

Tuition Refund

Any active student who is required to withdraw from classes during his/her regular semester, intersession, or summer term due to active military obligations will be entitled to a full refund of tuition (unless paid by a State/federal agency) upon proper evidence and notification to the College within the semester, session, or term of withdrawal. This applies to services in the uniformed services, whether voluntary or involuntary, on active duty in the Armed Forces, including service as a member of the National Guard or Reserve, for a period of more than 30 days under a call or order to active duty of more than 30 days.

Readmissions Requirements for Service members

The College will not deny readmission to a service member of the uniformed services for reasons relating to their service. In addition, a student who is readmitted to the College will be readmitted with the same academic status as the student had when he/she last attended the College. This applies to service in the uniformed services, whether voluntary or involuntary, on active duty in the Armed Forces, including service as a member of the National Guard or Reserve, for a period of more than 30 days under a call or order to active duty of more than 30 days.

Any student whose absence from the College is necessitated by reason of service in the uniformed services is entitled to readmission if

- The student (or an appropriate officer of the Armed Forces or official of the Department of Defense) gives advance written or verbal notice of such service to the appropriate official at the College
- The cumulative length of the absence and of all previous absences from the College by reason of service in the uniformed services does not exceed five years; and
- Except as otherwise provided in this section, the student submits a notification of intent to reenroll in the College.

No advance notice by the student is required if the giving of such notice is precluded by military necessity, such as a mission, operation, exercise, or requirement that is classified; or a pending or ongoing mission, operation, exercise, or requirement that may be compromised or otherwise adversely affected by public knowledge. In addition, any student (or an appropriate officer of service to the appropriate official at the College may meet the notice requirement by submitting, at the time the student seeks readmission, an attestation to the College that the student performed service in the uniformed services that necessitated the student's absence from the College.

When determining the cumulative length of the student's absence for service, the period of service does not include any service:

- that is required, beyond five years, to complete an initial period of obligated service;
- during which the student was unable to obtain orders releasing the student from a period of service in the uniformed services before the expiration of the five-year period and the inability to obtain those orders was through no fault of the student;
- performed by a member of the Armed Forces (including the National Guard and Reserves who is:
 - ordered to or retained on active duty
 - ordered to or retained on active duty (other than for training) under any provision of law because of a war or national emergency declared by the President or the Congress;

- ordered to active duty (other than for training) in support of an operational mission for which personnel have been ordered to active duty;
- ordered to active duty in support of a critical mission or requirement of the Armed Forces (including the National Guard of Reserves);
- called into Federal service as a member of the National Guard

An affected service member must, upon the completion of a period of service in the uniformed services, notify the institution of his or her intent to return to the institution no later than three years after the completion of the period of service. However, a student who is hospitalized for or convalescing from an illness or injury incurred in or aggravated during the performance of service in the uniformed services must notify the institution of his or her intent to return to the institution no later than two years after the end of the period that is necessary for recovery from such illness or injury. A student who fails to apply for readmission within the required period does not automatically forfeit eligibility for readmission to the institution, but is subject to the institution's established leave of absence policy and general practices.

A student who submits an application for readmission to an institution must provide to the institution documentation to establish that

- the student has not exceeded the specified service limitations;
- the student's eligibility for readmission has not been terminated.

The College may not delay or attempt to avoid a readmission of a student under this section by demanding documentation that does not exist, or is not readily available, at the time of readmission.

A student's eligibility for readmission to an institution under this section by reason of such student's service in the uniformed services terminates upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

- a separation of such person from the Armed Forces (including the National Guard and Reserves) with a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge

National Guard/Reserve Classwork

A student who is a member of the National Guard of any state, the District of Columbia, a commonwealth, or a territory of the United States or any reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States shall be permitted to submit classwork and complete any other class assignments missed due to the student participating in a drill or other military obligation required as a member of the National Guard or the reserve component.

Southeastern Illinois College follows the policies and procedures set forth by the Department of Defense, Department of Education, and HEA.

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