Lander University Financial Aid Office

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2023-2024 Veteran Status Confirmation

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Student's Last Name   **First Name**   **MI**   **Lander ID (L#)**

We are unable to continue processing your 2023-2024 application for financial aid due to a discrepancy on your FAFSA/Student Aid Report. 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 2023-2024 school year. Here's what you need to do:

Step 1 Check your 2023-2024 FAFSA/Student Aid Report (SAR) to make sure the following information is correct:
- Questions 1-3 - Your last name, first name and middle initial as the items appear on your Social Security Card. If you have changed your name (as a result of marriage, etc.), you must update your record with the Social Security Administration. Proceed to Step 2.
- Question 8 - Your Social Security number reported on the FAFSA/Student Aid Report matches your Social Security Card.
- Question 9 - Your date of birth
- Step 3, Question 49 – Are you a veteran of the US Armed Forces?
- Step 7, Item 103 - Your signature and one parent if you do not qualify as an independent student
  If these items need to be corrected, make corrections on your FAFSA using your FSA ID at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa . Be sure to have your parent sign electronically using his/her FSA ID if you are a dependent student.

If this step resolves the problem and you receive a valid FAFSA/Student Aid Report, 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.

Check One	Active Duty Status	Required Documentation
Option 1 ☐	I am currently serving in (circle one) 1) the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) OR 2) as a member of the National Guard or Reserves who was called to active duty for purposes other than state or training.	Submit either: • 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 (FAFSA Q48=Yes)
Veteran Status		
Option 2 ☐	I have engaged in active duty either (circle one) 1) in the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) including basic training or 2) as a member of the National Guard or Reserves who was called to active duty for purposes other than state or training or 3) was a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies and was released under a condition other than dishonorable.	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: • You served on active duty for purposes other than training • The dates you served on active duty • Classification of character of service (FAFSA Q48=Yes)
Option 3 ☐	I am **currently** serving in the US Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, 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, 2023.**	Submit a copy of your upcoming release orders (or provide a letter from your commanding officer) indicating that you will be separated from the military prior to June 30, 2023. (FAFSA Q48=Yes)
Option 4 ☐	I don't meet any of the conditions above. (Submit this form to the Financial Aid Office.) After following all steps and you still cannot document your Active Duty or Veteran Status, you must include your parents' income and asset information on your FAFSA/Student Aid Report and submit these changes to the federal processor (address on SAR). Be sure both you and one parent signs your SAR prior to submitting to the federal processor. (FAFSA Q48=No, Q49=No)	