Voyager Award Information

A. PURPOSE

To honor and support Oregon members of the National Guard and Reserves who have been deployed in a combat zone or international deployment since September 11, 2001

B. BENEFITS TO SOLDIERS

With this program, qualifying members of the National Guard and Reserves may receive funds to cover the cost of actual tuition and fees (mandatory enrollment costs). The Voyager funds will cover tuition and fees not covered by National Guard tuition assistance (T.A) benefits. Students who are eligible to receive such benefits are responsible for securing the tuition assistance benefit (currently $4,500 per fiscal year) from the National Guard. For some students, the amount of tuition assistance received from the National Guard or Reserves, will cover all tuition and fees at WOU; in such cases, no Voyager funds will be awarded. For reservists who do not receive tuition benefits, the Voyager funds will cover all mandatory tuition and fees up to 18 credits per term.

C. ELIGIBILTY

1. Must be a member of National Guard or Reserves and must have been called to active duty and served in a combat zone or serve at least six months in an active duty role at an international location since September 11, 2001.
2. Must be an Oregon resident as defined by OAR 580-010-0030 through 580-010-0045.
3. Must have a valid, complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and financial aid file each year.
4. Must be fully admitted to WOU.
5. Must be seeking an initial bachelor's degree only.
6. Must be a full-time student. Half-time student tuition benefits from the National Guard Tuition Assistance program cover the entire cost of half-time enrollment.
7. The duration of the award will be a maximum of four years. A maximum credit limit is set at fifteen credits above the minimum number of credits required to complete the chosen degree. Students must re-apply for the award each year. Specific award amounts will be determined based on the number of credits taken and the amount received (if any) of National Guard tuition assistance.
8. Must maintain satisfactory academic progress for continued eligibility.
9. Benefits are not transferable to a spouse or other family member of the soldier.

D. APPLICATION

To apply, complete the application on the reverse side.

E. VOYAGER AWARD AMOUNT

The amount of the award will initially be estimated at 12 credits for eligible students. After the tuition refund deadline, awards will be revised to reflect total enrollment. A status check will be completed after the fourth week of the term to determine how many credits for which you are still registered. If you are registered for more than 12 credits, your award will be adjusted and you may be reimbursed for the additional credits. If, however, after the fourth week of the term, you are registered for less than 12 credits, your award will be adjusted and you will be billed any funds for which you are no longer eligible.

Please see reverse side of application for important information about the Voyager Award Program.

WOU Financial Aid Office
345 Monmouth Ave N ● Monmouth, OR 97361 ● Tel: 503-838-8475 ● Fax: 503-838-8200 ● wou.edu/finaid ● finaid@wou.edu

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Note: Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Student name (print)	WOU student ID
Address	Date of birth (mm/dd/yy)
City State Zip	Phone number
Military unit number Area of combat (required)	Date called to active duty (in area of combat)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following items must be completed and submitted before your application will be reviewed:

1. Filed FAFSA for the current year. If you have not filed, apply online at www.fafsa.gov. List WOU by using WOU school code 003209.	❑ Yes	❑ No
2. Copy of DD214 attached to this application. (Service-2, or Member-4)	❑ Yes	❑ No
3. Applied for Military Education Benefits (Chapter 33, 35, 1607).	❑ Yes	❑ No
4. Applied for National Guard Tuition Assistance	❑ Yes	❑ No

If no, indicate why and provide a statement from the agency regarding your status for the benefit. It is noted that Marine Reservists do not have tuition assistance program available to them.

Send completed application to:
Financial Aid Office, Western Oregon University, 345 Monmouth Ave N, Monmouth, OR 97361

Certification and Consent to Release Information for All Applicants:
I certify that all information I have provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
I agree to give proof of the information on this application, if requested, with reference to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 USC 522a). If selected to receive an award, I give permission for a publicity release.

Student Signature	**Date**

This document is available in alternative formats. Please give reasonable notice to the Financial Aid Office.

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