

Chapter 2 – Students

Procedure 2.2.2 U.S. Military Members, Spouses, and Dependent Children

Part 1. Purpose

To help colleges and universities determine if students who are current or former members of the U.S. military, their spouses, or dependent children are eligible for resident tuition.

Part 2. Background

Current and former members of the U.S. military, their spouses, and dependent children, or any persons meeting the eligibility requirements under Chapter 33 - the Post-9/11 GI Bill®, Forever GI Bill – Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act, Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty Chapter 30 and Selected Reserve Chapter 1606, Chapter 31 – Vocational Rehabilitation, Chapter 35 – Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Act, Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, or similar federal and state laws are eligible for resident tuition.

Part 3. Documentation Used to Determine Eligibility Status

Colleges and universities shall use the following documents to determine the eligibility status of students seeking resident tuition as a current or former member of the U.S. military, their spouse, or dependent child. Regardless of whether state or federal military educational benefits are available, eligible students are entitled to resident tuition.

Acceptable documents:

For current and former members of the U.S. military:

- U.S. Department of Defense Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD214), or
- Military ID, or
- Certificate of eligibility, or
- Joint services transcript (JST).

Their spouses who have state or federal military educational benefits:

- Military ID, or
- Certificate of eligibility, or
- Transfer of eligibility letter.

Their spouses who have no state or federal military educational benefits:

• Military ID, or

• DD214 of their spouse and front page of the prior year tax returns

Their spouses who are widowed and not remarried and have state or federal military educational benefits:

- Military ID, or
- Certificate of eligibility, or
- Transfer of eligibility letter.

Their spouses who are widowed and not remarried and have no state or federal military educational benefits:

 DD214 of their spouse and marriage license and death certificate and front page of their prior year tax returns.

Dependent children who have state or federal military educational benefits:

- Military ID, or
- Certificate of eligibility, or
- Transfer of eligibility letter.

Dependent children who have no state or federal military educational benefits:

- Military ID, or
- DD214 of their parent and front page of the prior year tax return form of the parent that lists the child as a dependent.

Part 4. Appeal

Colleges and universities shall provide an appeal process for students denied eligibility as a current or former member of the U.S. military, or as their spouse or dependent child. Appeals must be submitted to the appropriate college or university administrator whose decision will be final. A student whose appeal is successful must be charged the resident tuition rate effective at the beginning of the term of enrollment in which the appeal was submitted.

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11/29/2023 – Full review, added "Active Duty Chapter 30 and Selected Reserve Chapter 1606" to Part 2.

04/03/19 - Amended Part 2 to comply with federal statutes by adding "meeting the eligibility requirements under Chapter 33", "Forever GI Bill – Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act", "Chapter 31 - Vocational Rehabilitation, Chapter 35 - Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance Act", and "or similar federal and state laws".

No Additional History