

**South Carolina
Division of Veterans' Affairs**

**Application for Tuition Assistance
for Certain War Veterans' Children**

(Title 59-111-20, 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina as amended)

Check one: Initial Application Resubmitted Application

Part One: Student Information

Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Initial:
Social Security Number:			Date of Birth:	
Address:				
City:		State:	Zip Code:	
Number of Years/Months at current residence:			Telephone Number:	
Date High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent received ¹ :				
Relationship between Veteran and Student ² : (Please choose one)				
Child/Step Child		Adopted Child (please give date of adoption)		
Please list the names and social security numbers of any siblings who have been previously approved by the program to speed processing of this application:				

¹ Student must have received High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent PRIOR to submitting this application or the application is invalid and will be discarded.
² Please submit one of the following with the application: (1) a copy of the Student's birth certificate showing the Veteran parent's full name, (2) the Student's birth certificate with parents' full names and a copy of the marriage license showing the Veteran is married to one of the Student's parents, or (3) a copy of the completed adoption paperwork showing the Student's and Veteran's full names.

Part Two: School Information

Name of College, University or Technical College Student will attend ³ :	Location of Campus:
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³ Student must have been accepted and plan to attend the state supported institution listed on this application

Part Three: Veteran Information

Last Name:		First Name:		Middle Initial:
Social Security Number:			VA Claim Number:	
Address:				
City:		State:	Zip Code:	
Number of Years/Months at current residence:			Telephone Number:	
Dates of Military Service:			Character of Service:	

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Part Three: Veteran Information (continued)

Was/Is the Veteran a Prisoner of War? If yes, please give the dates and location. Also, please submit a certified copy of the Veteran's DD214.

Is the Veteran a recipient of the Purple Heart? If yes, please submit a certified copy of the Veteran's DD214 and a copy of the award certificate.

Is the Veteran a recipient of the Medal of Honor? If yes, please submit a certified copy of the Veteran's DD214 and a copy of the award certificate.

If the Veteran is alive:

Is the Veteran Missing in Action?

Has the Veteran been rated permanently and totally disabled by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs?

If the Veteran is deceased:

Date of Death:

State of residency at the time of death:

Did the Veteran die during military service?

Did the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs rate his/her death as being Service Connected or has DIC (Dependency Indemnity Compensation/death benefits) been granted?

Was he/she rated permanently and totally disabled by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs on the date of death?

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Application must be signed by Parent or Custodian of Student or Student, if over 18 years of age.)

Completed Applications can be mailed or faxed to our office:

SC Division of Veterans' Affairs
VA Regional Office
6437 Garners Ferry Road, Suite 1126
Columbia, SC 29209
(803) 647-2434 Fax (803) 647-2312

The effective date of this benefit is the date of receipt of the application.

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Recommend for Approval/Disapproval: _____ Date: _____

Application Approved/Disapproved: _____ Date: _____

Transfer Letter Requests

Please Call 803-647-2434

**DO NOT SUBMIT A TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION
WHEN MAKING A TRANSFER LETTER REQUEST.**

If a previously approved student attends a state supported school, different from the one listed on the approved application, the student will need to request a transfer letter. A new transfer letter will need to be requested for each new state supported school that an approved student will attend.

Transfer letters can be requested by calling our office at 803-647-2434.

Please do not submit another application when making a transfer letter request. Submitting additional applications after a student has been approved can delay processing of transfer letter requests. Please call our office to make transfer letter requests and please be ready to provide us with the following information:

- student's name
- student's social security number
- student's current address,
- name of the school the student will be attending
- location of the campus the student will be attending

Transfer letters are only for students who have been previously approved for this program by the South Carolina Division of Veterans' Affairs and who are switching to a new state supported school. Students who have not been previously approved for this program will need to submit a completed application for Tuition Assistance to our office. If you are unsure if you need a transfer letter, please call our office at 803-647-2434.

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WWW.VA.SC.GOV*

**SOUTH CAROLINA TUITION PROGRAM
FOR CHILDREN OF CERTAIN WAR VETERANS**

Offered by – The State of South Carolina

Description – No funds are appropriated for this program by the State of South Carolina since the benefit is simply tuition waiver at any state supported university, college, or post-high school technical education institutions. All children who are twenty six years of age or younger and qualify may receive these benefits.

Value – Free Tuition

Eligibility – (A) A child of a wartime veteran, upon application to and approval by the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs, may be admitted to any state-supported college, university, or post high school technical education institution free of tuition so long as his work and conduct is satisfactory to the governing body of the institution, if the veteran was a resident of this State at the time of entry into service, during service and still resides in this State or has been a resident of this State for at least one year and still resides in this State or, if the veteran is deceased, resided in this State for one year before his death, and provided the veteran served honorably in a branch of the military service of the United States during a war period, as those periods are defined by Section 101 of Title 38 of the United States Code and:

- (1) was killed in action;
- (2) died from other causes while in the service;
- (3) died of disease or disability resulting from service;
- (4) was a prisoner of war as defined by Congress or Presidential proclamation during such war period;
- (5) is permanently and totally disabled, as determined by the Veterans Administration from any cause;
- (6) has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor;
- (7) is missing in action;
- (8) the applicant is the child of a deceased veteran who qualified under items (4) and (5); or
- (9) has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat."

(B) The provisions of this section apply to a child of a veteran who meets the residency requirements of Chapter 112 of this title, is twenty-six years of age or younger, and is pursuing any type of undergraduate degree.

Basis of Award – Proof of qualifications for the benefits. Our primary source of verification is with the Veterans Claims Folder and certified copy of the Veteran's DD 214, if the application is based on award of Purple Heart or Medal of Honor.

Application Procedures – Application forms can be obtained from the Division of Veterans' Affairs, VA Regional Office, Suite 1126, 6437 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, SC 29209. Telephone: (803)647-2434, Fax: (803)647-2312 or by visiting our website at www.va.sc.gov/benefits.html. Collect calls cannot be accepted.

Definition of Veteran - For purposes of this application, the term "veteran" means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

Effective Date for Benefit - The effective date of this benefit is the date of receipt of the Free Tuition Application.

Residency - Please note that both the Student and the Veteran (if living) must have established residency in South Carolina for at least the twelve continuous months immediately prior to the date of receipt of the application and still be a current resident of South Carolina.

Students must have been accepted and plan to attend the state supported institution listed on the application.

LIST OF STATE SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS

Universities:

- Citadel
- Clemson University
- College of Charleston
- Coastal Carolina University
- Francis Marion University
- Lander University
- University of South Carolina (all campuses)@
Aiken, Beaufort, Columbia, Lancaster, Salkehatchie,
Spartanburg, Sumter, Union, and Medical University of
South Carolina, Columbia, and Charleston
- SC State University
- Winthrop University

Technical Colleges:

- Aiken Technical College
- Central Carolina Technical College
- Denmark Technical College
- Florence Technical College
- Greenville Technical College
- Horry-Georgetown Technical College
- Low Country Technical College
- Midlands Technical College
- Northeastern Technical College
- Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
- Piedmont Technical College
- Spartanburg Community College
- Tri-County Technical College
- Trident Technical College
- Williamsburg Technical College
- York Technical College

Wartime Service:

Gulf War	08-02-1990	To Present
Vietnam	02-28-1961	08-04-1964 *
*Must have served "In Country" Vietnam to be a wartime veteran during this period.		
Vietnam	08-05-1964	05-07-1975
Korea	06-27-1950	01-31-1955
WWII	12-07-1941	12-31-1946
WWI	04-06-1917	11-11-1918