Whatcom
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Veterans Office

100% Service Connected/Deceased Veterans Spouse/Dependent Tuition Waiver

In support of RCW 28B.15.621, Whatcom Community College is making available tuition waivers to eligible veteran's spouses and dependents. This waiver is for all assessments for costs incurred as a condition to a student's full participation in coursework and related activities at an institution of higher education.

Name _____ **WCC SID** _____

Phone Number _____ **Email** _____

Student's VA file number or SSN _____ **Dependent's Date of Birth** _____

Veteran's Name _____ **Veteran's VA File number** _____

Veteran's Date of 100% disability rating or date of death _____

Dependent:

Are you a child or dependent of a veteran as defined in RCW 28B.15.621? Yes____ No_____
Are you a WA State Resident as defined in RCW 28B.15.621? Yes____ No_____
Is the eligible veteran a WA State Resident as defined in RCW 28B.15.621? Yes____ No_____

Spouse:

Are you a spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran as defined in RCW 28B.15.621? Yes____ No_____
Are you a WA State Resident as defined in RCW 28B.15.621? Yes____ No_____
Is the eligible veteran a WA State Resident 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.

☐ Student's proof of WA state residency – WA State government issued ID

☐ Certificate of Eligibility on VA letterhead showing 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 residency – WA state government issues ID

☐ If students and veterans last names differ, proof of relationship is required (adoption paperwork or birth certificate)

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 Letter:	Date of Disability or Death:	WA Resident Student:	WA Resident Vet:
Student's remaining eligibility:	Staff initials	Date of approval	Waiver ends

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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 be a Washington resident*** 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 be a Washington resident**. 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 be a Washington resident*** and currently reside in WA state for the student to receive the waiver.
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 Veterans' Coordinator 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 residency – valid WA state government issued ID
c) Veteran's proof of WA state residency – 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 Veterans 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.15.013