

Q&A: Military Connected

I am the wife of a disabled veteran. I will be attending as a transfer working on my bachelors beginning this spring. Do I qualify for any potential financial benefits for the undergraduate degree? Are there benefits for veteran spouses working on

I would recommend reaching out to your VA rep to find out what educational benefits are available for you. I would recommend going to benefits.va.gov for VA benefits as well as calvet.ca.gov to see if you would be eligible for the Cal Vet Fee waiver. Also go to fafsa.ed.gov to complete a FAFSA if you haven't already.

Are there benefits for veteran spouses working on a graduate degree?

I would recommend reaching out to your VA rep to see what would be available to you at benefits.va.gov. Also look into calvet.ca.gov to see if you would be eligible for a Cal Vet waiver. If you haven't already, I would recommend completing a FAFSA too at fafsa.ed.gov.

I'm transferring from another local college, they currently have all my veteran information, are they able to transfer the document to you or should I procure the documents myself and send them to you?

You will need to complete the VA process over again when going to a new school. For example, if you were using GI Bill, you will need to apply again and input the new school information, you will then need to email a copy of your DD214 as well as COE to vasco@ucr.edu.

Is the UCR VA office currently open, and are you able to assist in me figuring out what form of GI bill I need to apply for?

We are able to assist via email only at this time. You can send your questions to vasco@ucr.edu. As for what benefit you should use, you will want to talk with your VA rep and you may contact them via benefits.va.gov. I hope his information helps.

If were descendant of a military veteran, what information do we need to submit to get benefits from the Cal Vet waiver?

You first apply for the Cal Vet through their site calvet.ca.gov. If approved they will provide you an authorization letter. You will then email that authorization letter to vasco@ucr.edu and make sure you include your student SID. I will then update your Cal Vet fee waiver accordingly. Please keep in mind this will need to be done each academic year that you will be using the benefit.

In that case do we still need to supply a DD214 from our veteran parent? Or only the authorization letter.

You only need to supply a DD214 for any VA Chapter benefit. For example, Chapter 30, 31, 33, 35, 1606, or 1607. If you are only using Cal Vet fee waiver, you only need the authorization letter.

Where can we access the VBRF?

Email vasco@ucr.edu and let me know what benefit you plan to use and I can email you the VBRF.

Where can we get a pdf of the VBRF?

Send me an email to vasco@ucr.edu and request a VBRF and let me know which benefit you plan to use and I can email it to you.

If I am a dependent, and my father does not officially retire until the middle of the fall quarter, do I wait to turn in documents till the winter quarter to receive any type of benefits?

I recommend reaching out to your VA rep to see what benefits are available to you and when. You can find more information at benefits@va.gov

If we get a grant or waiver for housing, will the overflow from military benefits go to us or be held until next quarter?

It depends on the VA benefit and grant. As for VA benefits in most cases is paid directly to the student.