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Veterans and their Families California College Fee Waiver Program for Academic Year 2020 – 2021



The County of Ventura, Veteran Services Office is accepting applications for the California College Fee Waiver Program for academic year 2020-2021. In an effort to assist Veterans and their families with this process, please review the following information.

To apply for the California College Fee Waiver Program, the following documents must be completed and/or submitted:

- **California Department of Veterans Affairs, College Fee Waiver Program Application (DVS 40)**

- » This form must be completed, signed, and dated by both the Veteran and student. (Please use the form found at www.calvet.ca.gov/vetservices/pages/college-fee-waiver.aspx)
- » If eligible for USDVA Dependent Education Assistance (Ch35) and applying under Plan A of the College Fee Waiver Program, you must submit a VSD-020.
- » If the Veteran is unable to sign this form, the parent/veteran spouse must complete and attach a VSD-021.
- » A separate DVS40 is required for each college for which you want a fee waiver letter. We can no longer accept DVS40s with multiple colleges listed.

- **Proof of Veteran/Student relationship:**

- » A birth certificate showing the names of both parents is required.
- » If the student has a different last name than the Veteran, a birth certificate and the parent's marriage certificate must be provided.

- **Proof of Veteran's VA disability rating:**

- » A copy of the VA or Department of Defense Award letter is required.

- **Proof of Student's Annual Income:**

- » A signed and dated 2019 IRS or Franchise Tax Board (FTB) tax return, or IRS or FTB statement of non-filing is required. No other tax documents (e.g. tax transcript, W2, etc.) will be accepted in lieu of the required tax return or statement of non-filing, **Exception - the VSD-022, Non-Filing Letter for Calendar Year 2019 can be used until July 15, 2020.**
- » If the student is married, a copy of the joint tax return and copies of the student's W-2s and/or 1099s must be provided to show that the dependent's income does not exceed the income limit.
- » If the student reports an Adjusted Gross Income of \$0 and a Value of Support of \$0 (see DVS 40 form), a documented statement explaining how the student is supporting themselves must be attached to the DVS 40.
- » Please note the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and value of support used to determine eligibility based on income for academic year 2020-2021 is **\$13,300**.

Next Steps:

- You can submit your California College Fee Waiver Application and supporting documents by mail, fax or by dropping it off at our main office:

County of Ventura, Human Services Agency
Veteran Services
5740 Ralston Street, Suite 304
Ventura, CA 93003

Phone (805) 477-5155 FAX (805) 477-5418

- **Please allow up to 10 business days to process California College Fee Waiver Applications.**

- Per the California Department of Veterans Affairs, California College Fee Waivers can only be processed for students attending University of California schools, California State University schools, and Community Colleges in California. Private institutions or universities are not eligible for this program.

- To find a Social Security office near you, go to <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>

If you need additional information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County of Ventura Veteran Services Office at (805) 477-5155. You can also visit www.vchsa.org/veterans.