

Congressman C.W. Bill Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program

Effective: July 1, 2015

House Bill 7015 created the Congressman C.W. Bill Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program authorizing an out-of-state fee waiver for veterans of the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces, U.S. Reserve Forces or the National Guard who physically reside in Florida and whomoving a provision regarding the applicability of

credit hours for a student's (a) fee. The Congressman C.W. Bill Young Veteran Tuition Waiver Program a program that requires a state university, Florida College System institution, or career center to waive out-of-state fees for a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, the U.S. Reserve Forces or the National Guard who physically reside in Florida while enrolled in the institution and was either honorably discharged or is using their earned G.I. Bill benefits

2. Who is eligible to receive the out-of-state fee waiver?

A veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces, U.S. Reserve Forces or the National Guard who was honorably discharged or is using their earned G.I. Bill benefits and physically resides in the state while enrolled in a Florida College System institution is eligible to receive the fee waiver. This includes any dependents.

The U.S. Armed Forces consist of the: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy.

4. What are the United States Reserve Forces?

The U.S. Reserve Forces are the: Marine Forces Reserve, Navy Reserve, Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, and Coast Guard Reserve.

5. What are the National Guard Components?

7. Are active duty military or National Guard members eligible to receive this-outstate fee waiver?
No; however, s. 1009.21 (1)(a), F.S., specifies that active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces residing or stationed in Florida and active drilling members of the Florida National Guard are classified as residents for tuition purposes.
8. May a student receive both the Purple Heart tuition waiver pursuant to s. 1009.26 (8), F.S., and this-out of-state fee waiver?

17. Does a FCS institution automatically administer this waiver?
No, a veteran must request this waiver. The FCS institution must verify the veteran meets eligibility criteria, including physical residence in Florida, prior to administering this waiver; therefore, it is not automatically applied.
18. When are FCS institutions required to start administering this waiver?
The effective date is May 22, 2015, therefore, this waiver is applicable for eligible veterans for terms starting on or after May 22, 2015.
19. Are currently enrolled veterans who are classified as non-Florida residents for tuition purposes eligible for this waiver?
Yes, all veterans who meet the eligibility criteria are eligible to receive the waiver.
20. Are eligible veterans able to receive a refund of out-of-state fees charged/paid for enrollment prior to July 1, 2014?
No, this waiver is applicable for terms starting on or after May 22, 2015.