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Guide to Financial Aid for Veteran Education Benefits

UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships is honored to serve veterans, ROTC cadets, active-duty members of the United States military and their dependents. This guide offers information about using Veteran Education Benefits in conjunction with your UCLA Financial Aid Award.

Students receiving Veteran Education Benefits can use a combination of financial aid sources including federal, state, institutional, and private scholarships to meet the total Cost of Attendance at UCLA.

You can review the UCLA Cost of Attendance on the Financial Aid and Scholarship's website at: financialaid.ucla.edu/Prospective-Student/Cost-of-Attendance

HOW WILL MY FINANCIAL AID BE AFFECTED BY MY VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS?

All sources of student aid have rules that govern how aid should be awarded when a student is receiving Veteran Education Benefits therefore it is important that you notify the Financial Aid and Scholarships office if you will be receiving Veteran Education Benefits. The Financial Aid and Scholarships office will carefully coordinate all of the benefits that you receive to ensure that you are not awarded in excess of your eligibility. By notifying the Financial Aid and Scholarships office of your expected Veteran Education Benefits, you will avoid being over awarded and avoid the need to repay any portion of aid that you receive.

In most cases, students can receive a combination of aid up to the Cost of Attendance. In some instances, Veteran and

ROTC students can receive aid in excess of the Cost of Attendance. The Financial Aid and Scholarships office is committed to ensuring that students receive the maximum benefits available under the law.

If you expect to receive a Veteran Fee Paying awards, Cal Vet Fee Waiver, or ROTC benefits, please review your Financial Aid Notification (FAN) carefully to ensure that your Veteran/ROTC award is reflected on your award summary. If your FAN does not reflect a Veteran or ROTC awards, the Financial Aid and Scholarships office is not aware that you are receiving this and it is your responsibility to inform our office. Failure to report these benefits may result in a bill.

VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

As a Veteran, active-duty member and their dependents, you may be eligible for educational benefits through numerous GI Bill programs. Once you've decided to use your [GI Bill benefits](#) it's important to choose the proper school and type of training.

va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book/benefits_chap05.asp

Applying for Financial Aid

To apply for Financial Aid at UCLA, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov by March 2nd every year. Financial aid and Scholarships will notify you via MyUCLA if you need to submit additional forms. California Residents should also complete the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form by March 2nd to be considered for the Cal Grant Program. Continuing students should complete the continuing Student Scholarship Application by March 2nd. More information on applying for scholarships can be found on the following link: financialaid.ucla.edu/Undergraduate/Scholarships

California Veteran (CAL VET) Fee Waiver

If you are a dependent or spouse of a service-connected disabled or deceased veteran, you may be eligible for the College Tuition Fee Waiver Program (Cal Vet).

For detailed information, see the [California Department of Veterans Affairs website](http://calvet.ca.gov/): calvet.ca.gov/

Students can apply for a CAL VET Fee Waiver at any California County Veteran Services Office. If approved, students will need to submit their eligibility letter to the VA Certifying Official.

Cal Vet Fee Waivers will waive:

- Tuition
- Student Service Fee
- Professional Degree Tuition

NOTE: Cal Vet Fee Waivers do not apply to tuition and fees for self-supporting programs. Such programs are not supported by state funds and are not subject to state law regarding exemptions for dependents of veterans.

When a student receives a CAL VET Fee Waiver, they cannot also receive another fee paying award. As a result, students who have been awarded both a Cal Grant and a CAL VET Fee Waiver will have the fee portion of the Cal Grant returned to the California Student Aid Commission. University Grant will also be reduced (dollar for dollar) for students receiving a Cal Vet Fee Waiver. Any other aid that results in an over award as a result of a Cal Vet Fee Waiver will be reduced or cancelled.



WHAT GI BILL BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE?

There are many different programs and a wide variety of education benefits offered by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs including the Post-9/11 GI Bill (including Transfer of Benefits) Montgomery GI Bill, the Yellow Ribbon Program, and Vocational Rehabilitation Employment, to name a few.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE FOR VETERANS BENEFITS?

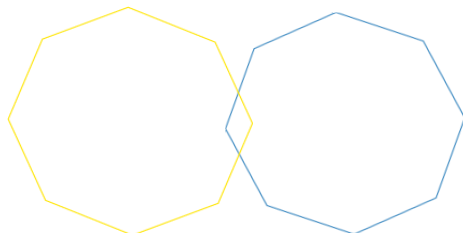
Eligibility for education benefits is determined solely by the VA. See the [GI Bill website](#) for answers to most questions regarding benefits. You can also call the VA Education Hotline/Call Center at 1(888) GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to inquire about education benefits.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR VETERANS BENEFITS?

Apply for veterans education benefits directly with the VA. The GI Bill is available to eligible veterans and eligible dependents/spouses of veterans. You can also call the VA Education Hotline/Call Center at 1(888) GI-BILL-1 (1-888-442-4551) to inquire about education benefits. If you are approved for the GI Bill, the VA will send you a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) award letter.

HOW CAN I CERTIFY MY STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT UCLA?

Student enrollment must be certified by a school certifying official. Visit the UCLA certifying official—the Veterans Affairs Coordinator—at the Registrar’s Office, 1113 Murphy Hall, for assistance with certification. Submit a copy of your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) award letter to the UCLA certifying official. You may also fax this document to (310) 206-4520.



New transfer students who used GI Bill benefits at their previous institution and wish to continue using GI Bill benefits at UCLA must submit a [VA Form 22-1995](#) (Request for Change of Program or Place of Training) with the COE. Form 22-1995 is also available at the Registrar's Office.



CAMPUS RESOURCES

Financial Aid and Scholarships

A-129 Murphy Hall

(310) 206-0400

www.financialaid.ucla.edu

Message Center

<https://financialaid.ucla.edu/Contact-Us>

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Additional Resources available at UCLA Veteran Resource Center

<https://www.veterans.ucla.edu/contactus>

