



## College Tuition Fee Waiver for Disabled Veterans' Dependents

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San Mateo County disabled veterans can get a little assistance in covering the cost of sending their children to a California college thanks to the help of the College Tuition Fee Waiver program. This program waives mandatory system-wide tuition and fees at any State of California institution of higher learning. These institutions include any college in the University of California, California State Universities and community college systems. There are several plans under the College Tuition Fee Waiver program, but the most commonly used is Plan B. This plan entitles the children – natural, adopted and step children – of disabled veterans at any percentage for a waiver of most of the fees (also referred to as tuition) at the aforementioned institutions of higher learning. Not the entire fee package is waived, but this program usually waives about 90 percent of the fees. This program does not cover the expense of books, housing or parking. Plan B includes the dependent children of a veteran who has a service-connected disability or had a serviceconnected disability at the time of death, or died of serviceconnected causes. There is no requirement of war time service for the veteran and no age limit for the child of the veteran.

There are income restrictions. The child's annual income, which includes the child's adjusted gross income and the value of support provided by the parent, may not exceed the "annual income limit." This limit is announced every year as the national poverty level. This year it is \$12,486.

The basic requirement for this benefit is that the veteran must provide proof of the service-connected disability. This is usually done with the Veterans Administration award letter. The applicant must fill out the DVS-40 form that can be obtained at the link below or by visiting our 550 Quarry Rd. office:

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Pages/College-Fee-Waiver.aspx>

### WHERE TO CONNECT WITH US:

Tuesdays, 8:30am to 3pm, VA Menlo Park Building #348

May 11th & 25th, 8:30am-3pm, VA Palo Alto Building #4, Room #B210

May 19th, 8am-4pm, Peninsula Vet Center

**SAVE THE DATE: June 2nd- 2nd Annual Open House & Resource Event - Redwood City American Legion Post 105**

## If You Served, You Earned!

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available. <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>



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