

How do I get my KDVA Tuition Waiver started?

- If you have not already done so, you will need to apply for your tuition waiver through the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs:
<https://veterans.ky.gov/Benefits/Pages/Education-for-Veterans-in-Kentucky.aspx>.
 - Once KDVA processes your application, they will email you a copy of your tuition waiver.
 - KDVA will email a copy of the waiver directly to me as well.
 - If you have questions about the application process, or the documentation required, please contact KDVA directly at the phone number or email address listed on the web site referenced above.
- Please submit the online, internal-to-UK, waiver request form after you register for classes: <http://seeblue.com/kdva>
 - I need this form every semester, and I always send out a group email to remind everyone to turn the form in each term.
 - Please check your UK email regularly. All communication from my office will go to your UK email address.

What does the waiver pay for?

- KRS 164.505, KRS 164.507, and KRS 164.515 provides a waiver of **tuition only** for qualified applicants. The waiver does not cover mandatory fees, course fees, or program fees.
 - Base tuition for the 2022-23 academic year is \$5,748.
 - Mandatory fees for 2022-23 are \$681.50. These fees are **not** covered by the tuition waiver.
 - Depending on your class schedule, you may also have course fees and/or program fees that are not covered by the waiver.
- If you need additional financial assistance to cover mandatory, course, and/or program fees, please work directly with your Financial Aid counselor:
<https://www.uky.edu/financialaid/contactus>.

How do I get my Chapter 35 benefits started?

- If you have not already done so, you will need to apply for your Chapter 35 DEA benefits through the VA: <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>.
 - Once the VA processes your application (8-10 weeks), they will send you a Certificate of Eligibility in the mail. Please forward a copy of the COE to me. You can scan the COE, or take a picture of it with your phone, and email it to me.
 - I also need you to submit the online, internal-to-UK, benefit request form after you register for classes: <http://seeblue.com/varequest> When you select Chapter 35 DEA in the “VA Chapter” section, a field will populate for your file number. That is the veteran’s social security number.
 - Please note that Chapter 35 Dependents Education Assistance and the KDVA tuition waiver are two separate benefits, and each has its own request form.
 - I need this form every semester, and I always send out a group email to remind everyone to turn the form in each term. Please be sure to check your UK email regularly. All communication from my office will go to your UK email address.

What does Chapter 35 Pay?

- Chapter 35 DEA pays a monthly stipend of \$1,401 directly to you while class is in session.
- The payment will direct-deposit into the bank routing number you provided to the VA on your original application for benefits.
- The benefit pays a month in arrears.
 - The earliest you can expect to see payment from the VA for the Fall term is around September first. That payment will be a small one since we are only in class for about a week in August.
 - The first full payment will arrive around October 1st, payment for September.
- I do not have access to VA payment records to check on the status of your Chapter 35 payments.
 - If you have questions about your Chapter 35 stipend, please contact the VA directly at 888-442-4551.
 - Please allow a 5-day window on either side of the first of each month for the payment to appear in your account.

Using your Chapter 35 Benefits to pay for on-campus housing and dining

- If you want to use your Chapter 35 DEA stipend to pay towards your dorm and dining costs, you will need to make arrangements with Wendy Christian in Student Account Services to pay those fees in installments. You can reach Wendy at wcch222@uky.edu.
 - You will need to contact Wendy **every semester** to prevent late fees from accruing to your account.
 - Keep in mind that you will receive roughly \$5,600 in Chapter 35 funds throughout the course of the semester. Depending on your dorm and meal plan, you could have out-of-pocket expenses for those charges.
 - We ask that all charges be paid in full by November 22nd. If that deadline presents a problem, Wendy can work with students and families on a case-by-case basis to extend the deadline.