Financial Aid Tips for Veterans

Financial Aid Application: FAFSA
Complete a FAFSA at studentaid.gov to be considered for federal and state financial aid. The FAFSA is an academic year application that must be completed each year to be considered for aid. Apply by the March 2nd priority deadline to qualify for all the aid you are eligible to receive. **Note:** Veterans non-education benefits such as Disability, Death Pension, or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), and/or VA Educational Work Study allowances should be reported as untaxed income on your FAFSA. Also report your food allowance (BAS). Do not report your military housing allowance (BAQ or BAH) or the value of your on-base military housing.

Financial Aid & Scholarship Office
Visit the Financial Aid & Scholarship website at www.csuchico.edu/fa for additional information regarding the application process, available aid, and more. You can reach us by phone, Live Chat, or email. In addition, Financial Aid Advisors are available for phone, Zoom, and in-person appointments. (Due to the pandemic, in-person appointments are not currently being offered.)

Appeals
If you have unusual circumstances not reflected in your FAFSA such as a recent income reduction, unreimbursed medical expenses or dependent child care, you can file an appeal to have your financial aid eligibility reconsidered. You may submit an appeal on your Financial Aid Account page (https://csuchico.verifymyfafsa.com/)

Dependents of Veterans
Dependents of Veterans may be eligible for the Cal Vet Fee Waiver Program, Chapter 35 (Survivors & Dependents Assistance) or Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill) transferred to a dependent.

Veterans Education Benefits
For information about Veterans education benefits, visit the CSU, Chico Office of Veterans Affairs (www.csuchico.edu/va) online or in person (Student Services Center 330).

Student Loan Information: Borrower Statistics and Default Rate
For information about the percentage of CSU, Chico students who borrow federal student loans visit: https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/

For information about CSU, Chico’s official cohort default rates*, visit: https://nslds.ed.gov/nslds/nslds_SA/defaultmanagement/search2017_cohortCy.cfm

*A cohort default rate (CDR) is the percentage of a school's borrowers who enter repayment on certain Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program or William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program loans during a particular federal fiscal year (FY), October 1 to September 30, and defaulted prior to the end of the second following fiscal year.

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