

Financial Aid Policy

SBU Military-Aligned Student Assistance Grant

Veterans, active duty service members, reservists, guardsmen, and their dependents are eligible for the SBU Military-Aligned Student Assistance Grant. The grant assures that veterans and their dependents (as defined on the FAFSA) will **receive a minimum of 50% of their tuition costs in grants and scholarships.**

Qualifications and policies:

1. The military-aligned student must apply for all federal, state, institutional, and veterans financial aid programs. To qualify for the SBU Military-Aligned Student Assistance Grant, the student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
2. The military-aligned student must submit all requested and required documents to the Military-Aligned Student Program Office and/or the Financial Aid Office to determine eligibility. These documents may include the veteran's DD214, discharge papers, orders, and Certificate of Eligibility.
3. The grant amount is determined by taking the total tuition charges and subtracting all other grants and scholarships that the student qualifies to receive. The SBU Military-Aligned Student Assistance Grant is awarded after all other aid. Grants and scholarships include but are not limited to the federal Pell Grant, NYS TAP, SBU merit and need-based scholarships, Post 9/11 GI Bill, Montgomery GI Bill, Yellow Ribbon, and other educational benefits for veterans. If at least 50% of the tuition charges are covered by other grants and scholarships, the student will not qualify for any additional aid under the SBU Military-Aligned Student Assistance Grant. The grant is intended to assure that all military-aligned students have **at least 50% of their tuition charges paid** for through grants and scholarships that do not have to be repaid.
4. This grant is available to all full- and part-time students enrolled in all undergraduate and graduate SBU academic programs and majors **with the exception of SBU online programs.**
5. This grant does not supersede eligibility for any other SBU grants and scholarships.

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