Cal Vet Tuition Waiver at Chico State
VETS Office

What is it?

A California state program that waives all ‘system wide mandatory’ fees at public schools of higher learning in the state of California. In the CSU system, it waives the CSU Application Fee and the State University Fee (SUF), which is the CSU system tuition. Chico State only charges the SUF in fall and spring terms. Summer and winter sessions do not have SUF charged. Therefore this program is not used at Chico State for winter and summer terms (see below).

Who can use it?

Dependents of service-connected deceased or disabled veterans. Income of the student is used to determine eligibility for Plan B, which is the most widely used. The income from the previous year (2020) is considered for the Academic Year (2021/22) of application. There is not an age limit for most children. Apply every year and eligibility must be determined every year.

How does it work?

Apply for eligibility each year at any County Veteran Service Office (CVSO) in the state. Check local listing for an office near you. After the county has established eligibility, they will create a letter of eligibility and notify the student. Students are required to submit approval letters through their Chico State portal account.

When does it work?

The application must be processed before or during the Academic Year (A/Y) in which the student seeks eligibility. The A/Y at Chico State is the same as the fiscal year, which begins July 1 and ends June 30th. There is no retro-active eligibility for this program.

Which fees are not waived?

Students are responsible for the campus fees, course fees, and all other costs of their education. Any per-unit fee charged by the Office of Regional and Continuing Education for enrollment and non-resident tuition are considered extension fees and are not waived.

What if you already paid fees?

Students may request a refund of application fees through the Office of Admissions. Appropriate registration fees may be refunded by contacting Student Financial Services.

Can you use this at other schools?

This program can be used at any California state school; community colleges, CSUs, and UCs. Since fee structures vary between systems and may even differ between institutions within the same system, please contact the school in question.

For more information, contact the California Department of Veterans Affairs on-line www.cdva.ca.gov or at 1-800-952-5626.