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**BEFORE THE
CALIFORNIA VETERANS BOARD**

In the Matter of the Appeal of

APPEAL NO. 16-013

MR. ORLINO DAVID

From the Decision of the California
Department of Veterans Affairs ("CalVet") Services Div.
To Deny the College Tuition Fee Waiver benefit.

**DECISION AFTER
INFORMAL HEARING**

Thank you for appearing at the recent California Veterans Board hearing to discuss your appeal. The informal hearing for your appeal was heard by the board on May 17, 2017. The Board appreciated your comments and willingness to engage in discussion regarding the denial of your tuition waiver for your daughter. During the hearing, you explained that you did not apply for the College Tuition Fee Waiver benefit while your disability claim was still pending with the USDVA. You stated that none of the veteran's organizations you consulted advised you to do so.

After hearing from both you and the Cal Vet, the Board met in closed session to deliberate and vote. Votes were taken by roll call and the board voted to uphold the Department's decision to deny the appeal of the College Tuition Fee Waiver benefit. The Board based this decision on the fact that the code (California Education Code § 66025.3 subsection (b)) requires you to apply timely in order to receive the waiver. In your case, this requirement was not met.

THE MATTER having been presented, and submitted, and good cause appearing therefore, by unanimous vote, the Board makes the following determination:

1. The Board voted to uphold the decision of the California Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Services Division, in denying the College Tuition Fee Waiver benefit, the Appeal is **DENIED**.

Dated: June 6, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina Lassiter". The signature is written in a cursive style.

TINA LASSITER, Executive Officer

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