

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS:

Waiver of all mandatory systemwide tuition and fees at any State of California Community College, campus of the University of California, or campus of the California State University system. The waiver of fees is applicable only at these colleges. Nothing shall prevent the above institutions from charging nonresident fees.

WHO MAY APPLY:

___ Students must meet California residency requirements according to the school they will be attending. (The colleges will make final determination on residency.)

AND

___ Meet the requirements of at least one of the following plans.

PLAN A: The *spouse, child or unmarried surviving spouse* 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 qualifying war period. 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 or surviving spouse. Note: a dependent cannot receive this benefit if they are in receipt of VA Chapter 35 benefits.

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. A child's income, which includes the student's ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME, PLUS THE VALUE OF SUPPORT provided by the parents, cannot exceed the national poverty level as calculated by the U.S. Census Bureau. *NOTE: This figure changes annually. To obtain the applicable national poverty level, contact your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO). See "Where To Apply" below.

PLAN C: Any dependent or surviving spouse who has not remarried of any member of the California National Guard who in the line of duty, and while in active service of the state, was killed, died of a disability resulting from an event that occurred while in the active service of the state, or is permanently disabled as a result of an event that occurred while in the active service of the state. "Active service of the state," for the purposes of this subdivision, means a member of the California National Guard activated pursuant to Section 146 of the Military and Veterans Code.

HOW TO APPLY:

* (1) This form must be fully completed, signed by the student and the veteran, and all questions must be answered. If a question does not apply, write "N/A" (not applicable). If the veteran is unable to sign this form, a statement as to why the veteran is unavailable must be attached.

* (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. If a child does not have a copy of their income tax forms, or if a child did not file a return, he or she must submit a *statement* from the Internal Revenue Service or the Franchise Tax Board that verifies 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. i.e.: If applying for benefits for academic year 2000-2001, the total amount of your adjusted gross income and value of support from calendar year 1999 must be submitted.

* (3) If you are a "child" of a veteran, a parent must also sign this application to verify the "value of support" you receive or do not receive from your parents. If a parent is unable to sign this form, a statement as to why the parent is unavailable must be attached.

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 late fee waiver benefits may be awarded is the first day of the academic year in which an application is received.

WHERE TO APPLY:

Contact your local County Veterans Service Office (located in the "Government Listings" section of your telephone book under "County Government Offices") to obtain applications, information, and to apply for benefits under this program. You may also find your CVSO listed on the CDVA website: www.cdva.ca.gov.

PRIVACY NOTIFICATION

The Information Practice 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 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 Education Code, Section 32320. The program is administered by: Chief, Veterans Services Division, Suite 101, 1227 "O" Street, Sacramento CA 95814, (916) 653-2573. Failure to provide requested information may result in the delay or denial of benefits. Individuals may review available personal records during normal business hours. Appeals of denied benefit shall be filed with the Chief 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."

YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO ADDITIONAL VETERANS BENEFITS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS YOU HAVE EARNED, VISIT: www.cdva.ca.gov.