FREE PARKING FOR VETERANS:

Veterans are exempt from paying the parking fee at SUNY New Paltz. To file for exemption:
1. Complete the Parking Application. The application for a Parking Hangtag Form is available at www.newpaltz.edu/parking or at the Parking Office in Haggerty, room 35.
2. Present the Parking Application along with your Vehicle Registration and a Picture ID to the Parking Office in Haggerty, room 35. Please contact the Parking Office at 845-257-3347 with any questions.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS FOR VETERANS:

For further information about scholarships and awards for veterans and to apply please visit the Military Corner at www.hesc.ny.gov. Questions may be addressed by phone to 1-888-697-4372 or by e-mail at militarycorner@hesc.ny.gov. Other scholarship opportunities are available at www.newpaltz.edu/veterans.

■ Veterans Tuition Awards: Provides awards for full-time study and part-time study to eligible veterans matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or in an approved vocational training program in New York State.

■ Military Service Recognition Scholarship: Provides financial aid to children, spouses and financial dependents of those who, while New York State residents in service in the Armed Forces of the United States or state organized militia, at any time on or after August 2, 1990, died, became severely and permanently disabled, or was classified as missing in action in a combat zone while engaged in hostilities or training for hostilities.

■ Military Residency Waiver: New York State residency eligibility requirement for recipient of awards administered by HESC is waived for a member of, or the spouse or dependent of a member, of the armed forces of the United States on full-time active duty and stationed in this state.

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE SERVICES FOR VETERANS:

For a listing of schools that are offering education benefits whether you’re in the National Guard, Reserve, Active duty member, or a Veteran. For a listing of the different programs and eligibility requirements, visit: www.education.military.com/education-home/

For further information please contact:

Ulster County Veterans Service Agency
308 Flatbush Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401-2742
Telephone: 845-340-3190
Fax: 845-340-3194

Department of Veterans Affairs
Eastern Regional Office
P.O. Box 4616
Buffalo, NY 14240-4616
Telephone: 1-888-442-4551
www.gibill.va.gov

New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)
99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12255
Telephone: 1-888-697-4372
www.hesc.ny.gov

ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY:

■ Military Loan Repayment Program: Your branch of the service may partially pay or fully repay college loans. This benefit is negotiated at time of enlistment or re-enlistment. Contact your enlistment officer for additional details.

■ Military Education Benefits: You may qualify for education benefits whether you’re in the National Guard, Reserve, Active duty member, or a Veteran. For a listing of the different programs and eligibility requirements, visit: www.education.military.com/education-home/

■ Scholarships for Severely Injured Service Members and their Spouses: For a listing of schools that are offering education programs and scholarships explicitly for the Severely Injured and their spouses, visit the Department of Defense Web site: www.dantes.doded.mil.
To learn what education benefits you qualify for and for application for VA benefits, please visit www.gibill.va.gov.

The Office of Student Accounts at SUNY New Paltz certifies Veterans Benefits. Completed applications can be faxed to 845-257-3495 or mailed to:
Office of Student Accounts
State University of New York at New Paltz
400 Hawk Drive
New Paltz, NY 12561-2438

Other helpful resources are available at:
www.newpaltz.edu/veterans.

FINANCIAL AID INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY:

For students who are called to active military duty, need to take a leave of absence from school, or return to school after military duty, the following scenarios detail how to handle your Federal Student Loans. It is important to contact your school and servicer of your Federal Student Loans when appropriate.

1. Leave of Absence/Withdrawal from school:
   Contact your school to ask if a refund or credit (to be used for future classes you take when you return) can be provided to you. If you are being deployed you will need to provide the school with deployment papers from your commanding officer. When you return, the school will work with you to get you re-enrolled in your program. For those students who take out student loans, contact the servicer of your federal student loans by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.nslds.ed.gov. They will maintain your loans in an “in-school” status for up to three years while you are on active duty. This means your loan will not go into repayment.

2. Loans that are in the “grace period”:
   Contact your servicer of your Federal Student Loans by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.nslds.ed.gov. The grace period for your student loan begins the day after you are no longer enrolled in school for at least half time. You typically receive a 6-month grace period. Your grace period can be extended for up to three years during the time you are on active duty up until the time you re-enroll in classes.

3. Loans in repayment:
   - You or a member of your family, need to contact the servicer of your Federal Student Loans by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.nslds.ed.gov. Collection activities will cease during your active duty service.

   - All student loan borrowers who are called to active duty (or performing National Guard duty) during a war, military operation, or national emergency may be eligible to defer federal student loan payments from the time of mobilization for up to 180 days following qualifying service. Complete a Military Deferment application and return it to the holder of your loan. Contact your loan holder with questions about the deferment request or other repayment options. You or a member of your family should contact the servicer of your Federal Student Loans by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.nslds.ed.gov.

   - You, or a member of your family, need to contact the servicer of your Federal Student Loans by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.nslds.ed.gov. Collection activities will cease during your active duty service.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION:

For information about applying for financial aid please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. A “How to Apply for Financial Aid on the Web” brochure is available at the Financial Aid Office located in Haggerty, room 603 or online at www.newpaltz.edu/financialaid.

A high school student should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1 of the student’s senior year. Continuing undergraduate students, transfer students, and graduate students should complete the FAFSA by the college’s priority deadline and as soon as possible after January 1 prior to the applicable academic year.

b. Military Service Deferment – All student loan borrowers who are called to active duty (or performing National Guard duty) during a war, military operation, or national emergency may be eligible to defer federal student loan payments from the time of mobilization for up to 180 days following qualifying service. Complete a Military Deferment application and return it to the holder of your loan. Contact your loan holder with questions about the deferment request or other repayment options. You or a member of your family should contact the servicer of your Federal Student Loans by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.nslds.ed.gov.

c. Post-Active Duty Service Deferment – Members of the National Guard or other reserve components of the Armed Forces (including retired members) called to active duty while enrolled at a post-secondary institution may defer federal student loan repayment. After completion of your active duty service (which must include a period on or after 10/1/07) and use of any applicable grace period, deferment may be granted for up to 15 months or until you resume enrollment on at least a half-time basis. Complete a Post-Active Duty Service Deferment application and return it to the holder of your loan. Contact your loan holder with questions about the deferment request or other repayment options.

d. Loans in Default: You, or a member of your family, need to contact the servicer of your Federal Student Loans by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.nslds.ed.gov. Collection activities will cease during your active duty service.

VETERANS EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

Veterans Education Programs that Veterans Affairs (VA) Administers:

- Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty) Chapter 30
- Montgomery GI Bill (Selected Reserve) Chapter 1606
- Dependents Educational Assistance Chapter 35
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Chapter 1607
- Post-Vietnam Era Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) Chapter 32
- Post-9/11 GI Bill Chapter 33
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors

Veterans Education Programs that the VA Does Not Administer:

- Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship
- Reserve Officer Training Corps Program

General Payment Rules for VA Programs:

- Payments generally are made to the student.
- Payments are generally made monthly.
- The program and the student’s “training time” affects payments.

Details about the education benefit programs offered by the Departments of Veteran Affairs and Defense:

- If you served on Active Duty, you might be eligible for education benefits offered by the Department of Veteran Affairs. For example, the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for educational and housing expenses to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge with your Service prior to enrolling.
- If you are currently serving in the military, you may be eligible for funding offered through the Department of Defense Tuition Assistance program. Check your eligibility status and the amount for which you qualify with your Service prior to enrolling.
- If you are the spouse or child of a service member who is serving on active duty Title 10 orders in the pay grades of E1-E5, O1-O2, or W1-W2, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the Department of Defense for education, training, and/or the occupational license and credentials necessary for a portable career.
- If you are the spouse or child of a service member, you may be eligible for transfer of the service member’s Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to you.

ACADEMIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS CALLED TO ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY:

The following steps apply to matriculated SUNY New Paltz students who are called to active military duty while enrolled at the college:

Call to Active Service:

1. Contact the Office of Academic Advising (by phone at 845-257-3575 or by e-mail at advising@newpaltz.edu) to complete and submit a Military Leave of Absence form and provide a copy of your redeployment orders. The leave of absence form is available at www.newpaltz.edu/advising/forms.html. Completed forms can be faxed to 845-257-3575 or mailed to:
   Office of Academic Advising
   State University of New York at New Paltz
   1 Hawk Drive
   New Paltz, NY 12561-2443

The student should indicate the dates of expected active duty; however, this leave of absence could be extended until such time as the student is released from active duty. The allowable time period for a military leave of absence without academic penalty shall not exceed five years.

2. If the student is unable to complete the above request because of time constraints between the notification of the call to active service and the reporting date to active service, the student can provide a copy of his/her deployment orders to the Office of Academic Advising and they will make the necessary status changes for the student.

3. The student should contact the Office of Financial Aid (by phone at 845-257-3350 or by e-mail at fao@newpaltz.edu) and the Office of Student Accounts (by phone at 845-257-3150 or by e-mail at stuaccct@newpaltz.edu) and provide each office with a copy of the student’s deployment orders.

Return from Active Service:

1. Upon notification of impending return from active duty, the student shall contact the Office of Academic Advising and provide the semester they wish to return to SUNY New Paltz. Academic Advising shall return the student to active status and provide them with information regarding advisement and registration.

- You or a member of your family, need to contact the servicer of your Federal Student Loans by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.nslds.ed.gov. You are eligible for an initial 15-month forbearance due to a military mobilization. During a forbearance period, no payments need to be made on your student loan. Interest that accrues on your loan during this period will be capitalized (added to the principal of the loan) unless you make arrangements to contact the servicer of your Federal Student Loans by visiting the website of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) at www.nslds.ed.gov.