



Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act

1. What is it?

- The Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act (MRHEA) is financial assistance provided for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a combat veteran's professional and personal self-development goals. (Reference: Revised Missouri Statute (RSMo) 173.900 and Senate Bill No. 968 98th General Assembly 2016)

2. How Do I Qualify?

Combat veteran defined - a person who served in armed combat in the military after September 11, 2001, and to whom the following criteria apply:

- The veteran was a Missouri resident when first entering the military; and
- The veteran served in a geographic area entitled to receive combat pay tax exclusion exemption, hazardous duty pay, imminent danger pay, or hostile fire pay; and
- The veteran was discharged from military service under honorable conditions. The period during which a combat veteran is eligible for a tuition limitation under this section shall expire at the end of the ten-year period beginning on the date of such veteran's last discharge from service.

3. What Do I Get?

- All Missouri public institutions of higher education that receive any state funds appropriated by the general assembly shall limit the amount of tuition such institutions charge to combat veterans to **fifty dollars per credit hour**, as long as the veteran achieves and maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half on a four-point scale, or its equivalent.
- The tuition limitation shall only be applicable if the combat veteran is enrolled in a program leading to a certificate, or an associate or baccalaureate degree.
- MRHEA is subject to the following criteria:
 - The college is a Missouri public institution of higher education that receive any state funds appropriated by the general assembly.
 - You maintain an cumulative GPA of 2.5.
 - You must submit your DD 214 and MRHEA Application to your school.
- MRHEA may be applied toward one credential at each of the following levels:
 - Associate Degree
 - Bachelor Degree

4. Programs NOT Eligible for FTA

- Courses leading to a credential that is higher than undergraduate.

5. How Do I Apply?

- Obtain your school's MRHEA application from your school's Veterans' Center.
 - Complete and submit your school's MRHEA application and your DD 214 to your school.
- Apply for MRHEA - few tips to remember:
 - Apply for MRHEA up to 60 days **prior** to the class start date.
 - You must submit an MRHEA request for each semester that you want MRHEA to fund.

Note: If a combat veteran is eligible to receive financial assistance under any other federal or state student aid program, public or private, the full amount of such aid shall be reported to the board by the institution and the veteran. The tuition limitation under this section shall be provided before all other federal and state aid for which the veteran is eligible has been applied.

For More Information:

- Contact your Missouri **Army** National Guard Education Services Office: (573)638-9500 extension 37689.
- Contact your Missouri **Air** National Guard Education Services Office: (573)638-9500 extension 39587.

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