COLLEGE TUITION FEE WAIVERS FOR VETERANS’ DEPENDENTS- CALVET (CAL-VET)

➢ Benefits

- Waiver of mandatory tuition and fees at any California Community College, California State University and University of California.
- All students must meet California residency requirements.
- To ensure ongoing benefits, students are required to reapply each year.

➢ Eligibility

A dependant cannot receive this benefit if they are already receiving VA Chapter 35 benefits.

Plan A: The spouse, child, unmarried surviving spouse, or California certified registered domestic partner of a veteran who is totally service-connected disabled or who has died of service-related causes, may qualify. The veterans must have served during a period of war declared by Congress, or been awarded a Campaign or Expeditionary Medal. This program does not have an income limit. A child must be under 27 years of age to receive the fee waiver benefit. The age limit is extended to 30 years of age if the child is also a veteran. There are no age limits for a spouse, surviving spouse or California certified registered domestic partner.

OR

PLAN B: The child (no age limit) of a veteran who has a service-connected disability, or had a service-connected disability at the time of death, or who died of service related causes, may also qualify for a waiver of fees. The child’s income, which includes the student’s ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME, PLUS THE VALUE OF SUPPORT provided by he parent, cannot exceed the “national poverty level” as published by the U.S. Census Bureau on December 31st of last year. NOTE: This figure changes annually. To obtain the applicable national poverty level, contact your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO).

OR

PLAN C: Any dependent or surviving spouse who has not remarried, or California certified registered domestic partner of a member of the California National Guard who was killed, permanently disabled or died of a disability that resulted from activation under Military and Veterans Code Section146.

OR

PLAN D: Benefits are available to Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and their children. These applicants are required to apply directly to the California Department of Veterans Affairs. Your CVSO can accept and refer the application for you.
Application Process

- Contact your local County Veterans Service Office or go to www.cacvso.org to obtain an application. You should apply prior to attending school. Additional information is also available at www.cdva.ca.gov
- Applicants to the program must submit proof of income, such as a tax return from the previous year, with their application.
- If applicant had no income, a statement to the effect can be obtained from either the Franchise Tax Board (800)852-5711 or IRS (800)829-1040.
- Certain dependency documents may be required to establish your relationship with the veteran.
- Once the application is complete take it to your local County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) for processing:

San Diego County Veterans Services
County Veterans Services Officer
5560 Overland Ave., Suite 310
San Diego, CA 92123
Hours: Monday- Friday 8:00am- 4:00pm
Phone: (858-694-3222)
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