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American Military University announces new ‘deferred tuition’ program to ease upfront costs for U.S. Air Force Reserve students

AMU offers to defer tuition charge until course ends

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va., March 16, 2006 — American Military University (AMU) is launching a unique program to help U.S. Air Force Reserve (USAFR) students who are eligible for Tuition Assistance (TA) benefits defer their tuition payments until courses are completed.

The AMU “deferred tuition” program eases up-front tuition costs, making it easier for USAFR students to pursue online bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

“Air Force Reserve TA students typically have to pay tuition costs upfront, then wait eight to 10 weeks after completing a course to be reimbursed by the Air Force,” says Jim Sweizer, American Public University System vice president of federal programs — and former chief of the Air Force voluntary education program.

“That can be a severe financial hardship, especially for those taking several classes — and may even keep students from pursuing a degree,” he says.

AMU also offers an undergraduate book grant, providing textbooks to qualified students at no cost.

AMU is part of American Public University System. More than 85 percent of the University System’s students — there are more than 13,000 online learners worldwide — are in military service (www.amu.apus.edu).

How it works

The Air Force Reserve deferred payment program is available for courses starting in April. An Air Force Reserve student may participate by:
Completing the military's DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) enrollment form and noting they are Air Force Reserve;
Completing the University System's registration process; and
Authorizing a delayed credit card payment in lieu of upfront tuition payment.

The University System will charge tuition to the student's credit card approximately eight weeks after the course ends. That is generally when the Air Force Reservists are reimbursed for their tuition costs, having met all other tuition assistance requirements.

For more information, students may call 1-877-468-6268 or visit www.apus.edu.

About the University System

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