Welcome to Mid-Plains Community College

FINANCIAL INFO FOR THE MILITARY

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NATIONAL GUARD TUITION CREDIT

Any member of the Nebraska National Guard is entitled to a credit of 75-100 percent of the tuition charge as long as the member maintains satisfactory performance with the Guard and pursues a course of study that satisfies the program or degree requirements of the college. At the time of enrollment, each member must submit a TAG form or a letter from their educational services officer attesting to his/her eligibility.

U.S. ARMY RESERVE TUITION WAIVERS - STATE OF NEBRASKA

Any member of a Nebraska U.S. Army Reserve unit is entitled to a waiver of at least 50 percent of the tuition charge as long as the member maintains satisfactory performance with the Reserve and pursues a course of study that satisfies the program or degree requirements of the college. The student needs to get together with their Reserve Unit Commander. At that time the Reserve Unit fills out an original Application of Tuition Credit form with the reservist. (This is truly a waiver of tuition, not a credit.) The Commanding Officer certifies that the reservist’s performance is satisfactory and signs the application. The Unit Administrator forwards the application directly to the NDVA in Lincoln, NE. NDVA will then review the application, certify that all criteria for the waiver is correct, approve it and notify the college to award the 50% tuition waiver.

Each semester thereafter the student must get a Tuition Credit Re-Certification form from their Local Reserve Unit, complete it and return it to the Financial Aid Office prior to the beginning of the subsequent semester. DO NOT send these Tuition Credit Re-Certification forms to NDVA!

Dependents of deceased or disabled veterans may be eligible to receive a 100% state of Nebraska tuition waiver. Students need to get a Waiver Application form from their County Veterans Service Officer and a NDVA Form 3a to be signed by the college. The student then needs to send both of these forms in as instructed. When the college receives an approval letter from the Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs the student’s account will be credited.

Out-of-State students must check with their unit to see if tuition waivers are available.

ARMY RESERVE FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE CONTINUING EDUCATION SYSTEM PROGRAM

This program came into effect in October 2002. The Army Reserve will now pay up to $250 per credit hour for the charges of an educational institution for tuition and fees of its soldiers for postsecondary education during off duty periods. This rate for tuition assistance and fees will be applied uniformly whether the instruction is delivered by traditional means or through distance education.

The soldier needs to:

1. Pick up a Request for Tuition Assistance Army Continuing Education System DA 2171-E form from the local Reserve Unit.
2. Complete the DA 2171-E form and submit it to the 89th Regional Support Command (RSC) as instructed.
3. Make certain that the completed DA 2171-E form has been received by the 89th RSC by the end of the Drop and Add Period of the semester in which the student is enrolling.
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VETERAN’S BENEFITS

The college cooperates with the Veterans Administration in providing for the education of veterans under United States Code. This includes the programs covered in Chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 1606, and 1607 relating to the education of disabled veterans, war orphans and “Vietnam Era” veterans. Dependents of veterans or of persons classified as prisoners of war or missing in action in Vietnam may also receive financial assistance from the Veterans Administration. Veterans interested in utilizing benefits at MPCC should:

1. Contact the Financial Aid Office at either MCC or NPCC to inform them of intention to use VA benefits and to receive help with the application process.
2. Make application for enrollment to MPCC and complete an application for VA educational benefits (form 22-1990).
3. Veterans discharged from “active duty” must provide the college with a copy of the DD-214 form—copy 4 preferred.
4. National Guard and Army Reserve students should provide the college with a NOBE form.
5. Veterans who have recently applied for educational benefits should be prepared to finance their expenses for the first two months of college while they await their first benefit check. VA checks should arrive monthly after this initial delay and the checks will be sent directly to the student or College depending on the type of VA applied for. VA students must submit monthly verifications; this can be done online at www.gibill.va.gov and click on WAVE or by phone at 1-877-823-2378.
6. It is the responsibility of the VA student to notify the Financial Aid Office of any changes in the program such as changes in classes each semester, dropping individual classes, withdrawal from school or the addition of classes. This must be done in writing on the appropriate forms obtained from the Financial Aid Office.
7. The Veteran’s Administration requires the college to report a VA student’s progress as unsatisfactory if the student is not progressing to allow graduation within the approved length of time.
8. To qualify as a full-time student in an associate degree or diploma program, veterans must take a minimum of 12 credit hours each semester, nine hours for three-quarter time and six hours for one-half time.