



The University of Vermont

Application for Higher Education Opportunity Act Benefits

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We at the University of Vermont are committed to providing support to the Members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families. In compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA), UVM has created rules and definitions for qualifying students to be billed tuition at the in-state rate irrespective of a student's residency classification as defined by the [Residency Policy](#). In this application, you will find a list of instructions and a link to the rules and definitions to qualify for tuition benefits under the Higher Education Opportunity Act as outlined in the [Tuition Billing for Members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their Families University Operating Procedure](#). This Application will be used to determine if a student qualifies under these rules and regulations. A separate application can be found on the veteran's website for those wishing to apply for billing at the in-state rate using Department of Veterans Affairs (V.A) education benefits under S417 ([in-state rate](#)).

Determination of Eligibility: All students at, or applicants to, the University of Vermont are classified as either In-State or Out-of-State residents for tuition purposes under The University of Vermont Board of Trustees Residency Regulations. Students who are assigned an In-State classification, under the Regulations, pay a lower rate of tuition than those who are classified as Out-of-State students. The Residency Regulations are applied uniformly to all students throughout the University's colleges and schools.

However, there are certain operating procedures for members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their family members in which UVM, upon submission of appropriate documentation, will charge qualifying members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families the in-state tuition rate. Eligibility for HEOA tuition benefits under these procedures does not change a student's residency classification. If a student qualifies under HEOA, the student's residency will remain out-of-state, but the student will be billed at the in-state rate per the rules and definitions outlined in the University Operating Procedure. If a student feels they meet the regulations to be considered an in-state student, the student should complete the full [Application for In-State Status](#) for a full residency review.

Applicant Responsibilities: You must complete the application in its entirety and attach all relevant supporting documentation. Failure to provide complete and accurate information, or failing to submit supporting documentation, may delay the processing of your application and/or adversely affect an eligibility decision. In addition to the types of supporting documentation mentioned in the Application, please include any additional information you feel will help support your application.

Instructions: Read the directions carefully and review all the questions before completing the Application. Incomplete forms or lack of supporting documentation will delay processing.

Provide Supporting Documentation: Simply completing the Application for Higher Education Opportunity Act Benefits is not sufficient to successfully demonstrate your eligibility. Please provide as much information and documentation as you can, and sign the Application on page 6. A list of supporting documentation has been provided at the end of this Application. Only non-stapled copies of supporting documentation should be submitted. It is the responsibility of each individual applicant to demonstrate compliance with the University's rules and definitions. Please note that an enrollment break (not including summer terms) will require a new and timely Application. Further, a determination for eligibility under HEOA is valid only if a student actually enrolls for the semester in question. If a student does not enroll, they must submit a new and timely Application.

Deadline for Application: Last day of ADD/DROP each semester. An application may be submitted as early as 75 days in advance of the first day of classes for a semester, unless otherwise requested. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the high volume in our office immediately before and during registration, we cannot guarantee that applications received by this deadline will be processed before the tuition payment due date. **If your status has not been resolved before your payment due date, you must contact Student Financial Services regarding payment of your bill.**

*All applications received after the last day of the Add/Drop deadline will be considered for the following semester for which the student is enrolled.

Mail or Deliver Your Completed Application: Once your completed Application is received, the information will be reviewed within the context of the University's Tuition Billing for Members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their Families University Operating Procedure. You will receive a decision letter (typically within 2-3 weeks) notifying you if you qualify to be billed at the in-state rate.

*Please note that even though parent(s), guardian(s), or others may assist you in completing this Application, all communication will be with the student applicant directly.

Mailing: University Residency Officer
85 So. Prospect Street
Waterman 360
Burlington, VT 05405

Delivery: Student Service Center
3rd Floor Waterman Building
85 So. Prospect Street
Burlington, VT 05405

If you have any questions regarding this application please feel free to contact the University Residency Officer at (802) 656-8515 or email your questions to regres@uvm.edu attn.: University Residency Officer OR email questions to Student Veterans Services at veterans@uvm.edu

Please make a copy of this Application for your personal records. All materials you submit become the property of the University of Vermont and will not be returned or forwarded. The information contained in the Application for Higher Education Opportunity Act Benefits, as well as all supporting documentation, is confidential and used only by the Registrar's Office. Your file will be maintained in accordance with the University's Record Retention Policy, and will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law.



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***Please make a copy of this Application for your records. Please DO NOT include pages 1, 2, and 7 when submitting your completed Application. In addition, please DO NOT staple any supporting documentation together.**

Applicant Status

Please indicate which status you believe to be applicable to your situation below, for consideration by the University, in light of the content of your Application.

Dependent Student:

I am applying as a dependent student? YES NO

Financially Independent Student:

I am applying as a financially independent student and certify that I have not been, and will not be, claimed as an exemption for federal income tax purposes by any person except myself or my spouse for the current calendar year and for the calendar year immediately before the year in which this application is made?

YES NO *If yes, but applying as the spouse of a service member, please complete the application and provide documentation as a dependent student (the sponsor's information and documents will be needed along with yours).*

Military Status:

I am applying as a member of the Armed Forces who is on active duty for a period of more than 30 days, or a spouse or dependent of such a member of the Armed Forces, whose domicile or permanent duty station is in Vermont. *(Please complete Section A (pages 3 & 4), see page 7 for documentation to submit, and sign and date application on page 6)*

Please indicate applicant's status: Service Member Spouse Dependent

I am applying as a member of the National Guard or Reserves who is on active duty under Title 10 orders for a period of more than 30 days, excluding a basic training assignment, or a spouse or dependent of such a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who is domiciled in Vermont. *(Please complete Section A and Section B, see page 7 for documentation to submit, and sign and date application on page 6)*

Please indicate applicant's status: Service Member Spouse Dependent

Date moved to Vermont: ____ / ____ / ____

SECTION A – Applicant Identification Information

To be completed by **ALL** Applicants

1) Identification

Student's Name

Social Security Number

Email Address

Student ID Number (95#)

College

Major/Minor

Anticipated Graduation Date

SEMESTER SEEKING ELIGIBILITY STATUS:

Fall Spring Summer Year: _____

Applications are due by the last day of the Add/Drop period for the semester you are seeking eligibility

I am:

- A New Student
- A Continuing Student
- A Returning Student
- An Applicant
- Registered for a course

In:

- An Undergraduate College or School
- The Graduate College
- The College of Medicine
- Continuing and Distance Education (Non-Degree)
- Continuing and Distance Education (Certificate Student)

If you are a continuing or former student, when did you first enroll at The University of Vermont?

Fall Spring Summer Year: _____ Were there any breaks in your enrollment? YES NO

Have you previously applied for admission to The University of Vermont?

YES NO When? _____

Have you previously submitted an Application for Higher Education Opportunity Act Benefits? YES NO When? _____

Address for Reply (Street, City, State & ZIP Code)

Permanent Address (Street, City, State & ZIP Code)

Permanent Duty Station-(you or service member's if a dependent)

Dates(s) assigned: _____

Parent/ Legal Guardian #1 Address (if dependent)
(Name, Street, City, State & ZIP Code)

Parent/ Legal Guardian #2 Address (if dependent)
(Name, Street, City, State & ZIP Code)

Local Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Age _____

Birthdate _____

Place of Birth _____

Person(s) with whom you live: (please specify) _____

Are you a Citizen of the United States? YES NO

If you are not a U.S. Citizen, what is your VISA type? _____ VISA # _____ Date of issue _____

Do you hold permanent or temporary resident immigration status? YES NO (Please attach documents)

SECTION B –

To be completed by the Student and/or Parent(s) or Legal Guardian and/or Spouse.

1) Employment – Student (if independent)---[Student and Parent (s) or Spouse’s if submitting as a dependent]

List chronologically your and/or parent(s)/spouse employment and physical residence for the last three years. If you were not employed, list your physical residence and how you financially supported yourself during those times. Attach additional page if necessary.

<u>Dates of Employment</u> Student		<u>Occupation</u>		<u>Physical Residence</u>
mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	Employer	Job Title, Job Description	City, State
From:	To:			
From:	To:			
From:	To:			

<u>Dates of Employment</u> Parent(s) and/or Spouse		<u>Occupation</u>		<u>Physical Residence</u>
mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	Employer	Job Title, Job Description	City, State
From:	To:			
From:	To:			
From:	To:			

2) Absences from the State of Vermont – Student (if independent)—[Student and Parent (s) or Spouse’s (if dependent)]

Over the past three years have you and/or parent(s)/spouse been absent from the state for a period of more than 30 days? YES NO
If yes, list the dates and reason(s) for such absences. (Include vacations, education, employment, military absence, etc.)

Who	Dates of Absence		Location		Purpose of Absence
	mm/dd/yy	mm/dd/yy	City	State	
(student/parent/spouse)	From	To			
	From	To			
	From	To			
	From	To			

Supporting Documentation

The documentation listed below may be helpful to the University and/or required when evaluating your Application. You are encouraged to submit clear copies of as many of the documents listed below. The burden of proof as to eligibility rests with the student. The column on the left indicates the type of supporting documentation and the columns on the right indicate who should supply them. *Please do not submit this page with your completed Application.

<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS for VT Domicile (National Guard/Reserves)</u>	DEPENDENT STUDENTS (includes spouses) Documents should come from:	INDEPENDENT STUDENTS Documents should come from:
Driver's License or Vermont Identification Card (for non-drivers) - Copy of Driver's License or Vermont Identification Card	Student AND Parent(s)/ Legal Guardian(s) or Spouse	Student
Income Taxes Filed - A copy of the first and last page of Form 1040A U.S. Individual Income Tax Return for the previous fiscal year, signed and dated - A complete copy of all State Income Tax Return(s) for the previous fiscal year, signed and dated	Student AND Parent(s)/ Legal Guardian(s) or Spouse	Student
Proof of Housing (Reflecting 12 consecutive months prior to start of semester) - Copy of past & current signed lease agreement (name should be listed on the lease) - *If lease expires before the start of the semester please include a copy of the renewal, extension, or new lease - If no lease, a notarized letter from the landlord - Copy of deed to house or proof of home ownership - Most recent copy of Property Tax Bill	Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s) or Spouse	Student
Miscellaneous - Vehicle registration - Voter registration Military Forms - DD-214- member 4 (if applicable) - Title 10 Military Orders - DD-Form 114 and/or LES - DD-Form 2058 - DD-Form 220 - Enlistment Certification/documentation - Any other relevant documents	Parent(s)/ Legal Guardian(s) or Spouse	Student

<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS FOR Full time active members of the Armed Forces and Their Family Members</u>	DEPENDENT STUDENTS Documents should come from:	INDEPENDENT STUDENTS Documents should come from:
Full time active members of the Armed Forces and Their Family Members - Official military travel orders assigning you, while serving on active duty, to a permanent duty station in Vermont.	Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s) or Spouse	Student
- A copy of the first and last page of Form 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return and all state tax returns for the previous fiscal year, signed and dated	Parent(s) / Legal Guardian(s) or Spouse	N/A