Students Called to Active Duty

Tuition Refund
Any active student who is required to withdraw from classes during his/her regular semester, intersession, or summer term due to active military obligations will be entitled to a full refund of tuition (unless paid by a State/federal agency) upon proper evidence and notification to the College within the semester, session, or term of withdrawal. This applies to service in the uniformed services, whether voluntary or involuntary, on active duty in the Armed Forces, including service as a member of the National Guard or Reserve, for a period of more than 30 days under a call or order to active duty of more than 30 days.

Readmissions Requirements for Servicemembers
The College will not deny readmission to a servicemember of the uniformed services for reasons relating to that services. In addition, a student who is readmitted to the College will be readmitted with the same academic status as the student had when he/she last attended the College. This applies to service in the uniformed services, whether voluntary or involuntary, on active duty in the Armed Forces, including service as a member of the National Guard or Reserve, for a period of more than 30 days under a call or order to active duty of more than 30 days.

Any student whose absence from the College is necessitated by reason of service in the uniformed services is entitled to readmission if

- The student (or an appropriate officer of the Armed Forces or official of the Department of Defense) gives advance written or verbal notice of such service to the appropriate official at the College
- The cumulative length of the absence and of all previous absences from the College by reason of service in the uniformed services does not exceed five years; and
- Except as otherwise provided in this section, the student submits a notification of intent to reenroll in the College.

No advance notice by the student is required if the giving of such notice is precluded by military necessity, such as a mission, operation, exercise, or requirement that is classified; or a pending or ongoing mission, operation, exercise, or requirement that may be compromised or otherwise adversely affected by public knowledge. In addition, any student (or an appropriate officer of the Armed Forces or official of the Department of Defense) who did not give advance notice of service to the appropriate official at the College may meet the notice requirement by submitting, at the time the student seeks readmission, an attestation to the College that the student performed service in the uniformed services that necessitated the student’s absence from the College.

When determining the cumulative length of the student’s absence for service, the period of service does not include any service

- that is required, beyond five years, to complete an initial period of obligated service;
- during which the student was unable to obtain orders releasing the student from a period of service in the uniformed services before the expiration of the five-year period and the inability to obtain those orders was through no fault of the student; or
- performed by a member of the Armed Forces (including the National Guard and
• Reserves) who is
  o ordered to or retained on active duty under section 688, 12301(a), 12301(g),
  o 12302, 12304, or 12305 of Title 10, U.S.C., or under section 331, 332, 359, 360,
  o 367, or 712 of Title 14, U.S.C.;
  o ordered to or retained on active duty (other than for training) under any provision
  o of law because of a war or national emergency declared by the President or the
  o Congress;
  o ordered to active duty (other than for training) in support of an operational
  o mission for which personnel have been ordered to active duty under section 12304
  o of Title 10, U.S.C.;
  o ordered to active duty in support of a critical mission or requirement of the Armed
  o Forces (including the National Guard or Reserve); or
  o called into Federal service as a member of the National Guard under chapter 15 of
  o Title 10, U.S.C., or section 12406 of Title 10, U.S.C.
  o An affected servicemember must, upon the completion of a period of service in the
  o uniformed services, notify the institution of his or her intent to return to the
  o institution not
  o later than three years after the completion of the period of service. However, a
  o student
  o who is hospitalized for or convalescing from an illness or injury incurred in or
  o aggravated
  o during the performance of service in the uniformed services must notify the
  o institution of
  o his or her intent to return to the institution not later than two years after the end of
  o the
  o period that is necessary for recovery from such illness or injury. A student who
  o fails to
  o apply for readmission within the required period does not automatically forfeit
  o eligibility
  o for readmission to the institution, but is subject to the institution’s established
  o leave of absence policy and general practices.

A student who submits an application for readmission to an institution must provide to
the institution documentation to establish that
  • the student has not exceeded the specified service limitations; and
  • the student’s eligibility for readmission has not been terminated.

The College may not delay or attempt to avoid a readmission of a student under this
section by demanding documentation that does not exist, or is not readily available, at the
time of readmission.

A student’s eligibility for readmission to an institution under this section by reason of
such student’s service in the uniformed services terminates upon the occurrence of any of
the following events:
  • a separation of such person from the Armed Forces (including the National Guard and
• Reserves) with a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge;
• a dismissal of such person permitted under section 1161(a) of Title 10, U.S.C.; or
• a dropping of such person from the rolls pursuant to section 1161(b) of Title 10,
  U.S.C.

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Title 10 of the U.S.C.
Title 14 of the U.S.C.