



## Blue Mountain Community College *Administrative Procedure*

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**Procedure Title: Tuition Waiver: Dependents of Fallen or 100% Disabled Veterans**

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### **Purpose and Introduction:**

The purpose of this procedure is to recognize the sacrifice that families of veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard who died while on 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 as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

### **Definition:**

Dependent: 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.

### **Guidelines:**

The student must be a resident of BMCC's service district at the time of application for the waiver. The spouse of the fallen service member must initiate the request for a waiver within ten years of the determination of death or 100% disability. The spouse will lose eligibility upon remarriage. Dependent children must initiate this benefit prior to age 23.

Eligible students will receive a first-dollar\* tuition waiver if they do not receive the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John D. Fry Scholarship and are the survivor of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or U.S. Coast Guard who died on active duty or died as a result of 100% service-connected disability. All other eligible students shall be granted in coordination with other student financial assistance (including VA Benefits) for which the recipient may be eligible, utilizing other grant resources before applying this tuition waiver in order to provide a total benefit not to exceed the total estimated cost of attendance.

The tuition waiver is available to students admitted to a certificate or degree program only. This waiver is also limited to 135 college credits or the completion of an associate's degree, whichever comes first. The waiver does not include required fees and may not be applied to community education programs or distance education programs for recipients residing out of state. Continuation of this tuition waiver benefit is contingent upon the student meeting institutional academic progress requirements.

The student must be enrolled in a minimum of one credit at BMCC that can be applied toward the stated BMCC certificate or degree program during the term in which the waiver is requested and applied.

\* For the purpose of this policy, "first dollar" means the waiver will be applied before other forms of aid, except the John D Fry scholarship. If a student is in one of the categories making them eligible for a "first-dollar" waiver (spouse or dependent of a military member who died on active duty or died as a result of **100%** disability,) the waiver would be applied before the Pell Grant, Oregon Opportunity Grant, scholarships etc. Only the John D. Fry Scholarship is applied before the waiver for students in these two categories.

**The student must:**

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- Complete and submit the waiver request each term to the registrar for approval and must produce each of the following documents:
  - Completed and signed Tuition Waiver: Dependent of Fallen or 100% disabled Service Members form;
  - Documents from the armed service declaring his/her relationship to the service member;
  - Record of fallen service members death OR certification from U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs of service-connected 100% permanent disability status.

**Form:**      **Tuition Waiver:** Dependent of Fallen or 100% Disabled Veterans