



CERTIFICATE OF TUITION WAIVER

Categorical: **Veteran/Armed Forces**

Student Information: (Please Print)

Name: _____ Semester Applying for: _____

Major: _____ FSU Student ID#: _____

Anticipated Semester & Year of Graduation: _____ SSN (last four numbers only): XXX-XX- _____

FSU Email Address: _____ @student.framingham.edu

Eligibility: Any course of study offered through the Day Division, which is acceptable toward an undergraduate degree program.

The student must be matriculated in an undergraduate degree program to be eligible for this tuition waiver.

The student must be classified as a Massachusetts Resident for tuition purposes.

A Tuition Waiver form must be completed and submitted by the student at the start of each semester student is requesting consideration for eligibility.

Category:

(See reverse for definitions)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> "Spanish War veteran" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Granada rescue mission veteran" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "World War I veteran" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Panamanian intervention force veteran" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "World War II veteran" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Persian Gulf veteran" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Korean veteran" | <input type="checkbox"/> "WAAC" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Vietnam veteran" | <input type="checkbox"/> "Armed forces" |
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Lebanese Peace Keeping force veteran" | |

DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY STUDENT:

1) **VA Documentation – Proof of release or Honorable Discharge from Active Duty.** Check here if the form is already on file.

2) **Tuition Residency Classification - Massachusetts Residency for In-State Tuition form.**
 Check here if the form is already on file.

Eligibility Certification Statement:

I certify that I am a Massachusetts Resident and that I am not in default of any Federal Student Loans or owe a refund for any previously received Financial Aid. I also have provided the University with the required documentation to substantiate eligibility for the above referenced Categorical Tuition Waiver.

Student's Signature

Date

The above named student has provided the required documentation to evidence eligibility for the above referenced Tuition Waiver. Therefore, in accordance with the Department of Higher Education Tuition Guidelines and with the General Laws, Chapter 15A, Section 19, a Tuition Waiver has been granted for the period indicated below:

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

Other

Signature of University Official and Title

Date

Definitions of Massachusetts Veterans

M.G.L. ch.4, s.7, clause 43 (Massachusetts General Law Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 43)

To be a "veteran" under Massachusetts law a person is required to have either:

- **180 days** of active duty service and be discharged or released under honorable conditions - OR -
- **90 days** of active duty service, one day of which is during "wartime" per the chart which follows, and be discharged or released under honorable conditions, except for Vietnam I, which requires 180 days of active duty service (see chart below).

Guard Members

For Guard Members to qualify they must have either:

- **180 days** and have been activated under Title 10 of the U.S. Code and have been discharged or released under honorable conditions - OR -
- Members who were activated under Title 10 or Title 32 of the U.S. Code or Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 33, sections 38, 40, and 41 must have served 90 days, at least one of which was during wartime, per the chart located on page 3. The members' last discharge or release must be under honorable conditions.

Reservists

For Reservists to qualify, they must have been called to regular active duty, at which point their eligibility can be determined by the chart below.

Minimum service exception (for death or disability)

It is not necessary that an applicant have completed the minimum service for wartime or peacetime campaign if s/he served some time in the campaign and was awarded the Purple Heart, or suffered a service-connected disability per the discharge certificate, or died in the service under honorable conditions.

Training duty exception

Active service in the armed forces, as used in this clause, shall not include active duty for training in the Army or Air National Guard or active duty for training as a Reservist in the armed forces of the United States.

Merchant Marine

Any Merchant Marine who served for a period of 90 days in armed conflict between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946, and who received an honorable discharge from the Army, Navy, or Coast Guard of the United States.

Eligible dependents

The following categories of persons may qualify as dependents eligible to receive veterans benefits (this excludes the Massachusetts Resident Categorical Tuition Waiver):

- Spouse of the veteran;
- Widow or widower of the veteran;
- Dependent parent of the veteran;
- Any person who acted as a parent to the veteran for five years immediately preceding the commencement of the veteran's wartime service;
- Child of the veteran until his or her 19th birthday;
- Child of the veteran between 19 years and 24 years of age while the child is attending high school, an institution of higher learning or some other accredited educational institution;
- Child of the veteran 19 years of age or older who is mentally or physically unable to support him/herself and was affected by the disability prior to his/her 18th birthday;
- Legally adopted children of the veteran.

Who is not eligible?

None of the following shall be deemed to be a veteran:

- Any person, who at the time of entering into the armed forces of the United States, had as his/her intention to become a subject or citizen of the United States and withdrew his/her intention under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved July 9, 1918;
- Any person who was discharged from said armed forces on his/her own application or solicitation by reason of his/her being an enemy alien;
- Any person who has been proven guilty of willful desertion;
- Any person whose only service in the armed forces of the United States consists of his/her service as a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary or as a temporary member of the Coast Guard Reserve, or both;
- Any person whose last discharge or release from the armed forces is dishonorable or other than honorable.

Chart of definitions

M.G.L. ch. 4, sec.7, cl. 43 as amended by the Acts of 2005, ch. 130

ERA of Service	DATES	Requirement for Veteran Status
PEACETIME	12-Nov-1918 15-Sep-1940	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
WWII (Merchant Marine: 7-Dec-1941 through 31-Dec-1946)	16-Sep-1940 25-Jul-1947	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	26-Jul-1947 24-Jun-1950	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
KOREA	25-Jun-1950 31-Jan-1955	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Korean Defense Service Medal	28-Jul-1954 (to be determined later)	90 days of active duty service, last discharge under honorable conditions and the Korean Defense Service Medal
VIETNAM I	1-Feb-1955 4-Aug-1964	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
VIETNAM II	5-Aug-1964 7-May-1975	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PEACETIME	8-May-1975 1-Aug-1990	180 days of regular active duty service and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Lebanon Campaign *	25-Aug-1982 (to be determined later)	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Grenada Campaign *	25-Oct-1983 15-Dec-1983	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
Panama Campaign *	20-Dec-1989 31-Jan-1990	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.
PERSIAN GULF	2-Aug-1990 (to be determined later)	90 days of active duty service, one (1) day during "wartime" and a last discharge or release under honorable conditions.

* Naval and Marine DD214 must indicate Expeditionary Medal. All DD214's must specify campaign: Lebanon, Granada, or Panama.

For **GUARD MEMBERS** to qualify they must have 180 days and have been activated under Title 10 of the U.S. Code -OR- Members who were activated under Title 10 or Title 32 of the U.S. Code or Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 33, sections 38, 40, and 41 must have 90 days, at least one of which was during wartime, per the above chart.

For **RESERVISTS** to qualify, they must have been called to regular active duty, at which point their eligibility can be determined by the above chart.

Minimum Service Exception (for Death or Disability): It is not necessary that an applicant have completed the minimum service for wartime or peacetime campaign if s/he served some time in the campaign and was awarded the Purple Heart, or suffered a service-connected disability per the Discharge Certificate, or died in the service under honorable conditions.

Training Duty Exception: Active duty service in the armed forces shall not include active duty for training in the Army or Air National Guard or active duty for training as a Reservist in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Veterans Bill of Rights

M.G.L. ch. 115 and 108 CMR (Code of Massachusetts Regulations)

You have a right to:

- File a written application for veterans benefits at any time. You can insist upon this right, even if told that you are not eligible. 108 CMR 4:02 (1)
- Receive assistance from your local veterans agent in completing your application (M.G.L. ch. 115, s. 3);
- Receive a full explanation of the services and benefits available under M.G.L. ch. 115, as well as other available benefits;
- Receive a written notice and explanation of the approval or denial of your application for benefits (108 CMR 8.02);
- Be treated with dignity and respect and to receive accurate, courteous, and timely service;
- Appeal and request a hearing if you disagree with any action taken in your case [108 CMR 8.07(1)];
- Expect confidentiality; personal information will not be collected or used except for the purpose of determining your eligibility for benefits (M.G.L. ch. 40, s.51);
- Receive fair and equal treatment without regard to sex, race, religion, handicap, ethnicity, or national origin (M.G.L. ch. 151B, s.3);
- Preference in public employment (M.G.L. ch.31, s.12, 26, 28 and ch. 41, s.112.)

For additional information on your rights, speak to your local city/town VSO, or call the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services (617-210-5480) or visit www.mass.gov/veterans.