



MISSOURI RETURNING HEROES' EDUCATION ACT

INFORMATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURES

2008

The Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act provides that 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 (**defined as any person who served in armed combat in the military after September 11, 2001**) to fifty dollars per credit hour, as long as the veteran achieves and maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 on a 4-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. The period during which 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.

If a combat veteran as defined above, 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 after all other federal and state aid for which the veteran is eligible has been applied, and no combat veteran shall receive more than the actual cost of attendance when the limitation is combined with other aid made available to such veteran.

Interested veteran's may complete the attached application and submit it to the Mineral Area College Financial Aid Office along with a copy of their DD214 Form. This form must be completed each semester upon enrollment for classes. **The deadline for processing of the application and required documentation for the Fall 2008 Semester - December 13, 2008; for the Spring 2009 Semester – May 16, 2009; and Summer 2009 Semester – August 3, 2009.**

Prior to being awarded a tuition waiver under the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act, each veteran is required to complete the 2008-2009 FAFSA Form listing the School Code for Mineral Area College 200486. The FAFSA Form must be processed by the Financial Aid Office at Mineral Area College prior to the processing of the tuition waiver.

Veterans who are awarded a tuition waiver under the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act will be notified by mail. Such students are required to comply with the payment policy as published by Mineral Area College and any refund resulting from a tuition waiver award will be mailed to the students address on file with the Registrar's Office approximately the 6th week of the semester.

Questions regarding the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act may be directed to the Mineral Area College Financial Aid Office at 573-518-2133 or by email at FinAid@Mineralarea.edu.

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APPLICATION FORM

2008-2009

****PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR DD214 FORM TO THIS APPLICATION****

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

I have read and understand the attached Information/Procedures for applying for benefits under the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act.

Veteran Signature

Date

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_____ Enrolled _____ Semester

_____ Returning Veteran

_____ Served in Armed Combat (after Sept 11, 2001)

_____ Cumulative GPA >= 2.5

_____ Home of Record – Missouri Resident

_____ Honorable Discharge

_____ #Credit Hrs Enrolled

_____ Enrolled in Certificate/Degree Program

\$ _____ Amount of Waiver

_____ FAFSA Processed Date _____

_____ Approved _____ Date

_____ Denied _____ Date

Reason for denial:

