

## Financial Aid Tips for Veterans

### Financial Aid Application: FAFSA/CADAA

Complete a FAFSA or a CADAA to be considered for federal and state financial aid. The financial aid application is an academic year application that must be completed each year to be considered for aid. Apply by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> priority deadline to qualify for all aid you may be 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](http://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. Please reach out to Casey Dinsmore at 530-898-6451 or [cbdinsmore@csuchico.edu](mailto:cbdinsmore@csuchico.edu).

### Appeals

If you have unusual circumstances not reflected in your FAFSA or CADAA 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 ([csuchico.studentforms.com](http://csuchico.studentforms.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 Chico State Veterans Education and Transition Services (VETS) ([www.csuchico.edu/vets](http://www.csuchico.edu/vets)) online or in person (Student Services Center 330).

### Student Loan Information: Borrower Statistics and Default Rate

For information about the percentage of Chico State students who borrow federal student loans visit: [collegescorecard.ed.gov](http://collegescorecard.ed.gov)

For information about Chico State's official cohort default rates visit:

<https://fsapartners.ed.gov/knowledge-center/topics/default-management/official-cohort-default-rates-schools>. 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.