

# RETURNING STUDENT FEE WAIVER INFO.

Fall 2025 – Spring 2026

## Required Documents:

- Application (DVS-40)
  - Copy of Students **2024** Income Verification:
    - First two pages of 1040 tax form (the second page must be signed) **OR**
    - Individual Status Letter from CA Franchise Tax Board (FTB) **OR** Non-filing letter from IRS
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**IMPORTANT:** The student's adjusted gross income (AGI) (found on line 11 of the 1040 tax form) and annual value of support from parent **CANNOT** exceed the state poverty level of **\$22,273**.

You cannot report \$0 on both AGI and Annual Value of Support received from parent.

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Please ensure that you fill out the **entire** application. If a section does not apply, write "N/A."

**MANDATORY:** Both the student and veteran must sign the application. If the veteran cannot sign, the other parent or the veteran's spouse may sign and complete a VSD-021 form explaining why.

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All required documents can be submitted to our office via email, fax, mail, or drop-off.

Email: [calvetfeewaivers@solanocounty.com](mailto:calvetfeewaivers@solanocounty.com)

Fax: (707) 784-0927

Address: Veterans Service Office  
675 Texas Street, Suite 4700  
Fairfield, CA 94533

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## What happens next?

Our office will review the application within 5-7 business days. Once approved, an acceptance letter will be sent to the student's **email**. Please ensure the student's email address is accurate and legible. **It is the student's responsibility to forward the acceptance letter to the Veterans Resource Center on their campus.** The Veterans Resource Center will then process the letter and waive the tuition fees.

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**If you did not file a tax return:** Obtain an Individual Status Letter from the FTB (provided after April 15th) or a Non-Filing Letter from the IRS (provided after June 15<sup>th</sup>) for the 2024 Calendar Year.

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| 1. FTB Website:<br><a href="https://webapp.ftb.ca.gov/ssa/ISL/facelets/IndividualStatusLetterHome.xhtml">https://webapp.ftb.ca.gov/ssa/ISL/facelets/IndividualStatusLetterHome.xhtml</a> | 1. IRS Website:<br><a href="https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript">https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript</a> |
| 2. Email the FTB: <a href="mailto:ftbindividualstatusletter@ftb.ca.gov">ftbindividualstatusletter@ftb.ca.gov</a>   | 2. Call the IRS: 1-800-852-5711  |
| 3. Go to the FTB: 3321 Power Inn Rd<br>Sacramento, CA 95826  | 3. Go to the IRS: 4330 Watt Ave<br>Sacramento, CA 95821  |

# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## COLLEGE FEE WAIVER PROGRAM FOR VETERAN DEPENDENTS

PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION CONTAINED ON THE REVERSE SIDE



### 1. STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status: Married  Single

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

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Student E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S relationship to veteran in Section III below: Adopted Child  Biological Child  Step Child  Spouse  Surviving Spouse

VA EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS UNDER CHAPTER 35: Are you ELIGIBLE to receive? YES  NO  Currently receiving? YES  NO

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

**\*NOTE:** Refer to "Who May Apply Under Plan B" on the next page for required statements if you entered zero and AGI and Annual Value of Support.

ANNUAL VALUE OF ANY SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM PARENT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*NOTE:** Examples of support include, but are not limited to: college housing, transportation, books, school supplies, medical care etc. Under plan B, the total amount of the child's AGI and value of support, as listed above, cannot exceed the "[state poverty level](#)" as published in the resident requirement filing found on the Franchise Tax Board website.

### 2. SCHOOL INFORMATION

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

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

### 3. VETERAN INFORMATION

Name Served Under: Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Active Duty Service FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ UNTIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ VETERANS E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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 penalties 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 (CalVet) employees, officers, and designees to verify these documents. I hereby authorize the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, Internal Revenue Service, and the Franchise Tax Board, to release information regarding my service-connected disability rating and/or income to CalVet with the understanding that the department will keep such information confidential. I hereby authorize the release of my CalVet College Fee Waiver Program for Veterans Dependents award letter to the College or University for which I am applying. I understand that educational benefits may be denied or found to be my responsibility to repay if any information is found to be false, intentionally incomplete, or misleading.

Signature of VETERAN: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If veteran is unable to sign, parent/veteran spouse must complete and attach a VSD-021)

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

## 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 college they will attend.**
2. **Students who meet the requirements of at least one of the following plans:**

**PLAN A:** The *spouse, unmarried child, or unmarried surviving spouse* of a veteran who is totally service-connected disabled (rating must have occurred prior to the child's 21st birthday) 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, unmarried 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. The child's income, which includes the student's **ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME, PLUS THE VALUE OF ANY SUPPORT** received from a parent, *cannot exceed the "state poverty level" as published by the Franchise Tax Board on December 31st of last year.* **\*NOTE:** This figure changes annually. To obtain the applicable state poverty level, contact your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO). In cases where the DVS 40 reports \$0 AGI & \$0 Value of Support, a certified statement must be completed which explains how the student affords to attend college and supports themselves.

**OR,**

**PLAN C:** Any dependent or unmarried surviving spouse 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:** Available to Medal of Honor (also known as Congressional Medal of Honor) recipients and their children.

## HOW TO APPLY:

1. This form must be fully completed and signed by the student and the veteran. If a question does not apply, write "N/A". If veteran is unable to sign, parent/ veteran spouse must complete and attach a VSD-021.
2. A child, under PLAN B, must submit either a student-**SIGNED** 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 FROM PARENT.
3. If you are a child of a veteran, **you must attach a Verification of Dependency.** Acceptable verifications include, government-issued birth certificates, adoption records, and marriage certificates. Those seeking status as an Adopted Child or as a Stepchild must have entered into such status prior to the child's 23rd birthday.

## WHEN TO APPLY:

You should 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 CalVet 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 CalVet College Fee Waiver program because these courses, degrees, and certificates are neither funded by the state nor are they system-wide programs. **Veteran dependents applying for this waiver should research residency requirements and specific academic programs thoroughly before applying to the college or university.**

**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

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 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) and must be in writing, stating the reasons the benefits should be granted, and filed within 90 days after the date of the "letter of denial."