

# MILITARY AND VETERAN SERVICES

Missouri Western State University assists military-connected students attending classes and receiving veteran benefits. Students who are a veteran, current service member, National Guardsmen, Reservists, military spouse or dependent child are defined as military-connected.

The University participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, is a Community College of the Air Force's (CCAF) General Education Mobile (GEM) program participant, and an Air University Associate-to-Baccalaureate Cooperative (AU-ABC) member.

General information for military-connected students can be found in the Center for Military and Veterans Services [missouriwestern.edu/military/](https://www.missouriwestern.edu/military/) (<https://www.missouriwestern.edu/military/>), Eder Hall, Room 200. The Center for Military and Veterans Services coordinates services for veterans including:

- Federal and State education benefits such as the GI Bill;
- referral for counseling for financial, personal, vocational, and academic challenges;
- veterans work study job information;
- information about changes in legislative regulations which affect veterans; and
- information about MWSU procedures such as state emergency duty or deployment

Missouri Western will assess in-state tuition to all eligible military-connected students regardless of their state of residency. Refer to the guidelines for Qualifying for In-State Tuition (<https://www.missouriwestern.edu/military/qualifying-for-in-state-tuition/>). The School Certifying Official in the Financial Aid Office (Eder Hall, Room 103) coordinates the services for veterans including:

- certification of enrollment for educational benefits;
- information about changes in legislative regulations which affect veterans; and
- information about MWSU procedures.

The School Certifying Official also acts as a direct liaison between Missouri Western State University and the Veterans Administration Regional Office in Buffalo regarding payment of benefits. Additional information is available online at [missouriwestern.edu/finaid/](http://www.missouriwestern.edu/finaid/) (<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/finaid/>).

Missouri Western State University will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a Chapter 31 or Chapter 33 recipient borrow additional funds to cover the individual's inability to meet his or her financial obligations to Missouri Western State University due to the delayed disbursement of a payment by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Readmission of Service Members

In compliance with federal regulation, Missouri Western will promptly readmit service members with the same academic status as they had when they last attended or were accepted for admission. This requirement applies to any student who cannot attend school due to military service. More information can be found here (<https://www.missouriwestern.edu/admissions/readmission-of-service-members/>).

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## Ethical Recruitment of Students

Missouri Western State University strives to be an institution of high integrity and is committed to ensuring that recruitment and enrollment activities conducted at the University promote such an environment. The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with federal laws and regulation in order to prevent and eliminate fraudulent and aggressive recruitment of students (including but not limited to veterans and Military Service members) to the University. More information can be found here (<https://www.missouriwestern.edu/admissions/ethical-recruitment-of-students-policy/>).