



National Guard Fee Waiver

Fact Sheet for Members, Surviving Spouse, and/or Children

General Information:

Pursuant to NRS 396.5442, any member of the active Nevada National Guard, including a Nevada National Guard recruit, or the child or spouse of a person who was killed while performing duties as a member of the Nevada National Guard, may be permitted to register for credit at a Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) college or university without a registration fee.

Eligibility:

- Guard members must be in good standing or an active recruit at the start of—and throughout—the entire semester.
- Children or spouses of Guard members killed while performing duties may receive this fee waiver.
 - Includes legally married partners and registered domestic partners (registered with the Nevada Secretary of State).
- The Adjutant General must verify Guard membership and the status of children/spouses of deceased members.
- Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 semester GPA to remain eligible.
- Children may use the waiver for 10 years after turning 18, or 10 years after first enrolling if enrolled before age 18.
- Spouses may use the waiver for 10 years after the death of the Guard member.

Conditions:

- Available only during Fall and Spring semesters.
- State-supported, credit-bearing undergraduate or graduate courses
- Distance education, independent learning, and continuing education when state-supported
- Ineligible Courses
 - Self-supporting courses, including independent study and correspondence courses
 - Courses in the following professional schools:
 - UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law
 - UNR School of Medicine
 - UNLV School of Medicine
 - UNLV School of Dental Medicine
- Lab fees for courses below the 300 level may be waived.
- The following are not waived:
 - Per-semester fees (e.g., Health Service fee)
 - Special course fees not tied to class supplies (e.g., private instruction, third-party costs, special travel)
 - Class cost fees over \$100
 - Technology fees
- Anyone awarded the waiver is considered a bona fide Nevada resident for tuition purposes.

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Procedures:

- Current Guard members and recruits contact:
 - Retention Office (Air National Guard)
 - Education Office in the G1 (Army National Guard)
 - Complete tuition waiver request form
- Children or spouses of Guard members killed while performing duties.
 - The Office of Adjutant General notifies family members of waiver eligibility via certified letter.
 - The eligible family member contacts Office of Adjutant General when they are ready to utilize the waiver.
 - The Office of Adjutant General notifies NSHE that the student intends to use the waiver at a specific institution.
 - NSHE provides a point of contact at the selected institution to guide the student through the waiver process.
 - Documents spouse provides to NSHE include:
 - Certified copy of death certificate
 - Documentation confirming service member was killed while performing duties (DD Form 1300)
 - DD214/DD214-1
 - Proof of Dependency: Marriage Certificate (Spouse) and Birth Certificate(s) (for children)

Eligible Institutions:

- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of Nevada, Reno
- Nevada State University
- College of Southern Nevada
- Great Basin College
- Truckee Meadows Community College
- Western Nevada College