



Lander University Financial Aid Office

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2024-2025 Veteran Status Confirmation

We are unable to continue processing your 2024-2025 application for financial aid due to a discrepancy on your FAFSA/FAFSA Submission Summary. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) did not confirm that you are or will be a qualifying veteran for purposes of receiving federal student aid for the 2024-2025 school year. Here's what you need to do:

Step 1

- Sign in to <https://studentaid.gov> and **review your 2024-2025 FAFSA/FAFSA Submission Summary to make sure your information is correct**, including: last name, first name and middle initial(as the items appear on your Social Security Card), Social Security number, your date of birth.
- **If you ARE NOT a veteran of the US Armed Force**, change your answer to NO. If you do not meet the FAFSA definition of an independent student, you will also need to add parent contributor information. Be sure to have your contributors sign electronically using his/her FSA ID
- Your signature and one parent if you do not qualify as an independent student.

If this step resolves the problem and you receive a valid FAFSA/FAFSA Submission Summary, no further action is needed. If this does not resolve the issue, proceed to Step 2.

Step 2

- **If all the information in Step 1 is correct and you feel the database results are in error, you should contact a regional VA office to have VA records updated. In the meantime, check your status in the chart below and submit this form to the Lander Financial Aid Office with appropriate documentation.**



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Student's Last Name	First Name	MI	Lander ID (L#)
Check One	Active Duty Status		Required Documentation
Option 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	I am currently serving in (circle one) 1) the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, or Coast Guard) for purposes other than training OR 2) as a member of the National Guard or Reserves called up to active federal duty by presidential order for a purpose other than training.		Submit either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A copy of your orders documenting your current active duty status or a signed letter from your commanding officer indicating your current active-duty status <p style="text-align: right;">(FAFSA Q5 Active = Yes and Veteran=No)</p>
	Veteran Status		
Option 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	I HAVE engaged in active duty either (circle one) 1) in the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, or Coast Guard) for other than training and who was discharged or released under a condition other than "dishonorable" OR 2) as a member of the National Guard or Reserves who was called up to active federal duty by presidential order for a purpose other than training AND discharged or released under a condition other than "dishonorable" OR 3) was a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies and was released under a condition other than dishonorable and was not discharged prior to commission (commonly known as "early exit cadets").		Submit a copy of your military separation form (DD214) showing that the "Character of Service" is other than dishonorable to the Lander University Financial Aid Office. For National Guardsman or a reservist who served on active duty and did not receive a DD214 , submit a signed letter from a superior officer that documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You served on active duty for purposes other than training The dates you served on active duty Classification of character of service <p style="text-align: right;">(FAFSA Q5 Veteran=Yes)</p>
Option 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	I am currently serving in the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, or Coast Guard) or as a member of the National Guard or Reserves who was called to active duty for purposes other than training and my release from active duty will be on or before June 30, 2025 . The FAFSA form also tells students to answer "Yes" to the question about veteran status if they aren't yet a veteran but will be by June 30, 2025.		For those who are currently on active duty and have not received a DD214 , submit a signed letter from a superior officer that documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You are serving on active duty for purposes other than training. The dates you are serving on active duty. Classification of character of service <p style="text-align: right;">(FAFSA Q5 Veteran=Yes)</p>
Option 4 <input type="checkbox"/>	I don't meet any of the conditions above. (Submit this form to the Financial Aid Office.) After following all steps and you <u>still</u> cannot document your Active Duty or Veteran Status, you must include your parents' income and asset information on your FAFSA/FAFSA Submission Summary and submit these changes to the federal processor (address on FAFSA Submission Summary). Be sure both you and all contributors sign your FAFSA Submission Summary prior to submitting it to the federal processor. <p style="text-align: right;">(FAFSA Q5 Active Duty=No, Q5 Veteran=No)</p>		

I declare that all the information reported on this document is true and accurate. I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal and/or repayment of financial aid.

Student's Signature (Required) Phone # Date

DATA ENTRY		COUNSELOR REVIEW	SYSTEM ENTRY
RRAAREQ	N=Pending	Option 1 approved with documentation or RNARSxx confirms	Update RNANAx Active Duty to "Yes", Veteran to "No", ROAUSDF trans and efc, RRAAREQ xxVAMA=S CORRP set
Initials/date		Option 2, 3 or 4 approved with documentation	ROAUSDF trans and efc, RRAAREQ xxVAMA=S, CORRP set
		None approved	Make sure RNANAx Veteran & Active Duty are checked "No", ROAIMMP tracking group (should go to UNSAR or UNSIGN since dependent w/no parental info), RRAAREQ xxVAMA=S
		RHACOMM	ROANYUD FIELD IF APPROVED: 33- ACTIVE DUTY OR 34-VET
		CNSLR Initials/Date	RNIMSxx Comment Code 161, may be problem with full name, DOB
FAFSA Specifications Guide Comment Codes	Comment Code 158 – 160, 161, 291		FAFSA Instructions finaid.org REVIEW RNARSxx for VA MATCH FLAG status- VA Match Flag = 4: Active Duty: If the student is currently on active duty, they are not a veteran yet. However, if their active duty will end by June 30, 2025, they count as a veteran for purposes of determining dependency status. B/c the student should have answered "Yes" to the active-duty question, they would be independent by that criterion and wouldn't have to resolve this situation.