

# Cal Vet Tuition Waiver

## Chico State VETS Office

### **What is it?**

A California state program that waives all 'Systemwide Mandatory Tuition' at public schools of higher learning in the state of California. In the CSU system, it waives the CSU Application Fee and the State Tuition Fee (STF), which is the CSU system tuition. Chico State only charges the STF in fall and spring terms. Summer and winter sessions do not have STF 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 (2021) is considered for the Academic Year (2022/23) 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 an approval letter of 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 Regional and Continuing Education (RCE) 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 Admissions Office. 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.

### **Can I receive the waiver with Financial Aid?**

Yes, students may be eligible for financial aid while using the waiver, and are encouraged to apply. If a student is eligible for the Cal Vet tuition waiver and is awarded financial aid that is specifically designated to only cover the tuition fee (e.g., State University Grant and Cal Grant), the student may only receive one or the other.

For more information, contact the California Department of Veterans Affairs on-line [www.cdva.ca.gov](http://www.cdva.ca.gov) or at 1-800-952-5626.