

NEW TUITION WAIVER LAW

Governor Fletcher signed House Bill 128 into law on March 23, 2007. This bill pertains to Tuition Waiver in Kentucky, amending KRS 164.507 and 164.515. The new law **extends tuition waiver benefits to 45 months of education and the age of 26** rather than 36 months of education and the age of 23.

To implement this law, we will require applicants already using a tuition waiver certificate to complete and sign an Agreement and Certification for Extension of Tuition Waiver Benefits, which includes obtaining verification from the institution of higher learning that they have not yet accepted a diploma or certificate of completion while using the Kentucky Tuition Waiver Program.

KENTUCKY TUITION WAIVER PROGRAM

A waiver of tuition is an education benefit provided by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in recognition of military service of certain Kentucky veterans. The tuition waiver is provided for children, stepchildren, adopted children, spouses, and unremarried widows & widowers of certain veterans.

An approved tuition waiver means a student may attend any two-year, four-year, or vocational technical school that is operated and funded by the Kentucky Department of Education.

You may qualify if one of the following is true of the veteran:

- Died on active duty
- Died as a direct result of a service-connected disability as determined by VA
- Is 100% service-connected disabled
- Is totally disabled (non-service connected) with wartime service
- Is deceased and served during a wartime

Documentation needed to apply:

- KDVA Form TW-1, Tuition Waiver Application (available at: veterans.ky.gov)
- Birth Certificate and/or Marriage Certificate to prove relationship to veteran
- DD214 or Discharge Certificate to prove eligibility of veteran
- Veteran's Driver's License
- Death Certificate (if veteran is deceased)
- Disability Award Letter (either VA or SSA) to prove veteran is totally disabled
- Evidence of Kentucky Residency (tax form, driver's license, utility bill, etc.)