



STUDENT AGGIE VETERAN ENHANCEMENT (SAVE) FUND

*In four years, the SAVE Fund assisted **37 student veterans** with distributions **totaling \$50,147.***

*Distributions have ranged from **\$250-\$2,000.***

***33 out of 41** SAVE-assisted students have already graduated.*

*The fund has contributed to the **98% graduation rate** of student veterans who have benefited from donor generosity.*

Established in 2016, the Student Aggie Veteran Enhancement (SAVE) Fund is awarded in a time of crisis or unusual circumstances to keep student veterans in school when completion of their education is threatened by financial circumstances beyond their control. Even with a carefully balanced combination of military benefits, scholarships, grants, loans and personal savings, there are times when a student's financial circumstances suddenly change. This fund creates life-changing impact for veterans who gave so freely of themselves in service to this great nation. It facilitates degree completion by promoting academic success and financial fitness.

"The SAVE Fund helped me avoid an eviction due to a lack of income while using my benefits for higher education. My educational and disability benefits are the only source of income I currently have. This fund helped create stability in my life, which kept my focus on school. The fund saved me."

AGGIE STUDENT VETERAN

SAVE Special Provision (SAVE-SP) Fund

The Don & Ellie Knauss Veteran Resource & Support Center (VRSC) is also establishing the SAVE-SP Fund to reduce the financial burden of child care for Aggie student veterans. Child care costs can be the most significant challenge to financial survival and degree completion for student veterans, especially those who are single parents. This fund will be used to facilitate academic success, continued enrollment and faster degree completion for student veterans facing unmanageable child care costs and choices.

"...the most critical element to fostering a more 'veteran-friendly' campus is access to child care..."

JAROD LYON

CEO, Student Veterans of America



SAVE and SAVE-SP Fund Administration

These funds are administered through the VRSC, under the direction of the VRSC director, who reports to the vice president for student affairs. Funds are not used for students who have not adequately planned for their financial needs. Members of the VRSC SAVE Review Committee are approved by the VRSC director. This committee can convene on short notice to address the immediate needs of student veterans to ensure they can remain enrolled, and funds are typically received in less than 48 hours. The SAVE-SP Fund prioritizes awarding funds to student veterans who are single parents with the greatest financial need.

"The SAVE & SAVE-SP Funds provide the VRSC with very unique, effective and efficient tools to significantly reduce financial failure for students who have served and sacrificed to protect our freedom. Quite simply, it changes lives by serving well those who have served."

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