



CDVA FEE WAIVER PROGRAM

REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Veteran must be service-connected by Veterans Administration and rated 0% or higher.
- B. Veteran can be: father, mother, step-father/mother, or adoptive parent (i.e. adopted prior to age of 18 years).
- C. Must attend a California College and not exceed:
\$12,331.00 income/support for 2015 (Academic Year 2016-2017)
\$12,486.00 income/support for 2016 (Academic Year 2017-2018)

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED FROM STUDENT:

- A. CDVA application form DVS-40.
- *****B. IF THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU HAVE FILED THRU THIS OFFICE, PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE VETERAN'S AWARD LETTER.
- *****C. **NEW REGULATION-Applicants must provide a birth certificate as proof of relationship to the veteran.**
STEPCHILDREN need to provide a copy of marriage license and their birth certificate.
REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNER-A copy of the California Certificate of Registered Domestic Partnership issued by the Secretary of State, naming the partners and dependents.
- D. STUDENT MUST submit an IRS Tax Transcript, **SIGNED** IRS 1040 or State 540.
- E. If the student did not file taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 to request a copy of your tax transcript (or go to www.irs.gov). **According to the IRS, this information may not be available till after June 15th.** The local IRS office is located at 1700 Standiford Ave, Modesto.

NOTES:

*****The Cal Vet Fee Waiver does not cover Summer or Winter at CSU Stanislaus because 1) Summer and Winter are not mandatory semesters for students and 2) Summer and Winter are through the Extended Education Department which is self-supported and not funded by the State of California.

- If student did not work, or receive support from parents, a reported_source of support (i.e. Social Security, other assistance, etc.).
- Chapter 35 is for spouses and children of Veterans who are rated at 100%, died in service, or died due to a service-related disability. This benefit is applied for through the school.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Stanislaus County Veterans Service Office.

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 WHICH PLAN ARE YOU APPLYING FOR? _____

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, if you entered zero on AGI and Annual Value of Support.

ANNUAL VALUE OF SUPPORT *received from a parent*: \$ _____

*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 (CalVet) 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 CalVet 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: ___/___/___

DVS-40 (1/17)

<input type="checkbox"/> VETS AWARD	DATE RECEIVED _____	CLAIM APPROVED BY _____	CLAIM VERIFIED BY _____
<input type="checkbox"/> BIRTH	BY _____	DATE _____	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MARRIAGE	BY _____	DATE _____	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> TAX			

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.

AND

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

PLAN A: The *spouse, unmarried 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 31st of last year.* *NOTE: This figure changes annually. To obtain the applicable national 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 states how the student can afford to attend school.

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: 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 (or parent, but you must explain why the veteran is not available). Provide valid photo ID for student and veteran/parent. Form must be completely filled out. 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 2016-2017, the total amount of your reported adjusted gross income and value of support from calendar year 2015 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, and Marriage Certificate. Those seeking status as an Adopted Child or as a Stepchild must have entered into such status prior to the child's 24th birthday.

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.

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 dependents applying for this waiver should research their academic programs thoroughly before applying to the college or university.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS YOU HAVE EARNED, VISIT:

www.cacvso.org or 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."