

FEES FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL

For the purpose of tuition and fees applicable for all programs of study, including distance learning programs, effective July 1, 2017, all campuses of the University of Arkansas System shall classify a student as in-state or resident, if the student meets any of the following criteria regardless of his or her residence:

1. A veteran who was honorably discharged or released from a period of not less than ninety (90) days of active duty in the United States Armed Forces within three (3) years before the date of enrollment in a program of study;
2. A dependent¹ or spouse of a veteran under paragraph 1.
3. A member of the armed forces.
4. A spouse of a member of the armed forces.
5. A Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadet who has an executed armed forces service contract.
6. A dependent of a member of the active-duty armed forces, when the member of the armed forces:
 - a) is stationed in the State of Arkansas pursuant to permanent change of station (PCS) military orders;
 - b) is continuously domiciled in Arkansas for at least six consecutive months before entering active military service and who maintains Arkansas as the permanent home of record while on active military duty, or
 - c) demonstrates a change of bona fide domicile from another state to Arkansas at least twelve consecutive months prior to separation, discharge, or retirement from active military duty. This provision is forfeited if the military person does not return to Arkansas within 36 months after separation, discharge, or retirement from active duty.
7. A veteran using educational assistance under Chapter 30 (Montgomery G.I. Bill®–Active Duty Program), Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, “VR&E”), or Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 G.I. Bill®), of Title 38 of the United States Code, who lives in the State of Arkansas while attending a school located in the State of Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge or release from a period of active-duty service of 90 days or more.

¹ For the purpose of this policy, dependents are unmarried children who are legal dependents of the military person as defined by the IRS.

8. Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 G.I. Bill® benefits (38 U.S.C. §3319) who lives in the State of Arkansas while attending a school located in the State of Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor's discharge or release from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
9. Anyone described in paragraphs 7 and 8 while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three-year period following discharge or release as described in paragraphs 7 and 8 and must be using educational benefits under chapter 30, chapter 31, or chapter 33 of title 38 of the United States Code.
10. Anyone using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. §§3311(b)(9)) who lives in the State of Arkansas while attending a school located in the State of Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal state of residence).
11. Anyone using transferred Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in Arkansas while attending a school located in Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and the transferor is a member of the uniformed service who is serving on active duty.
12. A member of the armed forces or "covered individual" as identified in Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014.

Consistent with Section 103 of the Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018, 38 U.S.C. § 3679, as amended, with respect to any covered individual who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits, participating campuses of the University of Arkansas System will not prevent enrollment, impose a late fee, deny access to facilities or services (including course access, libraries, or other instructional facilities), require alternate or additional funding, or assess any other penalty due to a late payment of tuition and/or fees from the VA, so long as the payment is received by the University within 90 days after the date on which the University certifies or invoices for tuition and fees. This restriction does not apply in cases where the student owes additional payment to the University beyond the amount of the tuition and fee payment from the VA.

As permitted by law, the covered individual may be required to:

1. Submit a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance by the first day of class.
2. Submit a written request to use such entitlement.
3. Provide any additional information necessary to properly certify the enrollment.

This systemwide policy and procedure has been amended as necessary for compliance with the requirements of 38 U.S.C. 3679, as amended, and Ark. Code Ann. § 6-60-205.

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