



2020-2021 FAFSA Guide for Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel

FAFSA Question 48: 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 state or training purposes **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 48 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 49: 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, 2021.
- Answer “No” if you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and will continue to serve through June 30, 2021 (not yet a veteran).

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 49 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.