

Veterans Tuition Waiver

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Under Connecticut state statutes, tuition at Connecticut public colleges and universities may be waived for:

- eligible veterans.
- active members of the Connecticut Army and Air National Guard.
- any Connecticut resident who is a dependent child or a surviving spouse of a member of the Armed Forces killed in action on or after September 11, 2001 who was a Connecticut resident.
- state residents who are dependent children of a person whom the Armed Forces has declared to be either missing in action or a prisoner of war while serving in the Armed Forces after January 1, 1960.

The state tuition waiver also covers the amount of tuition which exceeds the tuition benefit received under the federal 2008 Post-9/11 Veteran Educational Assistance Act.

College costs other than tuition – such as for books, student activity and course fees, parking and room and board – are not waived. When applying for admission or registering for courses, remember to bring a copy of your separation paper (Form DD-214). Note that waivers may be reduced by the amount of education reimbursement you may receive from your employer.

This guide, prepared by the Education & Employment Information Center (EEIC), contains general information on waivers for veterans. As procedures vary across Connecticut campuses, you should contact colleges directly for more details. National Guard members also may contact their Education Service Officer. To learn about other types of college financial aid, contact the EEIC, a statewide clearinghouse on learning and career opportunities operated by the Connecticut Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education.

General Information

University of Connecticut

To qualify for a tuition waiver at UConn, veterans must be admitted to an under graduate or a graduate degree program. The tuition waiver also applies toward UConn's BGS and MBA programs. Extension Fund courses (courses paid for from student fees) – such as summer, intersession and non-credit courses – do not qualify for the waiver.

Connecticut State University

Veterans accepted for admission to Central, Eastern, Southern or Western Connecticut State University must be formally admitted for undergraduate or graduate study to receive the 100% tuition waiver for credit courses, although they do not have to declare a major initially. A 50% course fee waiver is offered for Extension Fund courses (summer and intersession credit courses).

Community-Technical Colleges

The 12 Community Colleges waive tuition for full- or part-time credit study funded through the state's General Fund. The waiver, however, cannot be applied toward summer, intersession or non-credit Extension Fund courses.

Charter Oak State College offers a 50% course fee waiver for eligible veterans who are matriculated.

How to Qualify

To be eligible at a public college or university, veterans must:

- be honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions from active service in the U.S. Armed Forces (U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard). National Guard members, activated under Title 10 of the United States Code, also are included.
- have served at least 90 or more cumulative days active duty in time of war (see Periods of Service) except if separated from service earlier because of a federal Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) rated service-connected disability; or the war, campaign or operation lasted less than 90 days and service was for the duration.
- be accepted for admission at a Connecticut public college or university .
- be domiciled in Connecticut at the time of acceptance, which includes domicile for less than one year .

Periods of Service

Only those who “performed service” in the following manner may qualify:

- *Active duty for at least 90 or more consecutive days during:*
 - World War II** – December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
 - Korean Conflict** – June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
 - Vietnam Era** – February 28, 1961 to July 1, 1975
 - Persian Gulf War** – August 2, 1990 until an ending date prescribed by Presidential proclamation or by law (no end date at this time). All military war service subsequent to August 2, 1990 is covered, including but not limited to, Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, Somalia and Bosnia.
- *Engaged in combat or in a combat-support role in:*
 - Lebanon** – July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958 or September 29, 1982 to March 30, 1984
 - Grenada** – October 25, 1983 to December 15, 1983
 - Operation Earnest Will** – July 24, 1987 to August 1, 1990
(escort of Kuwaiti oil tankers flying the U.S. flag in the Persian Gulf)
 - Panama** – December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990

Service in time of war does not include time spent attending a military service academy . Reservists must be mobilized in time of war for other than training purposes.

Other Sources of Financial Aid

The federal government offers education and training assistance for veterans and their dependents. For information on **GI Bill Benefits** offered through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, including the Yellow Ribbon Program, contact the VA Education Customer Service: 888/442-4551 or www.gibill.va.gov.

Current and retired servicepersons interested in teaching careers should contact **Troops to Teachers** (888/463-6488, www.newenglandttt.org) for eligibility requirements and applications.

The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EVB), (<http://whitman.syr.edu/ebv/>) is a privately-funded initiative which offers free small business management and entrepreneurial training to post-9/11 veterans with service-connected disabilities at the University of Connecticut.

Active duty military personnel stationed in Connecticut, including spouses and dependents, are eligible for in-state tuition.

The **Connecticut Technical High Schools** (www.cttech.org) offer tuition waivers for eligible veterans in adult vocational training programs.

Where to Apply

University of Connecticut	http://veterans.uconn.edu Veterans Affairs, Financial Aid Office 860/486-2442
Connecticut State University	www.ctstateu.edu/students/veterans
Central CSU	www.ccsu.edu/admaffairs/VETS2.htm Veteran Affairs Office 860/832-2838
Eastern CSU	www.easternct.edu/finaid/veteran.htm Veterans Affairs, Financial Aid Office 860/465-4434
Southern CSU	www.southernct.edu/veterans_services Veterans Affairs Office 203/392-6823 or 6822
Western CSU	www.wcsu.edu/finaid/veterans.asp Veterans Affairs Office 203/837-8840
Community Colleges	
Asnuntuck	www.acc.commnet.edu Financial Aid Office 860/253-3030
Capital	www.ccc.commnet.edu Counseling Office 860/906-5040
Gateway	www.gwcc.commnet.edu Career Services/Veterans Affairs 203/285-2146
Housatonic	www.hcc.commnet.edu Registrar's Office 203/332-5087
Manchester	www.mcc.commnet.edu Veterans O.A.S.I.S. 860/512-3362
Middlesex	www.mxcc.commnet.edu Business Office 860/343-5729
Naugatuck Valley	www.nvcc.commnet.edu Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs Office 203/575-8006
Northwestern CT	www.nwcc.commnet.edu Center for Student Development 860/738-6306
Norwalk	www.ncc.commnet.edu Records Office 203/857-7006
Quinebaug Valley	www.qvcc.commnet.edu Transition Services 860/412-7221
Three Rivers	www.trcc.commnet.edu VA Representative 860/383-5247
Tunxis	www.tunxis.commnet.edu Financial Aid Office 860/255-3513
Charter Oak State College	www.charteroak.edu Financial Aid Office 860/832-3873



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