



Further your education and career in Ohio

In an effort to help veterans, service members and their families achieve college degrees, the University System of Ohio has taken proactive steps to better serve those who have served our country.

Ohio has approximately **27,000 GI Bill** and **1,300 TA users**. This means veterans and service members will not be alone in their educational endeavors.

27 University System of Ohio universities were included on the *Military Times* 2015 **“Military Friendly”** list.

Over \$296 million in federal money is paid into Ohio annually for GI Bill users and their dependents.

Education Opportunities for Veterans & Service Members

Ohio's Commitment

College credit for military training and experience

The University System of Ohio is committed to the acceptance and awarding of college credit for military training, experience, and coursework. The Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents signed a directive providing a baseline set of standards and procedures for the application of military credit. Having one set of standards and procedures serves to provide uniformity and consistency to the process, makes it easier to communicate with and reach a wider audience, and highlights the priority the higher education community places on assisting veterans and active duty service members with their educational and career goals.

In-state tuition for qualified veterans from across the country

Upon moving to Ohio, veterans with one year of honorable service (and their dependents) are immediately considered in-state residents for the purposes of tuition, state educational subsidies and financial aid. Active duty, guard, reserve service members, and their families are also eligible for this educational benefit.

Ohio House Bill 488 was passed to help service members and veterans.

All Ohio public institutions now have an institutional policy to support veterans, a single point of contact, priority course registration, career-services/alumni link for veterans, allow for the establishment of student-led veteran groups, and will periodically survey their veteran student population to identify their needs.

Scholarship opportunities for veterans and their families

The Ohio GI Promise promotes scholarship opportunities such as the **Ohio War Orphans Scholarship**, **Ohio Safety Officers Memorial Fund** and **Ohio National Guard Scholarship**. It also helps connect students with financial aid resources through the Federal GI Bill or state-based initiatives like the **Ohio College Opportunity Grant**.

1-877-VETS-OH-1 (838-7641)

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Websites

Ohio Means Veteran Jobs

(<http://ohiomeansjobs.com>)

provides information to help Veterans make a smooth transition into civilian life, including a list of Veteran Friendly employers, a list of top careers for Veterans, and tools like the Military Skills Translator.

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services

(<http://dvs.ohio.gov>) is the first-stop resource for Ohio's veterans, whose mission is to actively identify, connect with, and advocate for veterans and their families.

The 1st Stop Business Connection

(<http://development.ohio.gov>)

provides free state-level information needed to start or continue an entrepreneurial journey.

The Ohio Veterans Career Assistance Network

(<http://ohiovetscan.com>) connects veterans and service members with employers.

The *Military Friendly* 2015 **Top 100 Military Friendly Employers** list (<http://militaryfriendly.com>) is a priceless resource for transitioners mapping out a new career path. Some **Ohio companies on the list include:**

- GE
- CINTAS Corporation
- Progressive Insurance
- Eaton Corporation
- American Electric Power
- Booz Allen Hamilton

U.S. Armed Forces Benefits

Ohio Army National Guard Scholarship

(<http://ong.ohio.gov>)

The Ohio Army National Guard Scholarship program pays 100 percent of tuition and general fees at state universities or the equivalent amount at private institutions for members of the Ohio National Guard. The scholarship encourages young Ohioans to go to school in Ohio and serve in the Ohio National Guard.

Federal Tuition Assistance Program & Other Education Benefits

Each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces offers its own education benefits to service members, including Federal Tuition Assistance Programs. More information on what each branch has to offer can be found at these links:

- Army: (<http://goarmy.com>)
- Navy: (<http://navy.com>)
- Air Force: (<http://airforce.com>)
- Marines: (<http://marines.com>)
- Coast Guard: (<http://uscg.mil>)

Montgomery GI Bill and Post 9/11 GI Bill

(<http://gibill.va.gov>)

The Montgomery GI Bill and Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits are available for service members and veterans to help with education and training costs. The GI Bill provides up to \$1,426 per month for 36 academic months (8 semesters) or a total of more than \$51,000. The GI Bill can be used for college, business-technical or vocational courses; distance learning and correspondence courses; apprenticeship and job training; flight training; and licensing and certification exams. There are some differences in eligibility and benefits between the two GI Bills, so please compare carefully before choosing one program or the other.

ROTC Stipend

(<http://goarmy.com>)

ROTC is an elective curriculum you take along with your required college classes. It prepares you with the tools, training and experiences that will help you succeed in any competitive environment. Along with great leadership training, ROTC can pay for your college tuition, too. Sophomore cadets receive a \$350 monthly stipend that increases to \$450 for juniors and \$500 for seniors.

Student Loan Repayment Plan

This enlistment incentive can be used to pay off up to \$50,000 in existing student debt. Applicants must score 50 or better on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) which is part of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) to qualify. Be sure to inquire with your recruiting office for more information.

College Credit for Military Training and Experience

(<http://ohiohighered.org>)

Before taking college courses, be sure to submit your military transcripts to the institution of your choice. For Air Force personnel, please submit your Community College of the Air Force transcripts that can be found at <http://www.au.af.mil/au/barnes/ccaf/transcripts.asp>. For Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel, please submit your Joint Services Transcript, which can be found at <https://jst.doded.mil/smart/signIn.do>.

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