

Active Duty or Veteran Status Verification Worksheet 2025-2026



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Please allow at least 2 weeks for processing after all required documents have been submitted. Documents submitted between July 1, 2025 and August 31, 2025 may take longer to process.

Carefully read the instructions and provide the information asked. Please note, we may ask for additional information after the documents are reviewed.

Student's Name _____

Student's WIN _____

You marked on your 2025-2026 FAFSA that you are either serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces or are a veteran of the U.S. armed forces (see definitions on the second page of this form).

Please mark each line below that applies to you.

___ As of the date I submitted my 2025-26 FAFSA, I was serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training

___ I am a veteran of the U.S. armed forces

___ I am a member of the National Guard or Reserves and have not been called to active duty

You must also provide documentation to certify this information.

Documentation must confirm that you are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training or are a veteran of the U.S. armed forces. (see a list of documentation examples on second page of form)

Certification and Signature

By signing this worksheet, you certify that all the information reported on it is complete and correct. **WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

Student Signature

Date

(Signature cannot be typed)

Active-Duty Definition

- Persons on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes **other than** training and will remain on active duty through June 30, 2026
 - Includes Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, and Coast Guard
- Persons enlisted in the National Guard or Reserves **and** called to active duty for **other than** training or state purposes

Veteran Definition

- Have engaged in active duty (including basic training) in the U.S. armed forces and were released under a condition other than dishonorable
- Have served full-time as a Reservist or member of the National Guard **and** were called up to active federal duty by presidential order for a purpose other than training
- Have served on active or inactive duty for training in the U.S. armed forces and were disabled from an injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty
- Are not currently a veteran, but will meet one of these definitions by June 30, 2026

Acceptable Documentation

May include, but is not limited to:

- Orders showing active-duty status in the U.S. armed forces
- Orders showing federal order to active duty for purposes other than training for members of National Guard or Reserves
- DD214 showing release from active duty with Character of Service as anything but dishonorable
- Letter from a superior officer of a National Guard member or reservist that documents the call-up to active duty and that classifies the character of service as anything but dishonorable

Examples that do NOT qualify as Veteran status

- Have never engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces
- Are currently a ROTC student, cadet, or midshipman at a service academy
- Are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee activated for only state or training purposes
- Were engaged in active duty in the U.S. armed forces but released under dishonorable conditions
- Are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2026