

Grand River Technical School Policy on Student Recruiting

Grand River Technical School prohibits the award of any commission, bonus or other incentive payment based in any part, directly or indirectly, upon success in securing enrollments or the award of financial aid, to any person or entity who is engaged in any student recruitment or admission activity, or in making decisions regarding the award of Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) program funds. This rule prohibits discrimination in admission or access to its educational programs, activities, facilities, on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, place of birth, service in the armed forces of the United States, or against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability.

Grand River Technical School will ensure compliance with program integrity requirements consistent with the regulations issued by ED (34 C.F.R 668.71-668.75 and 668.14) related to restrictions on misrepresentation, recruitment, and payment of incentive compensation. This applies to the educational institution itself and its agents including third party lead generators, marketing firms, or companies that own or operate the educational institutions. As part of efforts to eliminate unfair, deceptive, and abusive marketing aimed at Service members.

Grand River Technical School and its agents including third party lead generators, marketing firms, or companies that own or operate the educational institutions will:

1. Ban inducements, including any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, transportation, lodging, meals, or other item having a monetary value of more than a de minimis amount, to any individual or entity, or its agents including third party lead generators or marketing firms other than salaries paid to employees or fees paid to contractors in conformity with all applicable laws for the purpose of securing enrollments of Service members or obtaining access to TA funds. Educational institution sponsored scholarships or grants and tuition reductions available to military students are permissible, and;
2. Refrain from providing any commission, bonus, or other incentive payment based directly or indirectly on securing enrollments or federal financial aid (including TA funds) to any persons or entities engaged in any student recruiting, admission activities, or making decisions regarding the award of student financial assistance, and;
3. Refrain from high-pressure recruitment tactics such as making multiple unsolicited contacts (3 or more), including contacts by phone, email, or in-person, and engaging in same-day recruitment and registration for the purpose of securing Service member enrollments.

Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the GRTS Director at – 660-646-3414.

**Grand River Technical School
Post-Secondary Active Duty Military Unearned TA Policy**

Grand River Technical School has a policy that returns any unearned tuition assistance (TA) funds on a proportional basis through at least the 60% portion of the period for which the funds were provided by the military Service Branch.

To comply with the new Department of Defense policy, Grand River Technical School will return any unearned TA funds on a prorated basis through at least the 60% portion of the period for which the funds were provided. TA funds are earned proportionally during an enrollment period, with unearned funds returned based upon when a student stops attending. These funds are returned to the military Service Branch.

Instances when a Service member stops attending due to a military service obligation, the educational institution will work with the affected Service member to identify solutions that will not result in student debt for the returned portion.

1080 Program Hours

Before Class Begins 100% return
1 - 270 Hours 75% return
271 - 540 Hours 50% return
541 - 647 Hours 25% return
648 - Hours 0% return (60% of course is completed at 648 hours)
649 - 1080 Hours 0% return

1250 Program Hours (Paramedic)

Before Class Begins 100% return
1 - 313 Hours 75% return
314 - 625 Hours 50%
626 - 749 Hours 25%
750 Hours 0% return (60% of course is completed at 750 hours)
751 - 1250 Hours 0% return

Readmission of Service Members Policy

Grand River Technical School will promptly readmit a service member with the same academic status as he had when last attending the school or accepted for admission to the school. This requirement applies to any student who cannot attend school due to military service as defined:

- **Military service** (or service in the uniformed services)—service, whether voluntary or involuntary, in the armed forces, including service by a member of the National Guard or Reserve on active duty, active duty for training, or fulltime National Guard duty under federal authority, for a period of more than 30 consecutive days under a call or order to active duty of more than 30 consecutive days. This does not include National Guard service under state authority.
- **Service member**—someone who is a member of, applies to be a member of, performs, has performed, applies to perform, or has an obligation to perform, service in the uniformed services.
- **Appropriate officer**—A warrant, commissioned, or noncommissioned officer authorized to give such notice by the military service concerned.

The student must notify the school of his military service and intention to return to school as follows:

- Notification of military service. The student (or an appropriate officer of the armed forces or official of the Department of Defense) must give oral or written notice of such service to the school as far in advance as is reasonable under the circumstances. This notice does not have to indicate whether the student intends to return to the school and may not be subject to any rule of timeliness. (Timeliness must be determined by the facts in each case.) Alternatively, at the time of readmission, the student may submit an attestation of military service that necessitated the student's absence from the school. No notice is required if precluded by military necessity, such as service in operations that are classified or would be compromised by such notice.
- Notification of intent to return to school. The student must also give oral or written notice of his/her intent to return to the school within three years after the completion of the period of service. A student who is hospitalized or convalescing due to an illness or injury incurred or aggravated during the performance of service must notify the school within two years after the end of the period needed for recovery from the illness or injury. A student who fails to apply for readmission within these periods does not automatically forfeit eligibility for readmission but is subject to the school's established leave of absence policy and general practices.

Notices of intent to return may be made to the Financial Aid Administrator at 660.646.3414.

Military students will promptly be readmitted into the next class or classes in the program beginning after he/she provides notice of intent to re-enroll, unless he/she requests a later date or unusual circumstances require the school to admit him/her at a later date. This requirement supersedes state law—for example, a school must readmit a qualifying service member to the next class even if that class is at the maximum enrollment level set by the state. GRTS will admit the student with the same academic status, which means:

1. To the same program to which the student was last admitted or, if that exact program is no longer offered, the program that is most similar to that program, unless she chooses a different program;
2. At the same enrollment status, unless the student wants to enroll at a different enrollment status;
3. With the same number of credit hours or clock hours previously completed, unless the student is readmitted to a different program to which the completed credit hours or clock hours are not transferable, and
4. With the same academic standing (e.g., with the same satisfactory academic progress status) the student previously had.

If the student is readmitted to the same program, for the first academic year in which he/she returns, the school must assess the tuition and fee charges that he/she was or would have been assessed for the academic year during which he/she left the school. However, if his/her veteran's education benefits or other service member education benefits will pay the higher tuition and fee charges that other students in the program are paying for the year, the school may assess those charges to the student as well.

If the student is admitted to a different program, and for subsequent academic years for a student admitted to the same program, the GRTS will assess no more than the tuition and fee charges that other students in the program are assessed for that academic year. The cumulative length of the absence and of all previous absences from the school for military service may not exceed five years. Only the time the student spends actually performing service is counted.