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# TOP 10 MILITARY FRIENDLY® SCHOOLS

RANK	LARGE COMMUNITY COLLEGES	SMALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES	LARGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS	SMALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS	GRADUATE SCHOOLS	NON-TRADITIONAL/ ONLINE/ VOCATIONAL	PRIVATE SCHOOLS OFFERING DOCTORATE	PRIVATE SCHOOLS NOT OFFERING DOCTORATE	TIER 1 RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS	TIER 2 RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS
1	MADISON AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	HOWARD COLLEGE	KEAN UNIVERSITY	NORFOLK STATE UNIVERSITY	DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING	THE CONTINENTS STATES UNIVERSITY	CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN	THIEL COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA	MERCER UNIVERSITY
2	CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO - WILBUR WRIGHT COLLEGE	CASPER COLLEGE	EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	CUNY COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND	SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & TECHNOLOGY	AUGUSTE ESCOFFIER SCHOOL OF CULINARY ARTS	XAVIER UNIVERSITY	THOMAS UNIVERSITY	NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AT RALEIGH	ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY
3	MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE	WIREGRASS GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA - CARLSON MBA PROGRAMS	CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF ARTS & TECHNOLOGY	QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY	BRYANT UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE	THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI
4	FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE	CITY COLLEGES OF CHICAGO - KENNEDY KING COLLEGE	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY	NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY	STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY	LAKEWOOD UNIVERSITY	WALSH UNIVERSITY	UPPER IOWA UNIVERSITY	BOSTON COLLEGE	MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY
5	GWINNETT TECHNICAL COLLEGE	MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE	UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY	SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY	GOODWIN UNIVERSITY	INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL AND BUSINESS CAREERS	REGENT UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NORTHWESTERN OHIO	THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA	FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
6	PASADENA CITY COLLEGE	CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER	YORK COLLEGE - CUNY	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER	ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE	PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY	COLUMBIA COLLEGE-COLUMBIA	THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA GREENSBORO	UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
7	CENTRAL GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	WOR-WIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SANTA FE COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO	PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY	NUC UNIVERSITY	ROBERT MORRIS UNIVERSITY	ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY NEW YORK	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY	FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
8	FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE	SUNY ULSTER	UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO COLORADO SPRINGS	COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS - GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT	ARIZONA COLLEGE OF NURSING	REGIS UNIVERSITY	VANGUARD UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON	MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
9	TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE	APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY	AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY	INDIANA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	BLACKSTONE CAREER INSTITUTE	JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY	VASSAR COLLEGE	CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY	WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
10	CITRUS COLLEGE	MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE	TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY	THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD	NEBRASKA METHODIST COLLEGE OF NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH	PHOENIX TRUCK DRIVING SCHOOL AT FORT BLISS	VITERBO UNIVERSITY	ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS	OHIO UNIVERSITY



## 2023-24 MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOLS METHODOLOGY

Military Friendly® ratings are determined through the evaluation of public data and proprietary data gathered through the Military Friendly® survey process. The data-driven Military Friendly® survey assessment is available at no cost to thousands of colleges nationwide.

Each year, schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than in previous years via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an independent research firm and the Military Friendly® Advisory Council.

Survey responses are weighted according to the categories shown at right. Final survey results and ratings are determined by combining an institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet minimum thresholds for Student Retention, Graduation, Job Placement, Loan Repayment and Loan Default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans. The benchmark is set by the score of the leading institution in each scoring group. Advertising and partner status is not a factor in the selection process.

### CURRENT CRITERIA

The goal of Military Friendly® Schools is to identify those colleges, universities and trade schools that are truly doing "better for veterans." That is, schools must have implemented best practices and policies to recruit, develop and support student veterans, with the goal of providing them the tools they need to successfully take the next step in their lives: graduation, degree advancement and/or employment.

To qualify, schools must first complete the Military Friendly® Schools survey. The 113-question survey does a few important things.

- It verifies that the school's accreditation and status with federal government programs, such as the Yellow Ribbon program and the VA's Principles of Excellence, are in good standing and with no flags against them.
- It evaluates whether student veterans feel welcomed and supported enough to stay in school, to graduate from school and to find gainful full-time employment in their chosen job field. Specifically, the survey benchmarks, or compares, schools of the same size and type in areas that impact a veteran's success the most: academics policies, admissions and orientation, culture and commitment, financial aid and loan repayment options, graduation and career outcomes, and military student support and retention.

## SO, WHAT MAKES A SCHOOL MILITARY FRIENDLY®?

