

## **Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) Tier 2 Stipend Information and Roster Instructions**

### **Stipend amount**

Eligible tier 2 students, as confirmed by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS), are guaranteed waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at Virginia public colleges and universities regardless of degree program or enrollment level. In addition, *as funds are available subject to the priority funding policy*, eligible students may receive a stipend to offset other educational expenses, such as room, board, books, and supplies. Currently, Virginia law stipulates that the maximum allowable stipend amount is \$2,200 per year; however, in any given year there may be more eligible students than can be fully funded and the maximum stipend amount will need to be adjusted. **At this time, the 2021-22 maximum stipend has been set at \$1,200\*** with term award amounts as follows:

Enrollment Level	Credit Hours <u>as of census date (end of add/drop)</u>		Term Amount
	Undergraduate	Graduate	
Full-Time	12+	9+	\$600
3/4-Time	9 - 11	7 - 8	\$450
Half-time	6 - 8	5 - 6	\$300
< Half-time	1 - 5	1 - 4	\$150

\*Stipend amounts may be reduced if the number of eligible students exceeds projections.

### **Enrollment in multiple institutions**

A student may receive the term stipend through one institution only – the home institution selected by the student in the portal; funding is based on the combined enrollment. Note that the student remains eligible for the waiver of tuition and fees at all institutions in which the student is enrolled.

### **Reduced award**

The maximum amount of the VMSDEP stipend, when combined with “other scholarships, grants, and waivers” (i.e. other gift aid), cannot exceed the student’s estimated cost of attendance (room, board, books, supplies, etc.). Other gift aid includes but is not limited to athletic or academic scholarships, the Dependent’s Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35 of Title 38, U.S. Code), etc. Formula: Institution COA - scholarships/grants/waivers = equals VMSDEP stipend (up to student’s annual stipend amount).

### **Withdrawals and Drops**

If a student withdraws from college, the stipend is adjusted by a percentage equivalent to the tuition refund policy in effect at the institution.

If a student is allowed to retroactively drop one or more courses after the census date, the student’s stipend amount is recalculated based on the current number of enrolled credit hours.