Dear Student,

In August of 2014, President Obama signed into law the Veterans Access Choice and Accountability Act or VACA. In September of 2014 Governor Brown signed AB13 that complies with the VACA act for the state. We have identified you as a non-resident Veteran, Spouse or child of a Veteran who might be eligible for this exemption of non-resident fees at Butte College.

For all terms beginning after July 1, 2015 all “covered individuals” will have all non-resident fees waived. A “covered individual” is defined by the VACA Act as:

1. A Veteran who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
2. A spouse or child entitled to transferred education benefits who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within 3 years of the transferor’s discharge from period of active duty service for 90 days or more.
3. A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouses of service members, who died in the line of duty while on active duty) who lives in the state in which the institution of higher learning is located (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the Service member’s death in the line of duty following a period of active duty service of 90 days or more.
4. After expiration of the three year period following discharge or death as described in 38 U.S.C. 3679(c), a student who initially qualifies under the applicable requirements above will maintain “covered individual” status as long as he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters or terms) at the institution, even if they enroll in multiple programs and shall continue to be exempt from paying nonresident tuition fees.

To receive this exemption of non-resident fees you must provide the following to the Residency Technician in the Admissions and Records office on the main campus of Butte College. For students whose home state of record is California only need to submit items 1 and 2.

1. A completed residency re-evaluation form
2. A copy of the veterans DD 214
3. A copy of the Certificate of Eligibility (COE)

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