## Veterans' Out of State Waiver Request Process

State and federal law extends out-of-state tuition waivers to students who are:

- honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, The United States Reserve Forces, the National Guard, or
- eligible veteran dependents using VA educational benefits,

regardless of these students' state of residency, as long as they physically reside in Florida during their time in school.

The waiver program also includes Active duty members of the Armed Forces of the U.S. residing or stationed <u>outside</u> of Florida. Those members stationed in or living in Florida should qualify for residency under the Office of Admissions.

The Veteran Out of State Tuition Waiver Program for Florida colleges and universities:

- Is classified as a tuition waiver
- Exempts eligible students from being held to the 12-month residency rule for out-of-state students
- Cannot be granted to students who live outside of Florida except in the case of active duty servicemembers
- Requires documentation that students who receive the waiver reside in Florida, again except in the case of active duty servicemembers

Documents that verify Florida residency must include the student's name and current address; examples include a signed lease, declaration of domicile, utility bill, driver's license, voter's registration card or vehicle registration.

FSU students who are honorably discharged former military members to include National Guard and Reservists and have lived in Florida for **less than 12 months** must submit:

- The Member 4 copy of the veteran's DD214 showing their character of discharge as Honorable (DD214 is only required once, it will not be required for future semesters- your SSN may be redacted)
- Documentation that the student veteran currently resides in Florida. Depending upon what documentation is provided, this may be required each semester.
- Active Duty Servicemembers only must provide either a copy of their most recent Leave and Earning Statement (LES) or their military ID card.

FSU students who are <u>eligible dependents</u> of veterans or active Reservists/National Guard members and have lived in Florida for <u>less than 12 months</u> must establish eligibility for VA educational benefit eligibility through the FSU Student Veterans Center before applying for the Veteran OOS Tuition Waiver Program. They must also provide documentation that they reside in Florida.

To receive this waiver, check to see if your tuition has been posted, complete the Student Information section below, attach the required documentation and click the submit button.

A NEW WAIVER APPLICATION IS REQUIRED EACH SEMESTER.