

# **Spouse/Dependent Tuition Waiver Academic Year (AY) 2025 – 2026**

**What is a Spouse/Dependent Tuition Waiver?** Eastern Washington University provides tuition waivers to eligible veteran's spouses and dependents per RCW 28B.15.621. The waiver covers tuition, including operating, building, S&A components, along with course fees. Overload, self-support and summer tuition is also waived. **Mandatory fees (Technology/Recreation Center Fee/STA/PUB), program fees (such as study abroad) and late tuition payment fees are the responsibility of the student.**

## **Who is Eligible?**

- A child and the spouse or the domestic partner or surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner of an eligible veteran or national guard member who became totally disabled as a result of serving in active federal military or naval service, or who is determined by the federal government to be a prisoner of war or missing in action; and
- A child and the surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner of an eligible veteran or national guard member who lost his or her life as a result of serving in active federal military or naval service.

## **What are the limitations?**

- A child must be a Washington domiciliary **between** the age of seventeen and twenty-six to be eligible for the tuition waiver. A child's marital status does not affect eligibility.
- A surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner must be a Washington domiciliary.
- A surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner has ten years from whichever date occurs last: the date of the death, or total disability, or federal determination of prisoner of war or missing in action status to receive benefits under the waiver. Upon remarriage or registration in a subsequent domestic partnership, the surviving spouse or surviving domestic partner is ineligible for the waiver of all tuition and fees.
- Reference State House Bill 2014-S2 effective June 6, 2024 for complete definition of "Eligible veteran or national guard member".
- Eligibility and continued participation is subject to the school's satisfactory progress policy as this waiver is a form of State Financial Aid. Total credits earned using the waiver may not exceed 250, including transfer hours.
- Coursework pursued must be degree seeking. Eligibility extends to undergraduate degrees only. The waiver can not be applied to Graduate Programs.
- Students may not receive the waiver in combination with any other tuition waiver/payment from EWU, another agency or program.
- "Washington domiciliary" means a person whose true, fixed, and permanent house and place of habitation is the state of Washington. "Washington domiciliary" includes a person who is residing in rental housing or residing in base housing.

## **How to apply?**

Complete and submit the attached application with all required documentation by the quarterly deadline.

## **Quarterly Application Deadlines (10th class day of each term):**

- **Fall 2025: Apply on or before October 1, 2025**
- **Winter 2026: Apply on or before January 20, 2026**
- **Spring 2026: Apply on or before April 10, 2026**
- **Summer 2026: Apply on or before June 26, 2026**

**Application for the Tuition Waiver does not guarantee receipt of the award.**

**Application must be made each academic year to be considered**

# **Spouse/Dependent Tuition Waiver Application Form**

## **Academic Year 2025 – 2026**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ EWU NET ID \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Check all quarters that apply:

Fall 2025

Winter 2026

Spring 2026

Summer 2026

Zip

Name of Veteran

## Dependent:

Dependents: Are you a child or other dependent of a veteran as defined in RCW 28B.15.621?

Yes

No

**Spouse:**

Are you a spouse or surviving spouse of a veteran as defined in RCW 28B.15.621?

Yes

No

**Dep/Spouse:** Do you meet all of the following additional eligibility requirements: 1) a Washington domiciliary; 2) formally admitted to EWU; 3) pursuing an undergrad degree; 4) maintaining satisfactory academic progress?

Yes

No

### Required Documentation:

- Copy of eligible veteran's VA disability letter or if veteran is deceased the DD Form 1300 or other military document proving death while in active military service.
- Proof of Washington residency for both applicant and eligible veteran (at time of death, disability, POW, or MIA)
- Marriage certificate between birth parent and eligible veteran for step children.

**This statement must be signed:** I certify the information provided on this application and in all supporting documents is true and accurate. I understand I am responsible for all mandatory fees the tuition waiver does not cover.

Student Signature

Date

**Submit all materials by application deadline via one of the following:**

1. Scan/email to: veterans@ewu.edu
2. Hand deliver to: Veteran Resource Center Office at 122 Showalter Hall (Main Campus)
3. Mail to: Veterans Resource Center, Eastern Washington University, 122 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004-2431