

ND Century Code §§ 15-10-18.2 and 15-10-18.3 and SBHE Policy 820 authorize tuition and fees be waived in North Dakota institutions of higher education for a dependent of a resident veteran who was killed in action, died of service-related causes, has a one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, was a prisoner of war or declared missing in action. Educational benefits are allowed for a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion. The benefits are available for a forty-five-month or ten-semester period.

**Definitions:**

“Dependent” refers to:

- A child, stepchild, spouse, widow, or widower of a resident veteran, as "veteran" is defined in section 37-01-40, who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has a one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, has an extra-schedular rating to include individual un-employability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to one hundred percent as determined by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action;
- A child or a stepchild of a veteran, as defined in section 37-01-40, who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has a one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, has an extra-schedular rating to include individual un-employability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action, provided the child's other parent has been a resident of this state and was a resident of this state at the time of death or determination of total disability of the veteran; or
- A child or a stepchild of a veteran, as defined in section 37-01-40, who was killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has a one hundred percent service-connected disability as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, has an extra-schedular rating to include individual un-employability that brings the veteran's total disability rating to one hundred percent as determined by the department of veterans' affairs, died from service-connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action, provided the child's other parent establishes residency in this state and maintains that residency for a period of five years immediately preceding the child's or stepchild's enrollment at an institution under the control of the state board of higher education.

“Resident veteran” refers to a veteran who:

- Was born in and lived in this state until entrance into the armed forces of the United States, or
- Was born in, but was temporarily living outside this state, not having abandoned residence therein prior to entrance into the armed forces of the United States, or
- Was born elsewhere but had resided within this state for at least six months prior to entrance into military service and had prior to or during such six-month period:
  - Registered for voting, or voted in this state;
  - Being an un-emancipated minor during such period of residence, had lived with a parent or person standing in loco parentis who had acquired a residence as set forth in this section; or
  - If not registered for voting in this state, not registered for voting in another state; or
- Has been a resident of this state for the ten years prior to the request for tuition waiver.

“Veteran” means an individual who has served on continuous federalized active military duty for 180 days or the full period for which the individual was called or ordered to active military duty for reasons other than training, and who was discharged or released under other than dishonorable conditions. A discharge reflecting “expiration of term of service” or “completion of required service” or words to that effect qualifies the shorter term of service as making the individual a veteran.

**Waiver Requirements:**

- Apply, qualify and be admitted in a program of study leading to an undergraduate certificate or degree at NDSU.
- Provide satisfactory evidence that the resident veteran meets the required definition and was either killed in action or died from wounds or other service-connected causes, has a 100% service-connected disability as determined by the Department of Veteran's Affairs, has an extra-schedular rating to 100% as determined by the Department of Veteran's Affairs, died from service connected disabilities, was a prisoner of war, or was declared missing in action.
- Provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant is a dependent.
- Collaborative students: If enrolling at NDSU as a collaborative student with the degree/certificate being earned at another North Dakota University System institution, the waiver must be approved at the other institution in order to also be received at NDSU.

**Waiver Benefits/Limitations:**

- All tuition and fees, including mandatory fees, course fees and program fees will be waived.
- The waiver is available for forty-five months or ten semesters within all North Dakota University System institutions. The summer term is considered within this calculation.
- Each enrolled semester the waiver is used is counted. If the student withdraws after the 100% refund point of the semester, the waiver will still be applied, and the semester will be counted as used. Tuition reduced due to a withdrawal or drop will not be refunded to the student. If the student is enrolled below full time and the waiver is requested the semester is also counted toward the ten allowed semesters.
- The waiver is not available to semesters completed prior to receipt of the application.
- The waiver is only eligible for semesters when working towards an undergraduate degree or certificate.

**Instructions:**

Complete and return the following applicant information and requested documentation as disclosed on page 3 of this Application for Tuition Waiver, prior to the first day of class. Type or print all information clearly and carefully review your application before submission to ensure all information has been provided. Keep a copy of this application for your files and submit the original application to:

**NDSU Military and Veteran Representative**  
**211 Ceres Hall**  
**NDSU Dept 2831**  
**PO Box 6050**  
**Fargo ND 58108-6050**

**Email/Scan: [nds.veterans@nds.edu](mailto:nds.veterans@nds.edu)**

**Phone 701-231-9782**  
**Fax 701-231-7365**

**Subsequent Semesters:**

The waiver will automatically be applied to all continuously enrolled semesters (excluding summer semester) while eligibility is maintained. Please notify NDSU's military and Veteran Representative if you do not intend to utilize the waiver during a specific semester. Students who do not remain continuously enrolled (excluding summer semesters) and who are required to submit the Undergraduate Reactivation/Petition for Readmission must complete a new Veteran Dependent Tuition Waiver Application.

**Student Information:**

Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

List previous North Dakota University System institutions attended and dates attended:

**Resident Veteran Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach copies of the following items:**

- Copy of veteran's DD214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty)
- Certificate of Eligibility from Department of Veteran's Affairs
- Documentation to establish relationship of student with Resident Veteran (birth certificate and/or tax records)
- Documentation to validate residency (tax returns or official governmental documents)

***I hereby certify that I have read the first pages to this application for Tuition Waiver. I also certify to the best of my knowledge the information on this application is true.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature Date

**For NDSU Certifying Official Use Only:**

Approved      Date Student Notified: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Denied

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Military and Veteran Certifying Officer Date

Coord with CAS: \_\_\_\_\_