



The Ohio GI Promise

In an effort to enhance the benefits for veterans established in the federal Post-9/11 GI Bill, the University System of Ohio is taking a proactive step to better serve those who serve our country. The following are components of our state-level initiative, The Ohio GI Promise.

Our Promise

Benefits effective IMMEDIATELY for Veterans eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill

Veterans who are eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill benefits can take advantage of The Ohio GI Promise at the beginning of the next term of attendance after July 8, 2008.

In-state tuition for all qualified veterans from across the country

By participating in a community service or internship program and upon moving to Ohio, all veterans and their families will be treated as in-state residents for purposes of the benefits under the Post 9.11 GI Bill.

The Ohio GI Promise Council

The Council will be charged with promoting educational opportunities in Ohio for veterans and with ensuring that Ohio's colleges and universities have the best educational opportunities and student support services available for veterans. An arm of the Council will also help raise funds to market opportunities in Ohio throughout the country.

USO system-wide conference on veterans' services

The conference will be cosponsored by the Ohio Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Board of Regents, and will bring together every Ohio higher education institution's office of veterans' services to examine best practices and what should be implemented at every institution. There will be representatives at this conference from the US Military, the National Guard, the American Council on Education, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other local and regional veterans' services organizations. Working with the Ohio GI Bill Council, the goal of the conference will be to prepare and coordinate services on campuses to be fully prepared for the Post 9.11 GI Bill becoming effective on August 1, 2009.

Expanded use of Ohio National Guard Scholarships

We will propose and support legislation to allow Ohio National Guard Scholarships to be used for graduate study; housing; books and supplies; and transportation. Currently the scholarships may only be used for tuition and fees.

Making Ohio colleges and universities "Servicemember Opportunity Colleges"

We will work with the American Council on Education (ACE) to certify all Ohio colleges and universities as Servicemember Opportunity Colleges. This will allow all college credit received during military service approved by ACE to transfer to every University System of Ohio institution.

Veterans hotline and website

These resources will serve as gateways to educational opportunities for veterans, and will help interested veterans connect with specific colleges and programs.

<http://universitysystem.ohio.gov>
1-877-VETS-OH-1