

TBR Veterans' Dependents' Post Secondary Education Assistance
Effective date July 1, 2000

This amendment to TCA Title 49, Chapter 7 provides that every dependent child of certain veterans or spouses of certain veterans may receive educational assistance in the form of a waiver of tuition, maintenance fees, activity fees, and/or required registration and/or matriculation fees.

Conditions

- Parent or spouse was killed or died as a direct result of injuries received while honorably serving as a member of the U. S. armed forces during a qualifying period of armed conflict or;
- Parent or spouse is officially reported as being either a prisoner of war or missing in action while honorably serving as a member of the armed forces during a qualifying period of armed conflict.
- Parent or spouse must have been a citizen of this state at the time the veteran was killed, prisoner of war or missing in action occurred.
- Student must be accepted for admission and be in active pursuit of a declared degree or certificate program.

Eligibility Requirements

- No dependent child/spouse may receive the benefit after the conclusion of the term during which the parent/spouse is officially removed from the prisoner of war or missing in action status.
- A spouse's eligibility shall terminate 10 years after the death of the veteran. A spouse's eligibility shall terminate immediately upon such person's remarriage within the 10 years. A spouse's eligibility shall terminate when student has earned 135 credit hours or attempted 150 credit hours.
- A dependent's eligibility shall terminate at 23 years of age, earned 135 credit hours, or has attempted 150 credit hours.
- There shall be no refund of tuition/fees if approval is received after tuition/fees for a term have been paid. There shall be no refund of money to the student if the student withdraws during the refund period.
- Waiver can only be used toward first undergraduate degree or certificate, and up to 150 credit hours.
- This program will be used first and can not be used simultaneously for benefits under other fee discount programs with the exception of grant-in-aid and desegregation program recipients.

Required Forms

- Application for benefits.
- Official certification from the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs that the parent or spouse of veteran was killed or died as a direct result of injuries during a period of armed conflict.

- Official documentation from the U. S. Department of Defense that the parent/spouse has been officially reported as being a prisoner of war or missing in action serving honorably in armed conflict;
- Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (Form DD214, Member's 4) for the veteran.
- Proof of Tennessee Residency (Ex. Voter Registration Card)
- For dependents – birth certificate or adoption paperwork
- For spouses – marriage certificate

Important Terms

- Dependent child – natural or adopted child of a service member or veteran who is claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Parent – the parent of a natural or adopted child whom such parent claims as a dependent for tax purposes.
- Qualifying period of armed conflict – any hostile military operation for which Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with at least one bronze star, or Vietnam Service Medal with at least one bronze star.
- Service member – Tennessee resident engaged in active U.S. military service.
- Served Honorably – reported service condition on DD214, Member's 4.
- Veteran – Tennessee resident who has entered and served honorably in the U. S. armed forces

Procedure

1. Student picks up the application in the APSU Veterans Affairs' (VA) Office.
2. Student provides completed application and all documentation required to the APSU VA Office.
3. Data must be provided to the APSU VA Office at least three weeks prior to fee payment deadline posted by the APSU Business Office.
4. The APSU VA counselor reviews the application and documents. If complete and accurate, the VA counselor submits the student's waiver to Accounts Receivable in the Business Office. The Accounts Receivable department will be responsible for posting the waiver.
5. If documents are not complete, the VA counselor will send an e-mail to the student indicating actions that are needed.
6. If no response has been received or documentation is not complete by the first day of classes, the VA counselor will place documents in an inactive status and no further action will be taken.
7. Student must confirm that status on original application/documentation has not changed prior to any future waivers.
8. As long as the student's status has not changed, the student completes a renewal application before the deadline date posted by the APSU Business Office each term.

**TN Board of Regents
Veterans' Dependents' Post Secondary Education Assistance
TCA Title 49, Chapter 7, Section 102
Waiver Form**

Name:	Student ID:
Current Mailing Address:	Current Phone Number:
Email:	
Date of Birth:	
Main Campus: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Ft Campbell: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall I <input type="checkbox"/> Fall II <input type="checkbox"/> Spring I <input type="checkbox"/> Spring II <input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Hrs Enrolled/Registered:
My required documentation is attached to the application. I am requesting that the education assistance waiver be applied to the above term.	
Signature:	Date:
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Main Campus: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Ft Campbell: <input type="checkbox"/> Fall I <input type="checkbox"/> Fall II <input type="checkbox"/> Spring I <input type="checkbox"/> Spring II <input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Hrs Enr/Reg:
Spouse: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Doc. Verified: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Dependent: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Status Changed: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Age Limit: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Approved: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Comments:	
Signature of APSU School Official:	Date: