

## Guide to Financial Aid for Recipients of State and Federal Veteran Education Benefits

UCLA Financial Aid & Scholarships is honored to serve Veterans, 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.

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/go/coa](https://financialaid.ucla.edu/go/coa).

### **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 state and federal Veteran Education Benefits therefore it is important that you submit your state or federal Veteran Education Benefit award letter to the UCLA Veteran Resource Center via the [Benefit Certification Request](#) for processing. Upon submission of your award letter, the UCLA Veteran Resource Center will notify the Financial Aid and Scholarships office of your intention to use a state or federal Veteran Education benefit. The Financial Aid and Scholarships office will then add the award into your financial aid offer. Your FAN will be adjusted in accordance with federal, state and institutional policies on the treatment of veteran benefits. Under those policies, the treatment of benefits will depend upon whether you are a veteran or are receiving veteran benefits under Transfer of Eligibility (TOE).

In most cases, students can receive a combination of aid up to the Cost of Attendance. The Financial Aid and Scholarships office is committed to ensuring that students receive the maximum combination of financial aid and Veteran benefits available under the law.

If you expect to receive a VA tuition-specific awards (Ch 31 VR&E or Ch 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill®) or Cal Vet Fee Waiver, please review your Financial Aid Notification (FAN) carefully to ensure that your tuition-specific award is reflected on your award summary. If your FAN does not include your VA tuition-specific award or Cal Vet Fee Waiver, the Financial Aid and Scholarships office is not aware that you are receiving them. It is your responsibility to make sure that UCLA has received your waiver or Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for these benefits through the [Benefit Certification Request](#) portal. Failure to report these benefits may result in a bill.

If you or your parent has had a changes to your income from your reported income on the FAFSA (this references income from a 2 year-old tax return), then you should submit a [Projected Year Income Petition](#). Doing this may adjust your Financial Aid Award based on your current income status.

For students who are Veterans and receive University Grant as well as campus-based loans and work study, Veteran benefits will impact eligibility for campus based loans and work study before impacting grant assistance. For dependent students who receive transfer of eligibility benefits, the impact may be greater on the University Grant.

## Applying for Financial Aid

To apply for Financial Aid at UCLA, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) by the UCLA priority filing deadline. Financial aid & Scholarships will notify you via the Bruin Financial Aid Portal, if you need to submit additional documents.

Continuing students should complete the UCLA Scholarship Application by June 30th for priority consideration. More information on applying for scholarships can be found at [Scholarships | UCLA Financial Aid & 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](https://calvet.ca.gov/): [calvet.ca.gov/](https://calvet.ca.gov/)

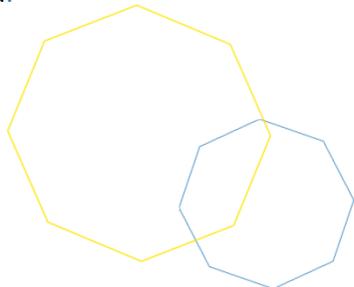
Students can apply for a CAL VET Fee Waiver at any California County Veteran Services Office. If approved, students will need to submit their eligibility letter to the School Certifying Official using the [Benefit Certification Request](#) portal. No documents will be accepted via email or in-person.

### 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 VA EDUCATION 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 Ch 33 Post-9/11 GI Bill® (including Transfer of Benefits), Ch 30 Montgomery GI Bill®, Ch 35 Dependent Education Assistance, Ch 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® Selective Reserve, and Ch 31 Veteran Readiness and Employment.

## HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM ELIGIBLE FOR VETERAN EDUCATION 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 VETERAN EDUCATION 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?

You can find information about UCLA's certification process at <https://veterans.ucla.edu/for-students/benefit-submission-process>

To submit your Award Letter or Certificate of Eligibility to UCLA, complete the [Benefit Certification Request](#) form.

# CAMPUS RESOURCES

## UCLA Financial Aid & Scholarships

A-129 Murphy Hall  
(310) 206-0400

[financialaid.ucla.edu](https://financialaid.ucla.edu)

MyUCLA Message Center

[financialaid.ucla.edu/contact-us](https://financialaid.ucla.edu/contact-us)

Select Topic: Financial Aid—Veteran Benefit Questions

## School Certifying Official Veteran Resource Center

132 Kerckoff Hall

Email: [vabenefit@saonet.ucla.edu](mailto:vabenefit@saonet.ucla.edu)

Phone: 310.206.3141

[Benefit Certification Request link](#)

[veterans.ucla.edu](https://veterans.ucla.edu)

## Veteran Resource Center Program and Events

132 Kerckoff Hall

[veterans.ucla.edu](https://veterans.ucla.edu)

Email: [veteran@saonet.ucla.edu](mailto:veteran@saonet.ucla.edu)

Phone: (310) 206-6915

## Counseling & Psychological Services

POC: Greg Matos & Cameron Green

John Wooden Center West

221 Westwood Plaza

[counseling.ucla.edu/](https://counseling.ucla.edu/)

(310)825-0768

## Center for Accessible Education

POC: Addison Wightman

A-255 Murphy Hall

Email: [awightman@saonet.ucla.edu](mailto:awightman@saonet.ucla.edu)

Phone: (310) 825-1501

## UCLA Center for Scholarships & Scholar Enrichment

233 Covell Commons

[scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu](https://scholarshipcenter.ucla.edu)

(310) 206-2875



## VETERANS BENEFITS ADMINISTRATION

As a Veteran, an active-duty member or a dependent, 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.

[benefits.va.gov/gibill/](https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/)

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