

## SC Tuition Assistance for Certain War Veterans' Children

The state of SC waives tuition for eligible dependents of war veterans through the South Carolina Tuition Assistance for Certain War Veterans' Children program, which is administered by the South Carolina Department of Veteran Affairs (SCDVA).



**The SCDVA tuition assistance program is a state benefit that is separate from federal VA educational benefits.** The state of SC determines eligibility requirements and approves applications for tuition assistance at SC public colleges/universities. **The SCDVA will notify Winthrop University's Financial Aid Office of each applicant's approval, and the Financial Aid Office will post the tuition waiver to the approved student's Winthrop account. This waiver covers the approved student's tuition fee ONLY.**

### Applying for SCDVA tuition assistance:

- **Please review eligibility requirements and submit an application as soon as possible after your high school graduation date at <https://scdva.sc.gov/education>.** The SCDVA verifies all residency, graduation, and military service records during the review process.
- **Processing times vary, but can take 2-8 weeks.** The SCDVA will email an approval letter the Financial Aid Office and copy the student, or email a denial letter to the student. The SCDVA does not provide application status updates to applicants or to Winthrop.
- **Contact SCDVA at (803) 647-2434 with questions** about the tuition assistance program, the application process, or to request a transfer letter to another SC school if previously approved.

### Payment expectations based on SCDVA decision status:

- **If the Financial Aid office DOES receive your approval letter and post a tuition waiver to your student account before Winthrop's payment deadline, August 7 at 2:00 p.m., you will be required to make payment arrangements for your remaining account balance, minus any scholarships/aid, by the deadline in order to avoid financial and registration penalties.**
- **If the Financial Aid Office DOES NOT receive an approval letter and post a tuition waiver to your account before the payment deadline, you will be required to make payment arrangements for your account balance, including tuition, by the deadline in order to avoid financial and registration penalties.**
- If the SCDVA sends your approval letter after the deadline, the Financial Aid Office will credit your account a prorated amount from the benefit start date listed on the approval letter until the end of term. The Financial Aid Office will automatically add the waivers to approved student accounts after they register for classes each term, including summer.

### Plan ahead to make payments:

- Contact the **Financial Aid Office at (803) 323-2189** to discuss financial aid options and, if approved for a SCDVA tuition waiver, to ask questions about using the waiver at Winthrop.
- Contact **Student Financial Services at (803) 323-2165** to learn about payment options, including payment plans, after you apply for SCDVA tuition assistance.