



2017-2018 FAFSA Guide for Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel

FAFSA Question 49: Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces:

- Answer “Yes” if you are engaged in active duty and you are in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard.

Members of the National Guard or Reserves:

- Answer “Yes” if you are on active duty for purposes other than training **and** you were called to active Federal duty by presidential order.
- Answer “No” if you are on active duty only for state or training purposes.

If you answer “Yes” to Question 49 on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the VA does not have a successful database match for you in their system, Eastern Wyoming College will require you to submit documentation of your active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces or a copy of a letter from your superior officer documenting the call-up to active duty as a member of the National Guard or Reserves. Federal financial aid will not be administered until we receive the required documentation.

FAFSA Question 50: Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces:

- Answer “Yes” if you have engaged in active duty as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard **and** you were released under a condition other than dishonorable.
- Answer “Yes” if you are not a veteran now but will be one by June 30, 2018.
- Answer “No” if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2018.

Members of the National Guard or Reserves:

- Answer “Yes” if you were on active duty for purposes other than training **and** you were called to active Federal duty by presidential order.
- Answer “No” if you were an enlistee only for state or training purposes.

If you answer “Yes” to Question 50 on the FAFSA, the Central Processing System performs a match with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to confirm your status. Depending upon the match status received from VA, Eastern Wyoming College may require you to submit a copy of your DD-214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. Federal financial aid will not be administered until we receive the required documentation.

If you have questions about this or any financial aid information, please contact EWC’s Financial Aid Office at 307.532.8224 or financialaid@ewc.wy.edu. If you have questions about veterans benefits, please contact EWC’s VA Certifying Official at 307.532.8224 or holly.west@ewc.wy.edu.