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**Purpose/Principles:**

The purpose of this procedure is to honor Oregon veterans, to honor the sacrifice of immediate families of deployed service members, and to recognize the sacrifice of families of veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard who died in active duty, died as a result of a military service-connected disability, or is 100% permanently disabled as a result of a military service-connected disability.

**Definitions:**

**Oregon Veteran:** any Oregon resident (as defined by Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act (Choice Act) Section 702) who is a member of the United States armed services and is currently on active duty; or is an Oregon resident who has been honorably discharged within the last 18 months.

**Dependent of Fallen or 100% Disabled Veterans:** any Oregon resident who is a spouse or unmarried children, age 23 and under (including adoptive and step-children) of members of all branches of the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard who:

- Died while on active duty, or
- Died as a result of a military service-connected disability, or
- Is 100% permanently disabled as a result of a military service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

**Immediate Family Members of deployed service member:** any Oregon resident who is a spouse, unmarried child/foster child under the age of 24, or others under the age of 24 whose guardianship is held by the service member and/or spouse.

- Deployed service member: Members of the U.S. Armed Forces currently on active duty service status. Does **not** cover periods of active service for basic training purposes.

**Guidelines:**

**Oregon Veteran:** If not on active duty, the veteran must request a waiver within 18 months of being honorably discharged.

The tuition waiver\* is for up to 50% of the cost of tuition during the veterans first year of a certificate or degree program at BMCC. The veteran's year will begin with the first term in which he/she commences degree course work and will end after four consecutive terms (not including summer terms.) If the veteran chooses to attend fewer than the four consecutive terms, their eligibility will be exhausted after the fourth consecutive term.

This tuition waiver\* shall be applied as "last dollar" (after other forms of aid) and shall be granted in coordination with other student financial assistance (excluding VA benefits) for which the recipient may be eligible in order to provide a total benefit not to exceed the total estimated cost of attendance.

If the veteran is recalled to active duty, he/she will have the choice of continuing course work via distance education or re-entering the program upon return. Returning veterans who were enrolled in a limited-entry program will be allowed re-entry if the program allows and if the curriculum has not undergone significant changes.

**Dependents of Fallen or 100% Disabled Veterans-** The spouse of the fallen service member must initiate the request for a tuition waiver\* within ten years of the determination of death or 100% disability and eligibility will be lost upon remarriage. Dependent children must be 23 years of age or younger at the time of tuition waiver\* application.

This tuition waiver\* shall be applied as "last dollar" (after other forms of aid) and shall be granted in coordination with other student financial assistance (excluding VA benefits) for which the recipient may be eligible in order to provide a total benefit not to exceed the total estimated cost of attendance.

This tuition waiver\* is also limited to 135 college credits or the completion of an associate's degree, whichever comes first.

**Immediate Family Members of Deployed Service Members:**

The tuition waiver\* covers up to 50% of the cost of tuition as long as their service member is deployed. The tuition waiver\* covers up to a maximum number of credits required for an associate's degree. Only the first 12 credits of each term qualify for this tuition waiver\*. Credits over the 12 allotted per term are the responsibility of the student.

This tuition waiver\* shall be applied as "last dollar" (after other forms of aid) and shall be granted in coordination with other student financial assistance (including VA benefits) for which the recipient may be eligible in order to provide a total benefit not to exceed the total estimated cost of attendance.

**\*Applicable to all of the Veterans and Dependents tuition waivers above:**

Continuation of any of these tuition waiver benefits is contingent upon the student meeting institutional academic progress requirements.

The tuition waivers are available to students admitted to a certificate or degree program only and students must use credits towards the stated certificate or degree program at BMCC.

The waivers do not include required fees or AFEES and may not be applied to community education programs.

The application process and requirements for each of these tuition waivers will be overseen by the office responsible for updating this procedure.

If the student is co-enrolled with BMCC and another college, this tuition waiver applies to BMCC courses only.

**Form: Tuition Waiver: Veterans and Dependents**