Veteran Dependent Tuition Waiver

If you have questions about this waiver, please contact BSC Military Affairs at 701-224-5779 or bsc.military@bismarckstate.edu

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.

Definitions:

"Dependent" for the purposes of section 15-10-18.3 means:

- 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 unemployability 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, stepchild, spouse, widow, or widower 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 unemployability 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 spouse, widow, or widower, or the child's or stepchild'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, stepchild, spouse, widow, or widower 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 unemployability 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 spouse, widow, or widower, or the child's or stepchild's other parent, establishes residency in this state and maintains that residency for a period of five years immediately preceding the spouse's, widow's, widower's, child's, or stepchild's enrollment at an institution under the control of the state board of higher education.

"Resident veteran" means a veteran who:

• Was born in and lived in this state until entrance into the armed forces of the United States;

• 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;

- Abandonment means not becoming a resident of another state
    - Proof of maintaining residential ties to ND is demonstrated by showing enlistment address is ND, filing ND State taxes, maintaining a home, vehicle registration, voter registration/activity, and driver's license.
- 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 five 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 BSC.

- 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 BSC 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 to also be received at BSC.

Waiver Benefits/Limitations:

- All tuition and fees, including mandatory fees, course fees, and program fees will be waived.
- 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. Tuition reduced due to a withdrawal or drop will not be refunded to the student.
- The waiver is not available to semesters completed prior to receipt of the application.
- The waiver is only eligible for an undergraduate degree, bachelor's degree, or certificate of completion.

Subsequent Semesters:

The waiver will automatically be applied to all continuously enrolled semesters while eligibility is maintained. Students who do not remain continuously enrolled must complete a new Veteran Dependent Tuition Waiver Application upon re-enrollment at BSC.

If you have any further questions about this waiver or the requirements, please see the NDDVA Dependent Waiver Guidance

Application Instructions:

1. Log into Campus Connection
2. Click on the "BSC eForms" tile as shown below
3. On the left side of the page, under "Registration and Records", click on the "ND Veteran Dept Tuition Waiver" form

After submission, your tuition waiver form will be routed to the BSC Certifying Officials for processing.

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