Ohio has been ranked 3rd in the nation by Military Times as a “Top State to Go To School” for employability within the state after graduating.

More than 1,500 veterans, service members and dependents are expected to use the Ohio GI Promise for the 2010-11 school year.

Over $21 million in federal money is paid into Ohio annually for GI Promise students and their housing.

**The Ohio GI Promise**

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

**Our Promise**

**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 servicemembers, and their families are also eligible for this educational benefit.

**The Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium**

All 36 eligible Ohio public colleges and universities participate in the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium. This demonstrates their commitment to awarding college credit for education and training received during military service.

**Scholarship opportunities for veterans and their families**

The Ohio GI Promise finds and 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.

**A network of support while attending school**

The Ohio GI Promise has built a network to coordinate support for veteran students and their families by fostering relationships with and between all University System of Ohio institutions, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, Ohio National Guard, County Veteran Service Commissions, and state and local veterans organizations.

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