

Washington State University
Status report on the implementation of RCW 28B.15.621(4)

RCW 28B.15.621 (10) requires the governing boards of the state universities to report to the higher education committees of the Legislature by November 15, 2010, and every two years thereafter, regarding the status of implementation of the 100% tuition and fee waiver for children, spouses and domestic partners of veterans or national guard members who either became totally disabled, have been determined to be a prisoner of war or missing in action, or lost his or her life serving in active military service.

Total Number of Waivers, Amount of Tuition and Fees Waived

WSU granted veteran and national guard waivers under section 28B.15.621 to a total of 504 students in 2023 and 598 students in 2024. Total tuition waived for these students was \$4.4 million in 2023 and \$5.7 million in 2024.

The following tables focus on the subset of veteran and national guard waiver recipients who received the 100 percent waiver under subsection (4) of RCW 28B.15.621.

The table shown below quantifies the number of waivers, the amount of tuition and fees waived, and the average amount waived per recipient.

- The total number of waivers represents the number of students receiving a waiver, regardless of whether they received the waiver for one or multiple semesters in an academic year.
- Tuition amounts reported include operating fee plus building fee as defined in RCW28B.15.020.
- Fees may include Services and Activities (S&A) fees, Student Recreation Center, Health, Transit, Stadium, Technology, Student Media, Food Pantry, Compton Union Building renovation, Chinook Student Center, Tri-Cities Safety and Transportation, and Tri-Cities Student Union fees, as applicable.
- The average waived is the total of tuition and fees waived divided by the number of recipients.

	FY23			FY24		
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total
Total Number of Waivers	372	19	391	462	17	479
Total Amount of Tuition	3,774,660	166,154	3,940,814	4,982,068	173,651	5,155,719
Total Amount of Fees	325,968	2,288	328,256	435,889	4,548	440,438
Average Amount of Tuition and Fees	11,023	8,865	10,918	11,727	10,482	11,683

Demographic Data for Recipients by Fiscal Year

Recipient demographic data disaggregated by ethnic categories withing racial subgroups	FY23	FY24
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	5
Asian	37	45
Black or African American	21	28
Hispanics of any race	49	59
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific	2	4
Race and Ethnicity Unknown	9	11
Two or More Races	54	60
White	215	267
Total	391	479

Recipient Income Level

Recipient income data is reported for students who completed the 'Free Application for Federal Student Aid' (FAFSA). The number of students in each adjusted gross income band is presented below by fiscal year.

Student Adjusted Gross Income (Per FAFSA)	FY23	FY24
\$0-\$10,000	183	223
\$10,001-\$20,000	15	20
\$20,001-\$30,000	23	19
\$30,001-\$40,000	17	19
\$40,001-\$50,000	18	20
\$50,001-\$60,000	9	12
\$60,001-\$70,000	16	15
\$70,001-\$80,000	13	15
\$80,001-\$90,000	11	23
\$90,001-\$100,000	12	15
Over \$100,000	74	98
Total	391	479