



Lander University Financial Aid Office

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2024-2025 Veteran Status Confirmation

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

Check your 2024-2025 FAFSA/FAFSA Submission Summary to make sure the following information is correct:

- 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
- Your Social Security number reported on the FAFSA/FAFSA Submission Summary matches your Social Security Card.
- Your date of birth
- Question 5 – The student is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- Your signature and one parent if you do not qualify as an independent student.

If these items need to be corrected, you should do the following:

- Sign in to <https://studentaid.gov> and update your information in Account Settings. The record will be resent to SSA for matching.
- You would sign in to make corrections on your FAFSA using your FSA ID at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> . Be sure to have your contributors sign electronically using his/her FSA ID if you are a dependent student.
- Alternatively, you could make corrections on your paper FAFSA Submission Summary if you received one and mail it back to the Federal Processor (address listed on the FAFSA Submission Summary).
- You must contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) at 1-800-433-3243 and ask them to manually sync their data with SSA.
- Alternatively, if you notify our office that you received confirmation from SSA, the FAA may update the Resend to Matches field to "Y" in the FAFSA Partner Portal and submit it as a correction so the transaction can go back to SSA for an updated match flag.

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.

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 other than training and was discharged or released under a condition other than “dishonorable” or was disabled from injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty 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: <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) 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 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 . Although you are not a veteran yet, if your active duty will end by June 30, 2025, you count as a veteran for purposes of determining dependency status. Because you should have answered “YES” to the active-duty question, you would be independent by that criterion and would not need to resolve answering YES to Veteran Question.	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.	(FAFSA Q5 Active Duty=No, Q5 Veteran=No)

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DATA ENTRY		COUNSELOR REVIEW	SYSTEM ENTRY
RRAAREQ	N=Pending	Option 1 approved VA Match Flag 1: Confirmed: There won't be any comments on the output document if the VA confirms that the student is a veteran.	Update RNANAx Active Duty to “Yes”, Veteran to “No”, ROAUSDF trans and etc, RRAAREQ xxVAMA=S CORRP set
Initials/date		Option 2, 3 or 4 approved VA Match Flag 2: Not a Qualifying Veteran: A student will receive this flag if the VA database indicates they are not a veteran. VA Match Flag 3: Not found by VA: A student will receive this flag if the student is not in the VA database. 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.	ROAUSDF trans and etc, 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	
		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