2026-2027 Military & Veteran Financial Information

Professional Truck Driver Program | HDS Truck Driving Institute

Why This Information Is Provided

HDS provides this information to help Service members, Veterans, eligible dependents, and other prospective students understand the cost of attendance, available financial assistance, and the potential use of student loans before making an enrollment or borrowing decision.

Program Tuition
$12,995 for the 730-clock-hour Professional Truck Driver Program. Tuition includes all applicable institutional fees and required examinations. There are no additional institutional fees for this program.

Estimated Cost of Attendance

The Professional Truck Driver Program is designed to be completed in 26 weeks. For financial aid budgeting, HDS uses a six-month cost-of-attendance period. Cost of Attendance includes both direct institutional charges and estimated expenses a student may experience while attending school. Housing, meals, transportation, books/supplies, and personal expenses are estimates and are not charges paid to HDS. Actual expenses vary by student.

Cost Component	26-Week Estimate	What This Means
Tuition & Fees	$12,995	Direct charge to HDS; all applicable institutional fees and required examinations included
Housing & Meals	$10,653	Estimated living expense; not paid to HDS
Books & Supplies	$240	Estimated expense; not paid to HDS
Transportation	$2,211	Estimated expense; not paid to HDS
Personal / Miscellaneous	$7,236	Estimated expense; not paid to HDS

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE	**$33,335**	**Tuition plus estimated indirect expenses for the 26-week program**

How HDS Develops Living-Expense Estimates

HDS uses College Board regional cost information for Arizona at the moderate budget level. The current monthly not-at-home budget components used by HDS are $1,775.54 for housing, $368.51 for transportation, and $1,206.03 for miscellaneous/personal expenses. HDS maintains supporting documentation for these calculations. Students living at home may have lower estimated living expenses.

Financial Aid Application Timeline

Students planning to use federal student aid are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible before their anticipated class start date. HDS does not require students to wait for a specific annual priority date to begin the financial aid process. Once HDS receives a student's FAFSA information, Financial Aid staff review eligibility and work with the student to complete any additional requirements. Students should allow sufficient time before their scheduled start date to complete required financial aid documentation.

Students using military or VA education benefits should also provide applicable eligibility documentation as early as possible so HDS can assist with coordinating available education benefits and other financial aid.

Financial Aid and Student Loans

Students who complete the FAFSA may be considered for available federal student aid, including the Federal Pell Grant and Federal Direct Student Loans, based on individual eligibility. A financial aid offer may show the maximum federal loan amount for which a student is eligible. Students are not required to borrow the maximum amount and may decline student loans or request a lower loan amount.

Service members and Veterans are encouraged to understand the amount of military or VA education benefits available before deciding how much, if anything, to borrow. Many students may be able to reduce or avoid student loan debt by coordinating education benefits, grant assistance, and other available resources. Students who choose to borrow should consider borrowing only the amount needed.

VA and Military Education Benefits

The amount and type of VA or military education benefits available depend on the student's individual eligibility. For eligible Post-9/11 GI Bill® recipients, benefits may include payment toward tuition and fees, a monthly housing allowance, and a books and supplies stipend, subject to VA eligibility rules and applicable percentages. Students should use the VA GI Bill® Comparison Tool and current VA education benefit information to review their individual benefits.

Military and VA education benefits for a new student may not be reflected in an initial financial aid estimate until eligibility information is available. Students should contact HDS with questions about coordinating military or VA benefits with other financial aid.

Net Price Calculator

HDS provides access to a Net Price Calculator on its public website. The calculator provides an estimate based on information entered by the user and is not a final financial aid offer or bill. Individual eligibility and actual costs may vary.

Program Requirements

The Professional Truck Driver Program prepares students for commercial driver licensing. Students are responsible for meeting applicable Arizona Department of Transportation and federal commercial driver requirements, including required documentation, medical qualification, drug-screen requirements, and applicable licensing examinations. Requirements may change; students should review current requirements and contact Student Services with questions.

Questions and Resources

- HDS Truck Driving Institute | 6251 South Wilmot Road, Tucson, AZ 85756 | 520-721-5825
- Financial Aid questions: StudentServices@HDSDrivers.com | 520-622-0419 Ext. 4232
- School Director / VA Certifying Official: Amy Woods | Amy_Woods@HDSDrivers.com | 520-721-5825 Ext. 4219
- Military Program Coordinator / School Certifying Official: Stephen Bradberry | Stephen_Bradberry@HDSDrivers.com | 928-919-2250
- VA Education Benefits: 1-888-442-4551 | benefits.va.gov/gibill

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