

# Clatsop Community College

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## Tuition Waiver for Dependents of Veterans (and Family of Oregon Fallen Public Safety Personnel)

Clatsop Community College will provide a tuition waiver to the spouse and children age 23 and under (including adoptive and step-children) of members of all branches of the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard who:

- Died while on active duty, or
- Died as a result of a military service-connected disability, or
- Is 100% permanently disabled as a result of a military service-connected disability as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

In addition, the student must be a resident of the Clatsop Community College district at the time of application for a waiver. The spouse of the fallen service member must initiate the request for a waiver within ten years of the determination of death or 100% disability. The spouse will lose eligibility upon remarriage. Dependent children must initiate this benefit prior to age 23.

Eligible students will receive a first-dollar\* tuition waiver if they do not receive the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John D. Fry Scholarship and are the survivor of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces or U.S. Coast Guard that died on active duty or died as a result of 100% service-connected disability. All other eligible students shall be granted in coordination with other student financial assistance (including VA Benefits) for which the recipient may be eligible, utilizing other grant resources before applying this tuition waiver in order to provide a total benefit not to exceed the total estimated cost of attendance.

The tuition waiver is available to students admitted to a certificate or degree program only. This waiver is also limited to 135 college credits or the completion of an Associate degree, whichever comes first. The waiver does not include required fees and may not be applied to community education programs or distance learning programs for recipients residing out of state. Continuation of this tuition waiver benefit is contingent upon the student meeting the applicable satisfactory academic progress requirements.

### NOTES:

\* For the purpose of this policy, "first dollar" means the waiver will be applied before other forms of aid, except the John D Fry scholarship. If a student is in one of the categories making them eligible for a "first-dollar" waiver the waiver would be applied before the Pell Grant, Oregon Opportunity Grant, scholarships etc. Only the John D. Fry Scholarship is applied before the waiver for students in these two categories.

### Tuition Waiver for Family of Oregon Fallen Public Safety Personnel

The purpose of this policy is to honor the public service of those individuals who die or have become 100% disabled in connection to their public service, and to provide assistance to their immediate families in earning a college associate degree.

Clatsop Community College will provide free tuition to the qualifying spouse and children (including adoptive and step-children) of Public Safety Personnel, and National Disaster Relief and Service Personnel who die, or have become 100% disabled, in connection to their service, and who listed Oregon as their permanent residence at the time of death or determination of 100% disability. Public Safety Personnel include Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers, Firefighters, and Emergency Responders. National Disaster Relief and Service Personnel include members of the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, VISTA, American Red Cross, FEMA, and other similar agencies.

This tuition waiver policy is subject to periodic review, modification, and approval by the Board of Directors of Clatsop Community College.

END OF POLICY

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