What is a Veteran’s Spouse/Dependent Tuition Waiver?

In support of RCW 28B.15.621, Eastern Washington University is making available tuition waivers to eligible veteran’s spouses and dependents. This waiver is for all operating, building, S&A fees, course fees*, and self-supporting and summer tuition. Mandatory fees (Technology/Health Clinic/Recreation Center Fee/STA) are the responsibility of the student.

Substitute Senate Bill 6371 (2008), amending RCW 28B.15.621 and 28B.15.385 and re-enacting and amending 28B.15.910 provides a tuition waiver for certain spouses and dependents of military personnel who were killed or permanently disabled while engaged in active military service.

Who is eligible?
- A dependent, spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran or National Guard member who became totally disabled** while engaging in active federal military service, or who is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war (POW) or missing in action (MIA).
- A dependent, spouse or 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.

What are the limitations?
- The veteran must be a Washington domiciliary*** at the time of disability, death, or classification as a POW or MIA.
- A dependent must be a Washington domiciliary*** between the age of seventeen and twenty-five (inclusive) to be eligible for the waiver unless one of the exceptions provided in 38 U.S.C. Sec. 3512 applies. A dependent’s marital status does not affect eligibility.
- A spouse or surviving spouse must be a Washington domiciliary***. A spouse or surviving spouse has ten years from the date of death, total disability**, or federal determination of POW or MIA status of the eligible veteran or National Guard member to receive the benefit. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse is ineligible for the waiver.
- Each recipient’s continued participation is subject to the school’s satisfactory progress policy. Eligibility is limited to 200 earned credits while receiving waiver, including transfer hours.
- Coursework pursued must be degree seeking. Eligibility extends to first undergraduate degree only.
- Students may not receive the waiver in combination with any other tuition waiver from EWU, another agency or program.

How to apply?
- Complete and submit the attached application with all required documentation by the deadline.

Quarterly Application Deadlines:
- Fall 2015: Apply on or before September 1, 2015
- Winter 2016: Apply on or before December 1, 2015
- Spring 2016: Apply on or before February 26, 2016
- Summer 2016: Apply on or before May 2, 2016

*Course fees funding allowance will be final as of the 10th day of each term. Any course fees incurred after this date will be the responsibility of the student.
** “Totally disabled” means a person who has been determined to 100% disabled by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs as documented by service rating or other VA documentation.
*** As defined in RCW 28B.15.012, and RCW 28B.15.013, a person who’s true, fixed, and permanent house and place of habitation is the state of Washington.

Application for Veteran’s Dependent Tuition Waiver does not guarantee receipt of the award.
Application must be made each year to ensure eligibility.
Veterans Spouse/Dependent Tuition Waiver Application Form
2015 – 2016 Academic Year

Name ___________________________ EWU ID Number ___________________________

Permanent
Last Name ___________________________ First Name ___________________________ Middle Initial __________
Address ___________________________
Street ___________________________
City ___________________________
State ___________________________
Zip ___________________________

Telephone Number (___) ___________________________ Email address ___________________________

For what term(s) are you seeking the Veteran’s Spouse/Dependent Tuition Waiver?
___Fall 2015 ___Winter 2016 ___Spring 2016 ___Summer 2016

Dependent:
Are you a child or other dependent of a veteran 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 ______

Do you meet all of the following additional eligibility requirements: 1) a Washington domiciliary; 2) formally admitted to
EWU; 3) pursing a first bachelor’s degree; and 4) maintaining satisfactory academic progress?
Yes ______ No ______

Required Documentation:
• Copy of eligible veteran’s DD1300 or other military document proving death or disability as a result of body
injuries or disease while in active military service.
• Proof of Washington domiciliary for both applicant and eligible veteran (at time of death, disability, POW, or
MIA) as defined by RCW 28B.15012 and RCW 28B.15.013.
• Marriage certificate between birth parent and eligible veteran for step children.

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 award disqualification.

_____________________________ Student Signature ___________________________

Submit all materials in one package by application deadline to:
Veterans Resource Center, Eastern Washington University, 122 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004-2431