



Veterans Education Assistance Fund Criteria and Application

The Veterans Education Assistance Fund is designed to provide critical financial support for men and women who served as members of the U.S. Armed Forces and who have enrolled at Lake Michigan College. Priority in selection for recipients is reserved for those who, because of special circumstances, need extra financial support beyond that provided by the G.I. Bill.

The fund is intended to recognize that those who have so bravely served our country, often have limited resources, minimal support and are in financial stress particularly during the transition from active duty to civilian life. The Veterans Education Assistance Fund is intended to provide a safety net to veterans continuing their education at Lake Michigan College, meeting their unique needs and assisting them to complete their chosen academic programs.

Students who are in need of financial assistance may submit an application and supporting documentation to the Office of the Vice President of Student Services. Funds are distributed with an average range of \$50 to \$1500. Applicants may be required to meet with the Vice President of Student Services to discuss their application.

The number of students who can be served by the Veterans Education Assistance Fund is subject to the availability of funds. The fund is sustained by continual contributions from students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the College. Those who benefit from the fund are encouraged to contribute to the fund, once their education is complete, assisting those who may face similar struggles.

Financial assistance may be provided from the fund for the following:

- Tuition not covered by other forms of assistance
- Temporary coverage for late benefits
- Books and other essential academic necessities not covered by other forms of assistance
- Costs associated with tutoring or other counseling and assistance.
- Items that may assist in accommodating a disability
- Unanticipated transportation and living expenses that may be barriers to educational success.

Eligibility

To be considered for Veterans Education Assistance Funds, the student must first meet the following criteria:

- Student must be an honorably discharged veteran, currently serving in the armed forces or reserves, or a dependent of a veteran or someone currently serving
- Priority will be given to veterans who, because of special circumstances, need extra financial support.
- Must be a student in good standing as defined by Financial Aid at the beginning of the semester
- Must have no other overdue debt to the College
- Must be an in-district resident
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Student can receive funding once per academic year with a lifetime cap of 2 disbursements.

The maximum Veterans Education Assistance Fund award is \$1500. Lake Michigan College retains the right to determine the amount that each individual may receive.

Application Process

The application must be completed and signed with all required documentation. Applications should be submitted to the Office of the Vice President of Student Services. Processing can take up to eight (8) business days. The Office of the Vice President of Student Services will notify applicants via e-mail or phone once a decision has been made. Checks should be picked up at the Cashier's window at the Napier Campus.

