



## Veteran's Dependent Support Waiver Eligibility Information and Instructions

<b>Admission</b>	Student must be admitted to a <b>degree program</b> through Southern Oregon University (SOU).
<b>Criteria</b>	<p>In order to be eligible, students must meet <u>one of two</u> sets of criteria:</p> <p>1) The student must be a child (includes adopted child or stepchild) of a Purple Heart recipient, alive or deceased, who was relieved or discharged from service in the Armed Forces of the United States with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions and was awarded the Purple Heart in 2001 or thereafter for wounds received in combat,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>2) The child (includes adopted child or stepchild), spouse, or unmarried surviving spouse of a member of the United States Armed Forces who:</p> <p>a) Died while on active duty, or</p> <p>b) Died as a result of a military service-connected disability, or</p> <p>c) Is 100% disabled as the result of a military service-connected disability as certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.</p>
<b>Degree Choice</b>	<p>A <u>child</u> must be 23 years of age or younger at the time the child applies for the waiver if they are pursuing their first undergraduate degree.</p> <p>A <u>child</u> is eligible for a waiver for a master's degree program <b>if</b> the child: 1) applied for and received the waiver for a baccalaureate degree with SOU when the child was 23 years of age or younger; <b>and</b> 2) applied for a SOU master's program waiver within 12 months of receiving their baccalaureate degree from SOU.**</p> <p>A <u>spouse</u> is eligible for a waiver for a SOU master's degree <b>if</b> this spouse completed their baccalaureate degree with SOU <b>and</b> applied for the master's program waiver within 12 months of receiving their SOU baccalaureate degree.</p>
<b>Residency</b>	The student must meet Oregon residency requirements as stipulated with OAR 580-010-0030 through 580-010-0045.
<b>Award Amount</b>	<p><b>The maximum waiver granted under this remission program shall be:</b></p> <p><b>1)</b> The total number of attempted credit hours equal to four years of full-time attendance for a baccalaureate degree, and <b>2)</b> the total number of attempted credit hours equal to two years of full-time attendance for a master's degree.</p> <p><b>1)</b> The waiver may not exceed the total number of credit hours the qualified student needs to graduate with a baccalaureate or a master's degree. Transferred credit hours accepted for a degree program may or may not count toward the total credit hours needed for degree completion. <b>2)</b> The term waiver amount will be reduced by the amount of any need or merit-based federal aid scholarships or grants, awards from the Oregon Opportunity Grant program established under ORS348.205, or any other aid from the eligible post-secondary institution, received by the qualified student. <b>3)</b> This benefit may not apply to previously completed terms (waiver is not retroactive).</p>
<b>Other Details</b>	The application form and supporting document, either current (dated within the past 6 months) Certificate of Eligibility reflecting Chapter 35 eligibility or DD214 reflecting Purple Heart Award, are due to the Veterans Certifying Official no later than 14 days before the applying term. Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis.

<p><b>Eligibility</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Student must be an Oregon Resident.</li> <li>2) Student must have a completed and processed FAFSA on file for the academic year the waiver is being requested for.</li> <li>3) Student must maintain a minimum 2.0 institutional cumulative GPA and meet the university's Satisfactory Academic Progress expectation every term.</li> <li>4) Student must be enrolled at least half-time and in an SOU degree program to be eligible for the award.</li> <li>5) Only credits that are necessary to the enrolled degree program are qualified for coverage by these funds. Pre-requisite courses are not eligible.</li> <li>6) Online courses can be supported as long as they count toward degree program.</li> <li>7) Summer Term is ineligible for this waiver because it is not a standard term of the academic year.</li> <li>8) Any schedule adjustments prior to the conclusion of the Add/Drop Period may affect the award amount. Award amount cannot be adjusted after the conclusion of the Add/Drop Period.</li> <li>9) Study Abroad can be supported as long as approved academic plan, including advisor signature, that demonstrates how courses apply toward degree is submitted at least 14 days prior to the start of the term abroad.</li> <li>10) If the student attempts to repeat courses already successfully completed, these funds are not available to be used toward the costs affiliated with the repeat courses.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Application of Funds</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Award is calculated <b>after</b> all need-based and merit-based aid is deducted from term tuition charges (loans are not a factor in waiver amount calculation). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) An <u>estimated</u> example of funding by term (undergraduate): <p><i>Charges:</i> Tuition: \$2600</p> <p><i>Financial Aid:</i> Oregon Opportunity Grant: (\$1100) Federal Pell Grant: (\$2000) Scholarships: (\$800)</p> <p>\$2600 - \$1100 - \$2000 - \$800 = (\$1,300)</p> <p>Veteran Dependent Support Waiver is not applicable for the term as tuition has been paid in full with need and merit-based funding.</p> <p>Any remaining balance on the student account should be paid with the Chapter 35 funding as the funds paid by the VA to the student are awarded for educational costs.</p> </li> </ul> </li> <li>2) As a last dollar award, this support will not result in excess funds issued to the student. Chapter 35 is paid to the student from the VA so those funds should be utilized for additional educational expenses.</li> <li>3) Any reduction in charges, due to course adjustments, fee adjustments, etc., will result in an updated waiver amount for the term. This may result in a balance due on the student account.</li> </ol>



SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY (SOU)
VETERAN'S DEPENDENT SUPPORT WAIVER APPLICATION

Complete Sections A, B, and C, then submit signed application to the Veteran's Certifying Official at SOU where enrolled for further processing at least 14 days prior to start of applying term.

A. Applicant Information Section:

Applicant's Name First-Middle-Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Campus ID# Preferred): \_\_\_\_\_ OR Applicant's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Choice (Check One): Baccalaureate Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Master's Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Veteran: [ ] Spouse [ ] Surviving Spouse [ ] Child [ ] Stepchild [ ] Adopted Child

[ ] I certify that I am a qualified dependent (child 23 years of age or younger unless pursuing an SOU Graduate Degree\*\*, spouse, or un-remarried surviving spouse) of an active duty military service veteran, as defined in Chapter 39, Oregon Laws 2008, who: 1) died while on active duty, or 2) died as a result of a service-connected disability, or 3) is 100% disabled as the result of a military service-connected disability as certified by the Department of Veterans' Affairs or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.

OR

[ ] I certify that I am a qualified child, stepchild, or adopted child of a Purple Heart recipient, alive or deceased, who was relieved or discharged from service in the Armed Forces of the United States with either an honorable discharge or a general discharge under honorable conditions and was awarded the Purple Heart in 2001 or thereafter for wounds received in combat.

Applicant's Signature

Date

B. Veteran Information Section: (Completed by Applicant)

Veteran's Name ( First-Middle-Last): \_\_\_\_\_ Veteran's DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

C. Applicant Consent to Release Information Section:

I certify that all information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide proof of eligibility to verify my dependent status at the time of application. If I am eligible to receive SOU Veteran Dependent Support Waiver funding through this program, I understand that this fund is a last dollar award which means that the amount of the waiver will be reduced by the amount of any federal scholarships or grants, awards from The Office of Student Access and Completion, both scholarships as well as the Oregon Opportunity Grant program established under ORS 348.205, or any other aid from the institution or external donors, received by the qualified student. I hereby give permission for my information to be used for SOU public reporting purposes.

Applicant's Signature

Date



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**Institution s Certification Section - Veteran s Certifying Official:**

*According to University records, I certify that the below named veteran's dependent applying for the support waiver meets the admission, Oregon residency, age, and degree program restrictions as defined in Chapter 39, Oregon Laws 2008.*

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Applicant's Name

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Veteran's Certifying Official Signature

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Approval Date

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\*Prospective students may obtain proof of eligibility information by calling:  
1-888-442-4551

**or**

by mailing a request to the following:

VA Regional Processing Office  
P.O. Box 8888  
Muskogee, OK 74402-8888