

## OUT-OF-STATE TUITION WAIVER

### Information & Eligibility

- 1) Effective July 1, 2015 and pursuant to Title VII, Sections 701 and 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014, all public institutions administering VA GI Bill Programs must charge in-state tuition and fee amounts to “covered individuals.” A “covered individual” is defined in the Choice Act as:
  - a. A veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
  - b. A spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within 3 years of the veterans discharge from a period of active duty of 90 days or more.
  - c. A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the service member’s death in the line of duty following a period of active duty of 90 days or more.

**Note 1:** Individuals who initially meet the requirements above will maintain “covered individual” status as long as they remain continuously enrolled at the institution of higher learning, even if they are outside the 3-year window or enroll in multiple programs.

**Note 2:** Individuals enrolled in Virtual College (taking online courses and residing outside of the State of Florida) are not covered under federal or state law and are not exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition and fees.

- 2) Pursuant to Florida Statutes Rule 6A-14.0305, out-of-state fees are waived for honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed and Reserve Forces (Air Force, Army Coast Guard, Marines and Navy) and the National Guard (Army or Air) or any other student who entitled to and used educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs who physically resides in Florida while enrolled as a degree or certificate seeking student. Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged a resident student enrolled in the same program.
- 3) Pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 1009.26 (13) (a), Congressman C.W. “Bill” Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program expands eligibility for out-of-state fee waiver to veterans’ spouses and dependents and any other student who entitled to and used educational assistance provided by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs who physically resides in Florida while enrolled as a degree or certificate seeking student. This provision also includes honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, U.S. Reserve Forces or the National Guard who are not using VA Educational Benefits. It also eliminates the 110 percent credit hour limitation.
- 4) Pursuant to Florida Statute 1009.285, a student will be required to pay tuition at 100 percent of the full cost of instruction upon the third attempt of a course unless the Florida College System institution has granted an exception due to extenuating circumstances.
- 5) Pursuant to Florida Statute 1009.21 (10), an Active Duty member of the Armed Services of the United States residing or stationed in this state, their spouse, and dependent children, and active drilling members of the Florida National Guard are classified as resident for tuition purposes.

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**Applicants for Out-of-State Waiver Must Meet the Following Eligibility Criteria**

1) MDC Eligibility Criteria: Veteran and Military Student eligibility and verification will include a minimum:

**a. Veteran & Military Students**

- i. Proof that a veteran/military student physically resides in the state. This may include, but is not limited to, Florida Driver’s License, Florida Identification Card, and Voter Identification Card.
- ii. Proof that the veteran is honorably discharged. Information may be found on the veterans’ DD 214 (Member 4 Copy), discharge certificate, Certificate of Eligibility from the VA or other documentation as deemed appropriate by the Florida College System.

**b. Active Duty Students**

- i. A current Armed Forces identification card. For dependent or children, a current Armed Forces dependent identification card.
- ii. Federal Tuition Assistance Request Form

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW**

**Instructions:** Veteran/Military students who meet the eligibility criteria and wish to apply for this waiver must complete the entire section below and submit this form to the **Admissions and Registration Office** at your respective campus.

Name of Student		Student ID/SSN	
Term		Phone Number	
Campus		Email	

By signing this form, I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and agree to the following terms:

- 1) Receiving an Out-of-State Tuition waiver does NOT constitute classification as a Florida resident for tuition purposes and does NOT necessarily qualify me for such classification in the future.
- 2) I must apply for this waiver every term.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form to the Admission and Registration Office at your respective campus.*