

Tuition Aid for Veterans

Office of Higher Education

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This pamphlet provides general information on state and federal programs for veterans. A variety of tuition waiver and financial aid programs exist to help veterans and other military personnel, including spouses and dependents, attend college in Connecticut.

- Qualified veterans may apply for tuition waivers at the University of Connecticut (UConn) and Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU). National Guard members also are eligible and, if interested, should contact their Education Service Officer.
- Active military personnel stationed in Connecticut, including spouses and dependents, are eligible for in-state tuition at UConn and CSCU.
- Federal veterans benefits apply to approved academic programs and colleges in Connecticut; see list at www.ohe.ct.gov/Vet.

Veterans Tuition Waiver

The State of Connecticut waives tuition for qualified veterans attending public colleges and universities. College costs other than tuition – such as for books, fees, parking, and room and board – are not waived. Education reimbursements provided by employers may reduce waiver amounts. Remember to bring a copy of your separation papers (Form DD-214) when applying for admission and registering for courses. Contact UConn or one of the 17 CSCU campuses directly for more information.

Where to Apply

University of Connecticut, Veterans Affairs, 860/486-2442, <http://veterans.uconn.edu>

To receive a tuition waiver at UConn, qualified veterans must be admitted to an undergraduate or a graduate degree program.

Connecticut State Colleges & Universities, www.ct.edu/admission/veterans

Connecticut State University: Qualified veterans accepted for admission to Central, Eastern, Southern or Western Connecticut State University must be formally admitted for undergraduate or graduate study to receive the 100% tuition waiver for credit courses, although they do not have to declare a major initially. A 50% course fee waiver is offered for Extension Fund courses (summer and intersession credit courses).

Community Colleges: The 12 Community Colleges waive tuition for full- or part-time credit study funded through the state's General Fund for qualified veterans. The waiver, however, cannot be applied toward summer, intersession or Extension Fund courses.

Charter Oak State College: Offers a 50% course fee waiver for eligible veterans who are matriculated.

Other Sources of Financial Aid

For information on **GI Bill Benefits** offered through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, including the Yellow Ribbon Program, contact the VA Education Customer Service: 888/442-4551 or www.gibill.va.gov.

E Benefits Gateway to Benefits Information www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal

GI Comparison Tool to calculate your benefits and research approved programs

<http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

STEP UP, Subsidized Training and Employment Program, through the Connecticut Department of Labor to help former military combat personnel find new employment. www.ctdol.state.ct.us/StepUp/StepUpVets.htm

Veterans Administration GI Bill Feedback System www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/feedback.asp

Current and retired servicepersons interested in teaching careers should contact **Troops to Teachers**

<http://www.proudtoserveagain.com> for eligibility requirements and applications.

The Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities, (<http://ebv.business.uconn.edu/>) is a privately-funded initiative which offers free small business management and entrepreneurial training to post-9/11 veterans with service-connected disabilities at the University of Connecticut.

The **CT Technical High Schools** (www.cttech.org) offer tuition waivers for eligible veterans in adult vocational training programs.

Financial Aid Resources provides many other sources of aid www.ohe.ct.gov/edinfo/pdfs/FinancialAidResources.pdf

American Legion's Scholarships www.legion.org/scholarships