

Financial Aid Contact:

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):**Am I eligible for financial aid in addition to my veteran benefits?**

Yes. In order to be considered for all types of financial aid, you must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the priority deadline of March 2nd of each year that you wish to receive aid. Filing after the March 2nd deadline will make you ineligible for certain need-based aid. The FAFSA can be found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You must also obtain a PIN number from the Department of Education at www.pin.ed.gov to sign your electronic application.

Do I have to report my veteran benefits on my FAFSA?

No. You are not required to report veteran's benefits on the FAFSA.

Do I have to report my veteran benefits as income on my FAFSA?

Starting in the 2009-2010 school year, you will no longer be asked to report veteran chapter benefits on the FAFSA. This means that veteran chapter benefits will no longer be included in financial aid award packages.

Can I get the California Veterans Tuition Waiver and the Cal Grant at the same time?

No. The Cal Vet Tuition Waiver and the Cal Grant are both considered fee-paying resources and therefore, students are only eligible to receive one during a period of enrollment. The Cal Grant will take precedence and automatically credit to the BARC account to cover UC registration fees. The Cal Vet Tuition Waiver can be applied to a summer program, as the Cal Grant is not automatically awarded during summer session.

Who should I notify when my veterans benefits expire?

Contact veteran representatives in the Office of the Registrar and the Financial Aid Office. They will need to update your benefit information.

What happens to my financial aid if I am called to active duty?

You will not lose financial aid eligibility if you take a leave of absence from school. Future aid will not be disbursed and therefore, you will not be responsible for paying back any funds. Please notify our office when you return so that we can prepare an award package that reflects your current status.

Can I defer my direct loan repayment if I am called to active duty?

Yes. Complete a deferment request form on the Direct Loan Servicing Center website at:
<https://www.dl.ed.gov/borrower/DefermentFormList.do?cmd=initializeContext>

Scholarships for Veterans

http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships_military/index.cfm
<http://aid.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do>
<http://www.veteransfund.org/index.html>
<http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/army.htm>
<http://www.dodvets.com/scholarship.asp>
<http://www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/undergraduate/DisabledVeteranScholarship.asp>
<http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/>

Scholarships for Dependents of Veterans

<http://www.militaryscholar.org/>
<http://www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html>
<http://aid.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do>
http://www.americasupportsyounet.org/AmericaSupportsYou/scholar_mil_children.html
<http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/army.htm>
<http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/>

Other Scholarship Search Engines

<http://www.finaid.sa.ucsb.edu/Scholarships/SearchEngines.asp>

Other resources

University of California, Office of the President <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/veterans/>
Office of the Registrar <http://www.registrar.sa.ucsb.edu/veteran.htm>
Educational Opportunities Program <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/eop/Home/index.aspx?4>
Department of Veterans Affairs <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>
VA Work-Study <http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/wkstud.htm>
Veteran Financial Aid Help <http://www.finaid.org/military/>
GI Bill Assistance <http://www.gibillexpress.com/>
Social Security Benefits <http://www.ssa.gov/woundedwarriors/>
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America <http://www.iava.org>