

## State of SC Waivers

### **SECTION 59-111-20. Free tuition for certain veterans' children.**

(A) A child of a wartime veteran, upon application to and approval by the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs, may be admitted to any state-supported college, university, or post high school technical education institution free of tuition so long as his work and conduct is satisfactory to the governing body of the institution, if the veteran was a resident of this State at the time of entry into service and during service or has been a resident of this State for at least one year and still resides in this State or, if the veteran is deceased, resided in this State for one year before his death, and provided the veteran served honorably in a branch of the military service of the United States during a war period, as those periods are defined by Section 101 of Title 38 of the United States Code and:

1. Was killed in action;
2. died from other causes while in the service;
3. died of disease or disability resulting from service;
4. was a prisoner of war as defined by Congress or Presidential proclamation during such war period;
5. Is permanently and totally disabled, as determined by the Veterans Administration from any cause;
6. Has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor;
7. Is missing in action;
8. The applicant is the child of a deceased veteran who qualified under items (4) and (5); or
9. Has been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat."

(B) The provisions of this section apply to a child of a veteran who meets the residency requirements of Chapter 112 of this title, is twenty-six years of age or younger, and is pursuing any type of undergraduate degree.

**To Qualify:** A child of a wartime veteran must submit a formal application to the South Carolina State Office of Veterans' Affairs. Access the application at <https://scdva.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Images/TuitionAssistanceApplication-Fillable-VA.pdf>. Complete the form and then either fax or mail it to the Governor's Office. For additional information, contact Trident Technical College's Veterans Assistance office at 843.574.6105 or via email [VeteransAssistance@tridenttech.edu](mailto:VeteransAssistance@tridenttech.edu)

### **SECTION 59-111-110. Tuition not charged children of firemen, law-enforcement officers and government employees totally disabled or killed in line of duty.**

No tuition may be charged for a period of four school years by any state-supported college or university or any state-supported vocational or technical school for children of:

1. firemen, both regularly employed and members of volunteer organized units, organized rescue squad members, members of the Civil Air Patrol, law enforcement officers, or corrections officers, as defined herein, including reserve and auxiliary units of counties or municipalities who become totally disabled or are killed in the line of duty on or after July 1, 1964;
2. government employees who become totally disabled or are killed in the line of duty while working on state time on or after July 1, 1996, as a result of a criminal act committed against them which constitutes a felony under the laws of this State.

The tuition authorized to be paid by this section applies only to undergraduate courses or curriculum and may be paid for a period not exceeding four years, regardless of the number of state-supported colleges, universities or state-supported vocational or technical schools the child attends.

**To Qualify:** The dependent employee/student must request that the employee's department provide a letter indicating the nature of the disability or death and the effective date the employee qualified for the disability under this law. In addition, proof or evidence that the requestor is a dependent of the fireman, law enforcement officer, or government employee of the member who was totally disabled or killed in the line of duty is required. The department's letter and proof of dependency is to be submitted to the business office before registering for classes at below address:

Trident Technical College  
Main Campus Business Office  
PO Box 118067 Charleston, SC 29423-8067  
Contact TTC at [gwcashier@tridenttech.edu](mailto:gwcashier@tridenttech.edu) for questions.

**SECTION 59-111-320. Persons age sixty and over may attend classes without payment of tuition.**

State-supported colleges and universities, and institutions under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, are authorized to permit legal residents of South Carolina who have attained the age of sixty to attend classes for credit purposes on a space available basis without the required payment of tuition, if these persons meet admission and other standards deemed appropriate by the college, university, or institution.

**To Qualify:** The student must submit a signed certification form in person to the Main Campus Business Office before registering and present his/her driver's license. Click for the form: [Certification for Free Tuition to Senior Citizens form](#). Contact TTC at [gwcashier@tridenttech.edu](mailto:gwcashier@tridenttech.edu) for questions.

**SECTION 59-112-50(C). Tuition rates for active duty personnel and for certain veterans and their relations.**

(C)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a covered individual enrolled in a public institution of higher education and receiving educational assistance under Chapter 30 and Chapter 33, Title 38 of the United States Code are entitled to pay in-state tuition and fees without regard to the length of time the covered individual has resided in this State.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, a covered individual is defined as:

(a) a veteran who served ninety days or longer on active duty in the Uniformed Service of the United States, their respective Reserve forces, and the National Guard and who enrolls within three years of discharge; or

(b) a person who is entitled to and receiving assistance under Section 3311(b)(9) or 3319, Title 38 of the United States Code by virtue of the person's relationship to the veteran described in sub item (a).

(3) A covered individual must live in this State while enrolled at the in-state institution.

(4) At the conclusion of the applicable three year period in subsection (C)(2)(a), a covered individual shall remain eligible for in-state rates as long as he remains continuously enrolled in an in-state institution or transfers to another in-state institution during the term or semester, excluding summer terms, immediately following his enrollment at the previous in-state institution. In the event of a transfer, the in-state institution receiving the covered individual shall verify the covered individual's eligibility for in-state rates with the covered individual's prior in-state institution. It is the responsibility of the transferring covered individual to ensure all documents required to verify both the previous and present residency decisions are provided to the in-state institution

**To Qualify:** If eligible, students who are out-of-state residents pay tuition based on Out of Tri-county area tuition rates. For additional information, contact Trident Technical College's Veterans Assistance office at 843.574.6105 or via email [VeteransAssistance@tridenttech.edu](mailto:VeteransAssistance@tridenttech.edu)