who has been rated as service-connected totally disabled is eligible. There are no age limit restrictions;
- The unmarried surviving spouse or RDP of a wartime veteran whose death has been rated as service-connected is eligible. There are no age limit restrictions;
- Any dependent of any veteran who has been declared missing in action, captured in the line of duty by hostile forces, or forcibly detained or interned in the line of duty by a foreign government or power is eligible.

The veteran must have served at least one day of active duty during a period of war as declared by the U.S. Congress, or during any time in which the veteran was awarded a campaign or expeditionary medal. Concurrent receipt of benefits under Plan A and VA Chapter 35 benefits is prohibited. To receive benefits under Plan A, a dependent must sign an "election" statement acknowledging this fact. There are no income restrictions under this plan. To be eligible, the event which caused basic entitlement to benefits (i.e., the date the veteran died of service-connected causes or the date the VA rated the veteran as totally disabled as a result of service-connected disabilities) must have occurred prior to the child's 21st birthday.

### Plan B

The child of a veteran who has a service-connected disability, or had a service-connected disability at the time of death, or died of service-related causes is eligible. The child's annual income, which includes the child's adjusted gross income, plus the value of support provided by a parent, may not exceed the annual income limit. The current academic year entitlement is based upon the previous calendar year's annual income. Under Plan B, wartime service is not required and there are no specific age requirements. Children are the only dependents eligible under this plan. There is no prohibition against receiving concurrent VA Chapter 35 benefits.

### Plan C

Any dependent of any member of the California National Guard, who in the line of duty while on active service to the state, was killed, died of a disability resulting from an event that occurred while in active service to the state, or is permanently disabled as a result of an event that occurred while in the service to the state is eligible. Surviving spouses or RDPs who have not remarried are also eligible.

"Active service to the state," for the purpose of this benefit, means a member of the California National Guard activated pursuant to Section 146 of the Military and Veterans Code. A copy of those orders pursuant to Section 146, not Section 143, must be furnished to establish eligibility.

### **Plan D**

Medal of Honor recipients and children of Medal of Honor recipients under the age of 27 may qualify. Benefits under Plan D are limited to undergraduate studies only, and applicants are subject to both income and age restrictions. There is no prohibition against receiving concurrent VA Chapter 35 benefits.

### **Notes:**

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- All applicants must meet California residency requirements.
- If eligibility criteria is met, use of the College Fee Waiver for Veterans Dependents may be applied to state-support programs in the CCC, CSU, and UC systems. Some academic programs at these institutions that are considered self-supported, commonly referred to as extension courses or extended education are not required to apply the College Fee Waiver because these courses, degrees, and certificates are neither funded by the state nor are they system-wide programs. Veterans dependents using this waiver should research their academic programs thoroughly before applying to the college or university.
- Education Code, Section 66025.3 does not provide the authority to grant College Tuition Fee Waiver benefits retroactively. However, an exception exists relating to applications received under the provisions of Military and Veterans Code Section 890.3(a)(1). The law permits retroactive fee waiver benefits when an application is denied solely due to the fact that the veteran has a claim pending with the USDVA for service connected disability or death benefits, but the claim has yet to be awarded, and in the future the USDVA adjudicates a service connected rating. The veteran or student must have applied for the College Tuition Fee Waiver during each academic year in which they are seeking the benefit; the application will be denied due to no service connected disability. Once the veteran has been awarded service connected disability rating, bring the VA notification letter and denial letter(s) back to the CVSO for review.
- If you are a child of a veteran, you must attach Verification of Dependency. Acceptable verifications include, but are not limited to, a Birth Certificate, Adoption Records or a Court Order. Those seeking status as an Adopted Child or as a Stepchild must have entered into such status prior to the child's 18th Birthday. Adopted and Stepchild status after the child's 18th Birthday is only valid if the child has continuously been in school since the age of 18. (transcripts must be provided).

### **How to Apply**

Please use the [College Fee Waiver Calculator](#) to verify eligibility.

To apply download an [application](#), then go to your local [County Veterans Service Office](#). For more information, you can also contact the admissions office or the Veterans Affairs office of any California college system campus.