



**What's the Application Process?**

- Step 1: You submit this application once each academic year  
You can turn it in to your college, the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs or the MN National Guard Education Office  
It can also be completed online [www.ohe.state.mn.us](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us)
- Step 2: Your eligibility as a Veteran, Non-Veteran, Spouse or Dependent will be verified by the MN Department of Veterans Affairs  
You may be contacted to provide additional documentation like your DD214 or other discharge documents
- Step 3: Your college's financial aid office will notify you if you qualify for an award  
You must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before the college can determine if you qualify

**Who is eligible?**

In general, you must be all of the following:

- A current **Minnesota Resident** for state financial aid purposes (see below)
- An eligible **veteran, non-veteran, spouse or dependent**
- Enrolled in an eligible and participating postsecondary institution located in Minnesota
- Enrolled in a certificate, diploma, or degree program
- Making Satisfactory Academic Progress in your academic program
- Less than 62 years old at the beginning of the term
- Current on child support obligations, if applicable

You are a **Minnesota Resident** for state financial aid purposes (Application Question #8) if you meet one of the following:

- Graduated from a MN high school while residing in MN and, if currently residing in another state, physically attending a MN college
- Received a GED in Minnesota after living in the state for at least one year
- Lived in MN for 12 consecutive months for non-educational purposes (not enrolled more than 5 credits in any term during that time)
- Are a member (or spouse or dependent of) of the U.S. armed forces stationed in Minnesota for active federal military service
- A spouse or dependent of a veteran who is a MN Resident
- Additional ways you may be considered a MN Resident available at: [www.ohe.state.mn.us/mnresident](http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mnresident)

**How much is the award?**

If you meet the basic eligibility requirements, your financial aid office will determine how much you are eligible to receive each term. Any amount you are receiving in Pell Grant, State Grant and/or federal military or veterans education benefits (except VRAP) is taken into account when your award is calculated. The number of credits you are taking may also impact your eligibility and award amount. Each academic year (July 1 through June 30) you may receive up to \$3,000. The most you can ever receive is \$10,000 (lifetime maximum). Retroactive awards are not allowed. You must apply by the last day of the term in order to be awarded beginning in that term. The maximum award you are eligible to receive each term is based on whether you are enrolled full time or part time (See chart below).

Undergraduate Students		Graduate Students	
Part Time	Full Time	Part Time	Full Time
Less than 12 credits	12 credits or more	As defined by college	As defined by college
Up to \$500 per term	Up to \$3,000 per term	Up to \$500 per term	Up to \$3,000 per term

**Where can you get more information?**

To learn more about this program contact your college financial aid office or:

- The Office of Higher Education at (651) 642-0567 or (800) 657-3866
- Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Higher Education Veterans Programs at (800) 456-8519 or (888) LinkVet (546-5838)

**NOTICE TO APPLICANTS**

Section 7(b) of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires that when any federal, state, or local government agency asks you to disclose your Social Security Account Number, you must be advised whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by what statutory or other authority the number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it. Accordingly, you are being advised that disclosure of your Social Security number is voluntary. The Social Security number will be used to verify your identity, and as an identifier of your file in order to record necessary data accurately. As an identifier, the Social Security number is used in this program for such purposes as processing the application form, program evaluation, and reporting and notification of program eligibility and award amount to your postsecondary institution.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sec. 13.04, subd. 2 (2004), you are hereby informed that the information supplied in this application may be used as follows: (1) in the processing and verification of the data supplied to determine your eligibility for this program; (2) for compilation and analysis of summary data relative to this program; and (3) for dissemination of information to the school. You are not required to provide the information supplied in this application. However, failure to submit requested data may prevent further processing of this application. The information supplied in this application may be shared with other public and private individuals and entities in order to use the information for the purposes specified above.

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