

# Military Connected Student In-State Tuition Application

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<b>ctcLink ID</b>	
<b>When are you starting at Whatcom? Quarter and Year</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall: year _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Spring: year _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Winter: year _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Summer: year _____

**Instructions:** Complete the information above and select a category below that best describes your military connected status. If you select more than one box, please provide required documentation for each box selected, although only one box is necessary. Please send completed form and supporting documentation via email [records@whatcom.edu](mailto:records@whatcom.edu) or in person at Whatcom Community College's Orca Central located in the Heiner Building.

We will contact you if we have questions, and as soon as a final decision has been reached.

The following offices are available to provide students with support and answer questions about military connected in-state tuition options.

## **The Office of Entry and Enrollment Services**

**Veronica Corral 360.383.3038**

[records@whatcom.edu](mailto:records@whatcom.edu)

## **Veteran Services Office**

**Jarid Corbitt 360.383.3059**

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## **Service Members, Veterans, and Dependents Eligible for VA Education Benefits**

### **1. Any student who is eligible for Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) educational assistance or rehabilitation benefits**

- Applies to service members, national guard, reservists, veterans, and dependents.
- There is no time limit for when the student must enroll.
- The student does not need to live in Washington State.
- The student does not need to be actively using benefits.
- The service member or veteran does not need to have served for a certain period of time or have a certain type of service.
- The student maintains resident student status as long as they are continuously enrolled.
- Eligible benefits are those defined in Title 38 U.S.C. and Title 10 U.S.C. Chapter 1606.
  - Post 9/11 GI Bill®
  - Montgomery GI Bill® - Active Duty
  - Montgomery GI Bill® - Selected Reserve
  - Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)
  - Survivors and Dependents Education Assistance (DEA)
  - Marine Gunnery Sergeant John Fry Scholarship
  - Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship

**Documentation Required:** *Certificate of eligibility, or authorization for Veteran Readiness and Employment, or statement of benefits, or statement of benefits for Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, or any legal document showing eligibility for federal veteran educational assistance listed above*

## **Current Service Members**

**2. Active duty members stationed in Washington State**

**Documentation:** *Official orders detailing WA State as current duty station, copy of military ID card, or Leave and Earning Statement*

**3. Active duty members who are stationed out-of-state after begin stationed in Washington maintain in-state tuition status as long as they are either:**

- Enrolled in a Washington institution prior to the reassignment and stay continuously enrolled after the reassignment or
- Enrolled in a Washington within three year of the date of reassignment.

**Documentation:** *Official orders detailing WA State as former duty station, copy of military ID card, or Leave and Earning Statement; and proof of enrollment at Washington institution; and official orders detailing reassignment out-of-state*

**4. Washington National Guard members (do not have to be on active duty)**

**Documentation:** *Official documentation detailing active National Guard status, or current military ID card, or current Leave and Earning Statement*

**5. Active duty military stationed out-of-state, who entered service as a resident of Washington and has maintained Washington as their domicile.**

**Documentation:** *Military ID card, or Leave and Earning Statement, and proof of WA State domicile*

**6. Active military duty who reside in Washington State and are on stationed in an Oregon county that borders Washington State.**

**Documentation:** *Official orders detailing active duty station in a bordering Oregon county, and current military ID card, or Leave and Earning Statement*

## Veterans

**7. Veterans who had at least 10 years of honorable service and at least 90 days of active duty service (separation does not have to be from active duty)**

- Student must not be eligible for VA educational or VR&E benefits.
- Student must enter WA college within 3 years of separation/retirement from military.
- Student does not need to live in WA state.
- Student will maintain in-state tuition status as long as they are continuously enrolled.
- Does not apply to veterans with a dishonorable discharge from the uniformed services.

**Documentation:** *DD214 with years of service, active duty service, and date of separation, or other official documentation displaying the qualifying criteria*

**8. Veterans who were discharged from uniformed services due to sexual orientation or gender identity/expression.**

- Student must not be eligible for VA educational or VR&E benefits
- Student does not need to live in Washington state.
- Student can enter WA college at any point after separation.
- Student will maintain in-state tuition status as long as they are continuously enrolled.
- Does not apply to veterans with a dishonorable discharge from the uniformed services.

**Documentation:** *DD214 and official documentation detailing discharge due to sexual orientation or gender identity/expression*

## **Military Dependents**

**8. Spouses, state registered domestic partners, or dependents (as defined in Title 10 U.S.C. Sec. 1072(2)) of active duty members stationed in Washington State or of Washington national guard members (national guard members do not have to be on active duty)**

- Student does not need to live in Washington state.
- If the active duty or national guard member is stationed out-of-state, the student maintains in-state tuition status as long as they are:
  - Enrolled in a Washington institution prior to the reassignment and stay continuously enrolled after reassignment or
  - Enroll in Washington institution within three years of the date of reassignment.

**Documentation:** *Service member's official orders detailing WA State as current duty station, and dependent military ID card, or proof of enrollment at Washington institution, and service member's official orders detailing WA state as former duty station, and proof of enrollment in WA institution within 3 years reassignment out-of-state, and dependent military ID card*

**9. Spouses, state registered domestic partners, or dependents (as defined in Title 10 U.S.C. Sec. 1072(2)) of active duty members or of Washington national guard members stationed out of state who entered service as a Washington resident and maintained their Washington domicile (the student does not need to live in WA state)**

**Documentation:** *Service member's proof of residence at time of entry, and proof of current WA domicile, and dependent military ID card*

**10. Spouses, state registered domestic partners and children under the age of 26 of a veteran who separated or retired from the uniformed services with at least ten years of honorable service and at least 90 days of active duty service (separation/retirement does not have to be from active duty)**

- Student must not be eligible for VA educational benefits.
- Student must enter WA college within 3 years of veteran's separation/retirement.
- Neither Veteran nor dependent need to live in Washington state.
- Does not apply to veterans with a dishonorable discharge from the uniformed services.

**Documentation:** *Service member's DD214 with years of service, active duty service, and date of separation, or other official documentation displaying the qualifying criteria, and marriage license, or birth certificate, or official documents detailing state registered domestic partner*

## Military Dependents continued

11. Those who live in Washington and are spouses or dependents of an active duty service member who live in Washington and are stationed in an Oregon county that borders Washington state.

- If the active duty member moves out of Washington or is stationed outside of an Oregon county that borders Washington state, the student maintains in-state tuition status as long as they are:
  - Enrolled in a Washington institution prior to the reassignment/move and stay continuously enrolled after the reassignment/move or
  - Admitted to an institution before the reassignment/move and enrolled in the institution for the term the student was admitted.

**Documentation:** Service member's official orders detailing active duty station in a bordering Oregon county, and dependent military ID card, or Leave and Earning Statement, and proof of continuous enrollment in a WA college if needed.

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Date received	
Staff Initials	
Category Selected/Documentation Provided:	
Notes	
Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied