



TUITION WAIVER VETERANS AND DEPENDENTS Guidelines

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Definitions:

Oregon Veteran: any Oregon resident (as defined by Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act (Choice Act) Section 702) who is a member of the United States Armed Services and is currently on active duty; or is an Oregon resident who has been honorably discharged within the last 18 months.

Dependent of Fallen or 100% Disabled Veterans: any Oregon resident who is a spouse or unmarried child, age 23 and under (including adoptive and step-children), of members of all branches of the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard who:

- Died while on active duty, or
- Died as a result of a military service-connected disability, or
- Is 100% permanently disabled as a result of a military service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Immediate Family Members of Deployed Service Member: any Oregon resident who is a spouse, unmarried child/foster child under the age of 24, or others under the age of 24 whose guardianship is held by the Service Member and/or spouse.

Deployed service member: Members of the U.S. Armed Forces currently on active duty service status. Does **not** cover periods of active service for basic training purposes.

Guidelines:

Oregon Veteran: If not on active duty, the veteran must request a waiver within 18 months of being honorably discharged.

The tuition waiver is for up to 50% of the cost of tuition during the veteran's first year of a certificate or degree program at BMCC. The veteran's year will begin with the first term in which they commence degree course work and will end after four consecutive terms (not including summer terms.) If the veteran chooses to attend fewer than the four consecutive terms, their eligibility will be exhausted after the fourth consecutive term.

This waiver shall be applied as "last dollar" (after other forms of aid) and shall be granted in coordination with other student financial assistance (excluding VA benefits) for which the recipient may be eligible in order to provide a total benefit not to exceed the total estimated cost of attendance.

If the veteran is recalled to active duty, they will have the choice of continuing course work via distance education or re-entering the program upon return. Returning veterans who were enrolled in a limited-entry program will be allowed re-entry if the program allows and if the curriculum has not undergone significant changes.

Dependents of Fallen or 100% Disabled Veterans: The spouse of the fallen service member must initiate the request for a waiver within ten years of the determination of death or 100% disability. Eligibility will be lost upon remarriage. Dependent children must be 23 years of age or younger at the time of waiver application.

This waiver shall be applied as "last dollar" (after other forms of aid) and shall be granted in coordination with other student financial assistance (excluding Veteran's benefits) for which the recipient may be eligible in order to provide a total benefit not to exceed the total estimated cost of attendance.

This tuition waiver covers 100% of tuition and it is limited to 135 college credits or the completion of an associate's degree, whichever comes first.



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Immediate Family Members of Deployed Service Members:

The tuition waiver covers up to 50% of the cost of tuition as long as their service member is deployed and it covers up to a maximum number of credits required for an associate's degree. Only the first 12 credits of each term qualify for this waiver.

This waiver shall be applied as "last dollar" (after other forms of aid) and shall be granted in coordination with other student financial assistance (excluding VA benefits) for which the recipient may be eligible in order to provide a total benefit not to exceed the total estimated cost of attendance.

Applicable to all of the Veteran and Dependent tuition waivers above:

Continuation of any of these tuition waiver benefits is contingent upon the student meeting institutional academic progress requirements.

The tuition waivers are available to students admitted to a certificate or degree program only, and students must use credits towards the stated certificate or degree program at BMCC.

The waivers do NOT include required fees or AFEES (educational expense fee for non-credit courses) and may not be applied to community education programs. If the student is co-enrolled with BMCC and another college, this tuition waiver applies to BMCC courses only.

BMCC Non-Discrimination Statement – Updated July 2016

It is the policy of the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Education and School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment on the grounds of race, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment. Persons having questions about equal opportunity and nondiscrimination should contact the BMCC Title IX Coordinators Room M-150 or Room M-217 Morrow Hall, Blue Mountain Community College, 2411 NW Carden, Pendleton, OR 97801, Phone: 541-278-5796 or 541-278-5850. Email: ddrebin@bluecc.edu or tparker@bluecc.edu. For hearing impaired assistance please call Oregon Relay at 7-1-1.