Office of Financial Aid and Veterans' Programs
Application for Tuition and Fee Waiver

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INTENT OF WAIVER: FOR DEPENDENTS (SPOUSE OR CHILD) OF ELIGIBLE MILITARY PERSONNEL KILLED OR PERMANENTLY INJURED WHILE IN ACTIVE SERVICE (RCW 28B.15.621)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FIRST DAY OF QUARTER FOR WHICH WAIVER IS REQUESTED (EXCLUDING SUMMER)

STUDENT'S NAME:_____ E-MAIL (to receive decision):_____

STUDENT ID:_____ STUDENT SSN:_____

WAIVER REQUESTED: ☐Fall ☐Winter ☐Spring ACADEMIC YEAR:_____

ELIGIBILITY STATUS (relationship to eligible veteran): ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

ELIGIBLE VETERAN'S STATUS: ☐ Totally disabled ☐ Deceased

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

a) **Totally disabled eligible veteran:** Document proving total disability, and proof that disability was incurred while engaged in active federal military or naval service.
Note: A personal statement from either the student, spouse, or eligible veteran, explaining how and where disability was incurred, is required if disability documentation does not sufficiently show that the disability was incurred "while engaged in active federal military or naval service."

b) **Deceased eligible veteran:** DD 1300, or other military document, proving death was result of injuries received while engaged in active federal military or naval service.
Note: A personal statement from either the student or surviving spouse, explaining circumstances of eligible veteran's death, is required if the provided documentation does not sufficiently show that death occurred "while engaged in active federal military or naval service."

Student's Signature:_____ Date:_____

NOTE: State-supported tuition waivers are not available to students enrolled in self-supporting programs (i.e., online programs, community education, summer session, etc.).

RETURN TO: Office of Financial Aid and Veterans' Programs

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
Documentation submitted:			
Child's date of birth/age: (must be between 17-26 years of age; ineligible upon turning 27)		Date of veteran's disability or death:	Spouse's remaining eligibility: (limited to 10 yrs from date of veteran's death/disability; ineligible if spouse is remarried)
Washington Domiciliary: _____Student _____Spouse			
APPROVED:	DENIED:	DATE:	INITIALS:
NOTIFICATION: ___Student (mail) ___Financial Aid Office			CLASSES HELD (VH hold):
COMMENTS:			

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Tuition Waiver for Veterans' Families

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** (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 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 27 years of age, the child becomes ineligible for the waiver of all tuition and state fees.**
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.**
c) 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.**

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. If eligible for the waiver, student will be notified by mail by our office (eligibility notice).
2. Student must take eligibility notice to the Registrar's Office when registering in order to have the waiver applied (excluding summer).
3. Student must contact our office quarterly to determine eligibility for upcoming quarters (excluding summer).
4. An eligibility notice must be provided to the Registrar's Office quarterly (excluding summer).

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, pg.3., 2007).

** *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