

### **Tuition Waiver for Dependents of Veterans**

The College will provide free tuition to the spouse and children age 23 and under (including adoptive and step-children) of members of all branches of the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard who:

1. Died while on active duty; or
2. Died as a result of a military service-connected disability; or
3. Is 100 percent permanently disabled as a result of a military service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

In addition, the student must be a resident of the College district at the time of application for a waiver. The spouse of the fallen service member must initiate the request for a waiver within ten years of the determination of death or 100 percent disability. The spouse will lose eligibility upon remarriage. Dependent children must initiate this benefit prior to age 23.

The tuition waiver is available to students admitted to a certificate or degree program only. This waiver is also limited to 135 college credits or the completion of an Associate degree, whichever comes first. The waiver does not include required fees, books or other expenses, and may not be applied to community education programs or distance learning programs for recipients residing out of state. This waiver shall be granted in coordination with other student financial assistance (including VA Benefits) for which the recipient may be eligible, utilizing other grant resources before applying this tuition waiver in order to provide a total benefit not to exceed the total estimated cost of attendance. Continuation of this tuition waiver benefit is contingent upon the student meeting the applicable satisfactory academic progress requirements.

Requests for this waiver are to be made to the Dean of Student Services. To access this waiver, the dependent requesting the waiver must:

1. Reside within the College taxing district;
2. Provide proof of residency;
3. Provide proof of military service related death or disability of the Oregon service member (DD Form 214); and
4. Provide proof of their dependent status.

This tuition policy is subject to cancellation at any time by the College Board and will be reviewed on a periodic basis.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 341.290](#)

[ORS 341.485](#)

[ORS 342.223](#)

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