

Military Tuition Benefit

As a member of the armed services or a military dependent, if you do not qualify as a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes you may still pay a reduced tuition rate if you meet the eligibility requirements for the Military Tuition Benefit (N.C. Gen. Stat. Sec. 116-143.3). Note: the benefit only determines the amount of tuition you pay. You must still qualify academically for admission.

If you want more information about the issues discussed here, you should consult [A Manual to Assist the Public Higher Education Institutions of North Carolina in the Matter of Student Residence Classification for Tuition Purposes.](#) This manual is on reserve in the House Undergraduate Library, the Health Sciences Library, the Graduate School and at any of the other admission offices on campus.

Requirements

To be eligible for the Military Tuition Benefit as a member of the armed services you must:

- be a member of the US Air Force, US Army, US Coast Guard, US Marine Corps, US Navy, North Carolina National Guard, or a member of a reserve component of one of these services;
- be on active duty;
- be stationed in North Carolina on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders (not TDY).

NOTE: Members of reserve components are not eligible for the benefit unless they have been called up for active duty. This is not the same thing as being in the North Carolina National Guard Active Reserves. Most members of the North Carolina National Guard will not qualify for the benefit unless they have been called to active duty due to a war or state of emergency. To qualify for the Military Tuition Benefit as a military dependent you must:

- be the military dependent of a member of the armed services who is stationed in North Carolina (PCS orders) on active duty;
- be living with that service member;
- be registered with the Selective Service System, if you are a male between the ages of 18 and 26.

Applying for Military Tuition Benefit

The completed application form, along with all the required affidavits, must be received by the admissions office before the first day of classes of your first term of enrollment. This is an absolute deadline that cannot be waived. If you qualify for the benefit, you will receive it for the remainder of the academic year (fall term through second summer session). You must renew your eligibility each year by filing a new application and affidavits before the first day of classes of each fall term.

This form is available below for printing. It is also available at the admissions office through which are applying or were admitted and should be returned, along with the required affidavits, to the same admissions office for processing before the first day of classes.

[Military Tuition Benefit Application](#)

Before you give the admissions office your completed Military Tuition Benefit application, you must attach two affidavits from an appropriate military authority:

- an affidavit attesting to your duty status and location (a copy of your military orders will not satisfy this requirement), and
- an affidavit explaining how much the military is paying towards your education. (If the military is not paying anything towards your education, the affidavit should say that.)

"Appropriate military authorities" include commanding officers, payroll office administrators, base education officers, and similar authorities. You cannot sign the affidavit.

Amount and Duration of Benefit

If you are a service member declared eligible to receive the benefit, the amount of the benefit depends on how much the military is paying toward your education. Basically, if the military is paying 100 percent, you pay the out-of-state tuition rate. If the military is paying nothing, you pay the in-state tuition rate. If the military is paying only part of education costs, you will pay part, but not all, the difference. You will never be required to pay more than the amount of in-state tuition out of your own pocket. The University Cashier calculates the amount due according to a formula defined in the law.

Military dependents who qualify for the Military Tuition Benefit pay the in-state tuition rate. If you have been ruled eligible for the benefit and the service member through whom you qualify is transferred out of North Carolina during the academic year, you will continue to get the benefit for the rest of the academic year.

You must renew your eligibility each year by filing a new application and affidavits before the first day classes of each fall term. Failure to do so will result in your tuition being calculated at the out-of-state rate.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
AT
CHAPEL HILL

**APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR MILITARY
TUITION BENEFIT**

Under North Carolina General Statutes Section 116-143.3, certain members of the armed services and their military dependent relative may become eligible to be charged less than the out-of-state tuition rate even if they do not qualify as residents for tuition purposes under G.S. 116-143.1. Copies of the applicable law and of implementing University regulations are available for inspection upon request in all UNC-CH admissions offices (Undergraduate, Graduate, Dentistry, Medicine, Law, MAC, MBA, Summer School, Pharmacy, Continuing Studies, and Education) as well as at the Undergraduate Library and the Health Sciences Library. Included among the requirements is that the member of the armed services (and, if applicable, the military dependent relative who lives with and claims the benefit through that member) be living in North Carolina incident to the member's active military duty. Any such applicant for the Military Tuition Benefit must qualify academically for admission to any school of UNC-CH.

INSTRUCTIONS

YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED AFFIDAVITS TO YOUR ADMISSIONS OFFICE **PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES OF YOUR FIRST TERM OF ENROLLMENT IN EACH ACADEMIC YEAR** FOR WHICH YOU CLAIM THE REDUCED TUITION BENEFIT.

1. **Answer all questions** within the parts of the application that apply to you. All applicants for the Benefit must answer Part I and either Part II or Part III, attaching all required affidavits. **If the form and affidavits you submit are not completed in full by the filing deadline, you will be found ineligible for the Military Tuition Benefit for the term in question.** If any question is not applicable to your situation, write "Not Applicable."
 2. **Print or type all responses.** If you print your responses, you must use black ink. If you need more space to answer a question, write "See Attached" in the space provided and attach separate additional sheets, numbering your response the same as the corresponding question and stapling these sheets to this application form.
 3. **Be completely accurate to the best of your knowledge** and understanding when answering each question. Knowingly falsifying your responses will subject you to disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the University. **When a "date" is requested, give month, day, and year.**
 4. **Sign and date this application where indicated** to make those acknowledgments and certifications necessary to render this an acceptable application.
 5. **Attach all required affidavits.** (See Part II, item 10, or Part III, item 8, as appropriate.)
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PART I: To be answered by all applicants

1. Applicant's full name _____ 2. Date of Birth _____ Sex (M or F): ____

3. Social Security No. (Voluntary) * _____ 4. Personal ID No. (PID) _____

5. Are you currently enrolled in UNC-CH? ____ Yes ____ No Are you applying for admission ____ Yes ____ No
Select the earliest term and indicate the year for which you want this decision to apply:

Fall, 20__ Spring, 20__ Summer Session I, 20__ Summer Session II, 20__

Check the admissions office through which you are enrolled or are applying:

Undergraduate Law Medicine MAC MBA Dentistry Summer School Education

Pharmacy Continuing Studies Graduate (School or department) _____

6. Have you previously applied to UNC-CH for the Military Tuition Benefit? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, give date you applied _____ Through which admissions office? _____

What was the determination? ____ Eligible ____ Ineligible

PART II: To be answered by applicant if s/he is member of an armed service. **(Dependents skip to PART III)**

1. Rank _____ Serial No. _____

2. In which of the following armed services are you currently serving? (check one)

US Air Force US Army US Coast Guard US Marine Corps US Navy NC National Guard

3. Is this a Reserve Component of indicated service? ____ Yes ____ No 4. Are you on active duty? ____ Yes ____ No

5. What is your permanent duty station? _____

6. What is/was the effective date of this PCS (Permanent Change of Station)? _____

7. Current street address/building location at which you live (no PO Box) _____

8. Have you been admitted to UNC-CH? ____ Yes ____ No

9. Do the orders by which you were assigned to active military duty in North Carolina establish a date on which that duty will cease?
____ Yes ____ No If yes, give that date _____

10. a. **Attach an affidavit from the appropriate military authority attesting to your duty status and location.**

NOTE: Furnishing a copy of your military orders or exhibiting your military ID will *not* satisfy this requirement.

b. **Attach an affidavit from the appropriate military authority identifying any amounts payable to this institution, or to you, from federal or state government that are military education assistance to pay tuition.** This affidavit may express these amounts either as a percentage of eligible costs to be covered or as a dollar amount paid or to be paid, depending on how the authorizing regulation is worded. This requirement may be satisfied by attaching an executed military tuition assistance form or voucher issued pursuant to your contract of military education assistance, along with an affidavit from the appropriate military authority certifying that such document is a true copy of said assistance form or voucher.

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PART III: To be completed by applicants who claim the Military Tuition Benefit as Military Dependent Relatives of Service Members

1. Current street address/building location at which you live (no PO Box) _____

2. Have you been admitted to UNC-CH? ____ Yes ____ No
3. Give the following information for the service member through whom you claim the Military Tuition Benefit:
 - a. Full name _____
 - b. Rank _____
 - c. Serial No. _____
 - d. Date of birth _____
 - e. Branch of armed services (Circle one):
US Air Force US Army US Coast Guard US Marine Corps US Navy NC National Guard
 - f. Is this a Reserve Component of indicated service? __ Yes __ No
 - g. Is service member on active duty? __ Yes __ No
 - h. Permanent duty station? _____
 - i. What is /was the effective date of this PCS (Permanent Change of Station)? _____
 - j. Current street address/building location at which service member lives (no PO Box) _____

4. Do the orders by which the service member was assigned to active military duty in North Carolina establish a date on which that duty will cease? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, give that date _____
5. Is the service member through whom you claim the Military Tuition Benefit in receipt of orders for permanent assignment outside of North Carolina? ____ Yes ____ No If yes, what is the beginning date of that assignment? _____
6. What is your relationship to the service member through whom you claim the Military Tuition Benefit? _____
7. Are you currently registered with the selective Service System? ____ Yes ____ No If no, state why you are not so registered. **NOTE:** All male citizens of the US born on or after January 1, 1960, who are 18 but not yet 26 years of age, must register with the Selective Service System. _____
8. **Attach an affidavit from the appropriate military authority** attesting to your military dependent status and to the duty status and location of the service member whose military dependent you are.
NOTE: The affidavit must contain the following elements or you will not receive the Military Tuition Benefit for the term in question:
 - a. A statement that you are the *military dependent* of a service member. (If the affidavit does not say military dependent, it is unacceptable.)
 - b. The name of the service member through whom you claim the Benefit.
 - c. A statement that the service member through whom you claim the Benefit is on active duty, stationed in North Carolina.
 - d. **The signature of the appropriate military authority.** (*You may not sign this affidavit. The service member through whom you claim the Benefit may not sign this affidavit.* "Appropriate military authorities" include such individuals as commanding officers, payroll office administrators, base education officers, or any person not related to you who has the authority to make an affidavit attesting to the above information and its veracity.)

I hereby acknowledge that completion of Item 3 (Social Security number) is voluntary*, and is requested by the institution as a temporary identifier until a Personal Identification Number (PID) is assigned. I understand that I am required to provide my SSN on admission applications so that the University can fulfill its reporting obligations under Federal and State tax laws.

I hereby certify that all information I have set forth herein is true to the best of my knowledge, pursuant to my reasonable inquiry where needed. I further acknowledge that knowingly falsifying any information herein will result in disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the institution.

I hereby acknowledge that the institution may verify the information set forth herein from sources accessible under law to the institution, but that the institution may divulge the contents of this application only as permitted by the Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 if I am, or have been, in attendance at this institution.

Signature of Applicant

Parent or Guardian signature if
Applicant under 18 years of age

Date