

Purple Heart Exemption

Fee waivers to recipients of the Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence if the recipient is enrolling in a Florida public community college or state university, and provided he or she meets all of the following criteria:

1. Admitted as a full-time, part-time, or summer-school student in an undergraduate program of study leading to a degree or certificate;
2. Is currently, and was at the time of the military action that resulted in the awarding of the Purple Heart or other superior combat decoration, a resident of Florida; and
3. Submits to the community college or university the DD-214 form, issued at the time of separation from service, as documentation that he or she has received a Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence.

This waiver is applicable for 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled.

To apply for this tuition waiver at Palm Beach State College, students must provide to the Registrar's Office a copy of their DD-214 issued at the time of separation from service as documentation that the student has received a Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedence. In addition, one of the following documents must be submitted evidencing residency in Florida at the time of the military action that resulted in the awarding of the combat decoration:

- DD-214 form, military separation document
- DD-2058 form, military state of legal residence certificate
- Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) or the Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS) Form 702, which specifies place of residence
- Letter of affidavit from the military administrative office verifying residence at the time of combat
- One or more state or federal documents evidencing legal ties to Florida (e.g., homestead exemption, driver's license, vehicle registration)

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ACTION: Approved Disapproved Referred

COMMENTS: _____

Signature _____

Date _____