

Office of Enrollment Management, Admissions

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Disabled Veterans Tuition and Fees Waiver Request

FS 295.011

Florida offers tuition and fee assistance through a waiver for disabled veterans attending public post-secondary institutions. This waiver covers the difference between the amount provided by federal benefits (such as the GI Bill) and the full cost of tuition and fees charged by the institution. Under Florida Statute 295.011, beginning with the 2022–2023 academic year, this waiver is available to disabled veterans enrolled in education programs approved for benefits under 38 U.S.C. § 3313. To qualify, the veteran must have served at least 30 continuous days of active duty in the Armed Forces on or after September 11, 2001, and must have been discharged or released and classified as 100 percent disabled. Importantly, this waiver applies to disabled veterans who are classified as 100 percent disabled by any branch of the military but who do not qualify for 100 percent of GI Bill educational benefits under federal law.

Fees Waived: This waiver only covers the portion of tuition and fees not already paid by federal benefits, such as the GI Bill, up to the full cost charged by the institution.

Eligibility Terms:

- Must be a Florida resident for tuition purposes as pursuant to FS 1009.21, and
- Documentation of service and separation:
 - o DD-214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge), or
 - o Retirement or separation orders, or
 - o an official statement from the military personnel records center, and
- Documentation of Compensable Service-Connected Disability:
 - An official document from the Department of Veterans Affairs other United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected 100-percent total and permanent disability rating for compensation, or
 - An official document that is service-connected total and permanent disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States Armed Services, or
 - Issued a valid identification card by the Department of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with s. 295.17,
- Documentation of the portion of tuition and fees paid in accordance with federal law:
 - Certificate of Eligibility showing a total percentage and permanent service-connected disability rating and the portion of tuition and fees paid in accordance with federal law, or
 - o an official document from the Department of Veterans Affairs showing the portion of tuition and fees paid in accordance with federal law.

Conditions:

- The exemption is for college credit courses including post-secondary adult vocational courses (vocational credit); it
 does not apply to non-credit (continuing education) courses or adult education courses.
- Spouses and dependents of veterans cannot use this waiver.

Effective Term:

- This waiver does not exempt you from the full cost of instruction upon the third attempt of a course unless approved by the Student Services Appeals Committee (SSAC).
- You must apply for this waiver every term before the posted residency documentation deadline with the Office of Enrollment Management, Admissions. Failure to do so will result in fees being assessed. This waiver cannot be retroactively applied.
- This exemption cannot be applied by the institution until after the application of federal benefits under 38 U.S.C. s. 3313 and the application of federal or state scholarships and grants is received by the student.

By signing this form, I understand and agree to the eligibility terms and conditions.			
Student's Legal Name	,	Student ID #	Term
Student's Signature			Date Signed
For CFK Staff Only: Meets eligibility terms and collected all of the documentation. Submit a copy of the waiver to the Business Office. SOAHOLD: Create the appropriate "AD" holds stating student is on the VW waiver and list the following term. No registration code should be coded VW.			

Date Completed:

Staff Initials: