

"Serving Those Who Served"

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 veterans 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](#).