



University of Illinois

2024-2025 Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver Application

Priority Deadline: January 5, 2024

The Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver is a four-year (consecutive) tuition waiver at the University of Illinois. If you are awarded the waiver, it will cover your in-state tuition (for undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies) at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, Springfield, or Health Sciences Center). **The priority deadline to apply is January 5, 2024.** If we receive your application after the priority deadline we will consider it **ONLY** if the waiver for the conflict and county for which you are applying has not yet been awarded to an earlier applicant and the maximum number of awards for that county has not yet been reached. You will be notified by March 15, 2024 if you have been selected to receive the waiver. No applications will be accepted after October 1, 2024.

Eligibility Criteria

1. You must be a permanent resident of the Illinois County from which you apply, and also must be considered a resident of the State of Illinois. Please use your permanent Illinois address on the application form. *This tuition waiver will not waive out-of-state tuition.*
2. You must be admitted or have applied to the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign, Chicago, Springfield, or Health Sciences Center) by January 5, 2024 to be eligible for the first round of awarding. The tuition waiver must be used beginning with the first term of enrollment after eligibility has been established (Summer 2024, Fall 2024, or Spring 2025 semester).
3. You must be the natural child, step-child, or legally adopted child (by January 1, 2023) of the veteran on whose service your application is made. Please note: This tuition waiver is not for grandchildren of veterans.
4. You must provide a legible copy of your veteran parent's DD Form 214* as proof of:
 - his/her active or reserve duty service during World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the Siege of Beirut, the Grenada Conflict (eligible dates for each are identified on the Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver application); OR
 - his/her eligibility to receive or receipt of the Southwest Asia Service Medal (Southwest Asia Conflict), Afghanistan Campaign Medal (Operation Enduring Freedom), Iraqi Campaign Medal (Operation Iraqi Freedom), or Global War on Terrorism Medal (eligible dates for each are identified on the Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver application).**A photocopy of the DD Form 214 is the preferred documentation; however, we will accept copies of other discharge orders or active orders as proof of service medal eligibility. The documentation must be sufficient enough to support the criteria listed for the conflict(s) marked on the Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver application, including conflict name/geographic area, date entered, and date discharged.*
5. You must provide proof of your ACT or SAT scores with this application. A photocopy of the form that you received from ACT or SAT or a copy of your high school transcript reflecting your scores will be accepted. SAT scores will be converted to equivalent ACT scores.
6. You may not have previously received and used a Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver.

Selection Criteria

1. Up to three tuition waivers per county are awarded each year; one for each of the following until the maximum number is reached: World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Conflict, the Siege of Beirut, the Grenada Conflict, the Southwest Asia Conflict, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. If there is no qualified candidate, the tuition waiver expires. Tuition waivers are not transferable from one individual, one war/conflict, or one county to another.
2. Recipients of tuition waivers for each will be determined according to the following criteria, which appear in order of priority:
 - The child of a deceased veteran will be awarded the tuition waiver. If two or more candidates meet this criterion, the candidate with the highest ACT composite score will be the recipient.
 - If the veteran parents of all candidates are living, the child of a disabled veteran will be awarded the tuition waiver. If two or more candidates meet this criterion, the candidate with the highest ACT composite score will be the recipient.
 - If the veteran parents of all candidates are living and none are disabled, the tuition waiver will be awarded to the candidate with the highest ACT composite score.
3. The priority deadline to apply for the Children of Veterans Tuition Waiver is January 5, 2024. To be included in the first round of awarding your application must be deemed complete by the Office of Student Financial Aid by this date.

Return this application and non-returnable photocopies of all supporting documents to:

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Office of Student Financial Aid
Student Services Arcade
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