

VETERANS APPLICATION FOR FREE TUITION AT STATE SUPPORTED SCHOOLS

(SDCL 13-55-2 through 13-55-5)

IMPORTANT: SEE INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

1. Veteran Information: <i>First Name</i> _____ <i>MI</i> _____ <i>Last Name</i> _____			2. Social Security Number : _____		
3. Mailing Address : _____			4. Home Phone Number : _____		
5. Service Information - Enter the following data for each period of service.					
<i>Service Number</i>	<i>Branch of Service</i>	<i>Date Entered Active Duty</i>	<i>Date Separated</i>	<i>Type of Discharge</i>	<i>Grade / Rank</i>

6. I wish to apply for free tuition on courses I will be taking at _____ beginning _____
 (Name of School)

 (Month/Day/Year)

7. My eligibility for this program is based upon: (check appropriate box)

- Served on Active Duty between August 2, 1990 and a date to be determined.
- Service connected disability rated as 10%, or more, disabling.
- Awarded one of the qualifying medals listed on the reverse side of this form in paragraph 3B.
 (NOTE: Your DD - 214 must show that you were awarded the medal.)

 (Date) (Veterans Signature)

THIS SECTION FOR VA USE ONLY

1. Is Veteran currently entitled to VA educational benefits? Yes No
2. If entitlement for free tuition is based upon a service - connected disability , the date of rating establishing a compensable service connected disability is _____
 (Month/Day/Year)

 (Date) (Signature of VA Official)

CRITERIA GOVERNING THE VETERANS FREE TUITION PROGRAM AT STATE SUPPORTED SCHOOLS

SDCL § 13-55-2 through § 13-55-5 provide that certain veterans are eligible for free tuition at South Dakota Universities. The tuition waiver is good for UNDERGRADUATE courses only.

1. Must have been discharged under "Honorable Conditions," must be a CURRENT RESIDENT of South Dakota, and must qualify for resident tuition at the University.
2. Must have used up all entitlement to, or not be eligible for, any educational benefits from the VA under the "GI Bill".
3. Must meet the definition of a "veteran" as found in SDCL § 33-17-1 and § 33-17-2 which is as follows:
 - A. Served on Active Duty between August 2, 1990 and a date to be determined by the SD State Legislature, **OR**;
 - B. Was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or other United States Campaign, expeditionary, or service medal for participation in combat operations against hostile forces outside the boundaries of the United States, **OR**;
 - C. Has a service connected disability rated by the Veterans Administration (VA) as 10%, or more, disabling.
4. Veterans have twenty (20) years from the ending date of the particular conflict during which they served and earned eligibility for this program, or six years following discharge, whichever date is later, to use the free tuition program.

Veterans who qualify because of a service connected disability have twenty (20) years from the date they were originally rated by the VA as 10%, or more, disabled.

Eligible veterans are entitled to one month of free tuition for each month of qualifying service with a minimum of one, up to a maximum of four academic years. Qualifying service is defined as the amount of time served on Active Duty between the beginning and ending dates of the particular conflict or period of hostilities during which the veteran earned eligibility for this program.

Individuals applying for free tuition must complete this application and mail it, along with a copy of their DD-214, to: **VARO, Attention: Veterans Services Division (21)**
PO Box 5046
Sioux Falls, SD 57117 -5046

Once this form is returned to the veteran, it should be presented to the Registrar of the University where the veteran will be attending classes.

Those desiring more information should contact their local County Veteran Service Officer or the Financial Aids Officer at the University.