

RESIDENCY OPTIONS

A quick guide to help military affiliated students.

1. Intent to Establish Residence

By registering a letter of intent to establish residence in Texas, eligible veterans and dependents may pay resident tuition without regard to length of time residing in Texas.

Who is eligible?

Veterans and dependents eligible for benefits under the federal Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008 or any other federal law authorizing educational benefits. Child must be under the age of 25. ("Child" includes a stepchild).

What is the purpose?

A person is entitled to pay tuition and fees at an institution of higher education at the rates provided for Texas residents without regard to the length of time the person has resided in this state if the person files with the institution at which the person intends to register a letter of intent to establish residence in this state and resides in this state while enrolled in the institution and the person.

What is needed?

Waiver completed, dated, and signed, VA Letter of Eligibility, copy of Driver's License ID Card

How Long?

Once the year ends, , the student must request a change of residency status and provide supporting documents upon visiting the Office of Admissions & Recruitment, Mike Loya Academic Services Bldg., Room 102.

2. Choice Act

A qualifying veteran or dependent using certain VA Benefits may qualify for tuition and fees at the resident rate within 3 years of discharge, regardless of formal state of residence.

Who is eligible?

Veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located and enrolls in the school within 3 years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more. Spouse or child using transferred benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located and enrolls in the school within 3 years of the veteran's discharge.

What is the purpose?

Students using benefits under the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, and Voc-Rehab at public institutions of higher learning charge qualifying veterans and dependents tuition and fees at the rate for resident students for terms beginning after July 1, 2015.

What is needed?

Waiver completed, dated, and signed, Veterans DD214, Copy of ID. Dependents will need to provide proof of dependency: Birth Certificate, Marriage License (if applicable), Military Dependent ID Card.

How Long?

Must be renewed each academic year. If student does not enroll for Fall or Spring term, it will become inactive.

3. Military Waiver

A waiver to receive resident tuition for servicemembers and dependents stationed in Texas who do not already meet Texas residency requirements.

Who is eligible?

Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve and Dependents.

What is the purpose?

To provide UTEP with written verification of service member's assignment to Fort Bliss or another installation in Texas.

What is needed?

Military Waiver completed, dated, and signed with Commander's signature, Copy of Military ID Card.

How Long?

Will need to be renewed by student each year.

An LES with "Texas" would update your residency status

4. Yellow Ribbon

UTEP offers the Yellow Ribbon benefits to both undergraduate and graduate courses in all academic programs for either full or part-time enrollment. UTEP can offer up to a maximum contribution amount of \$2,645 to be matched by the VA, to cover the cost difference for in-state tuition rate covered by the Post 9/11 GI Bill minus the out of state tuition rate per academic year (not semester).

Who is eligible?

Student must be using Chapter 33 (Post 9/11 GI Bill/Fry Scholarship) and have been awarded 100% benefit rate to qualify for the Yellow Ribbon Program. Student must not be on active duty or a spouse of an active duty member using transferred entitlement. Child transferees of active duty servicemembers may be eligible if the servicemember is qualified at the 100% rate. UTEP must not have met the maximum cap of 50 participants for the Yellow Ribbon Program at time of application.

What is the purpose?

Program to assist with funding additional tuition expenses for military veterans that exceed the amount offered by the Post 9/11 GI Bill or Fry Scholarship. Students should not be eligible for any of the other waivers that can provide residence rates. Yellow Ribbon has been traditionally awarded to online students located outside of Texas.

What is needed?

Contact the MSSC for Yellow Ribbon application with submission of VA Letter of Eligibility.

How Long?

Students must renew each academic year.

All waiver forms and additional documentation should be turned in to the Military Student Success Center.



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