

# Veteran Services Office

## State of Washington 100% Service Connected or Deceased Veterans Spouse/Dependent Tuition Waiver

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WCC ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student's SSN:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Veteran's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Veteran's SSN or VA file #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child of Veteran:**

Are you a child or dependent of a veteran as defined in RCW 28B.15.621?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have WA State domicile as defined in RCW 28B.15.621?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does the eligible veteran have WA State domicile as defined in RCW 28B.15.621?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse of Veteran:**

Are you a spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran as defined in RCW 28B.15.621?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have WA state domicile as defined in RCW 28B.15.621?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does the eligible veteran have WA State domicile as defined in RCW 28B.15.621?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:** The following documents must be submitted to the Veterans Office before waiver is granted.

- Certificate of Eligibility on VA letterhead displaying veteran's 100% service connected disability.
- OR**
- Official death certificate or DD1300 showing that veteran died while in active military service.
- Veteran's proof of WA state domicile – WA state ID or Certificate of Eligibility on VA letterhead with WA state address
- If student's and veteran's last names differ, proof of relationship is required  
(birth certificate or legal document)

This statement must be signed: I certify the information provided on this application and in all supporting documents is true and accurate. I further understand providing false information will result in waiver disqualification.

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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VA/KIA/POW/MIA Documentation  <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	Age Verification (Child Only)  DoB: _____	WA Domicile - Veteran WA driver's license  <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	WA Domicile - Student SMS SM2001 screen  <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Date of Veteran's disability or death (Spouse only)  Date: _____	Waiver Ends  Date: _____  Or 200 credits	Date application was approved  Date: _____	Completed by Staff Initials  _____

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## ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

### Tuition waiver for spouse and/or dependent of 100% disabled or deceased veteran

Substitute Senate Bill 5002 (2007), modifying RCW 28B.15.621, provides a tuition waiver for certain children and spouses of eligible\* military personnel who were killed or permanently disabled while engaged in active military service.

#### THE TUITION WAIVER IS AVAILABLE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- a) A child and the spouse or surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or national guard member who became totally disabled (VA service connected 100% disabled) \*\* (as defined in RCW 28B.15.385) while engaged in active federal military or naval services, or who is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action;
- b) A child and/or the surviving spouse of an eligible veteran or National Guard member who lost his or her life while engaged in active federal military or naval service.

#### LIMITATIONS:

- a) A child must have Washington domicile\*\*\* and be between the age of seventeen and twenty-six to be eligible for the waiver. A child's marital status does not affect eligibility. **Upon turning 26 years of age, the child becomes ineligible for the waiver. Upon reaching 200 total credits waived, the child becomes ineligible for the waiver.**
- b) A surviving spouse must have Washington domicile\*\*. A surviving spouse 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 the benefit. **Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse becomes ineligible for the waiver of all tuition and state fees. It is the surviving spouse's responsibility to notify the college if he or she remarries. Upon reaching 200 total credits waived, the spouse becomes ineligible for waiver.**
- c) The eligible veteran must have Washington domicile\*\*\* and currently reside in WA state for the student to receive the waiver. Deceased veteran must have had Washington domicile at time of death.
- d) Each recipient's continued participation is subject to the school's satisfactory progress policy. If a student becomes ineligible for the waiver due to suspension from the college, **it is the student's responsibility to notify the Veteran Services Office at Whatcom Community College if he or she is later reinstated and becomes eligible for the waiver again.**

#### NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION:

- a) Veteran's Certificate of Eligibility on VA letterhead detailing 100% service connected disability, DD1300, or official death certificate
- b) Student's proof of WA state domicile – valid WA state government issued ID
- c) Veteran's proof of WA state domicile – valid WA state government issues ID or, for deceased veteran, proof on DD214 that veteran's home of record was in WA state at time of death in active military service.
- d) If student and veteran's last names differ, proof that student meets definition of "child" as defined in RCW 28B.15.013

1) "Child" is defined as biological child, adopted child, or stepchild

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Complete this application and gather required documentation
2. Schedule appointment with Veteran Advisor **360.383.3080** to review documentation and determine eligibility.
3. If awarded the waiver, the student must take eligibility notice to the Registration Office each quarter.
4. Student must contact Veterans Office each quarter, pickup their waiver, and submit waiver to Registration Office
5. Failure to submit waiver each quarter will result in student being removed from classes for non-payment.
6. Please contact Whatcom's Veterans Office with any questions **360.383.3015**.

#### DEFINITIONS:

\* *Eligible veteran or national guard member* means a Washington resident 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 another location in support of those serving on foreign soil or in international waters, and if discharged from service, has received an honorable discharge (SB5002).

\*\* *Totally disabled* is defined by the law as applying to a person who has become totally and permanently disabled for life by bodily injury or disease, and is thereby prevented from performing any occupation or gainful pursuit.

\*\*\* As defined in RCW 28B.15.01