



# Troops to Teachers



*Transitioning military personnel to new careers as public school teachers*

**Counseling and Referral Services.** All current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to participate in the Troops to Teachers (TTT) program. The last period of military service must be characterized as honorable. TTT provides counseling and, for those who are eligible for hire as teachers, referral services to assist with the transition to the classroom.

**Financial Assistance.** In addition to counseling and referral services, service members who qualify under one of the Active Duty or Reserve Component categories listed below may also be eligible for financial assistance, pending the availability of funds. **The TTT registration process must be completed before being hired as a teacher or for consideration for financial assistance.** Financial assistance may be available as (A) a stipend of up to \$5K for teacher certification expenses for which individuals must teach for three years at an "eligible" public school (the stipend may not be available to those who are eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill) and/or (B) a bonus of up to \$5K to teach for three years in an "eligible" public school or (C) a bonus of up to \$10K to teach for three years in a "high-need" public school. The maximum amount available through any combination of financial assistance is \$10K. *Other conditions may apply. Contact your TTT state office for additional information, [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com).*

## **Military Service Requirements for Financial Assistance:**

### Active Duty

- Retired from active duty.
- Active duty member with approved date of retirement with one year or less remaining before retirement.
- Separated for a service-determined physical disability on or after January 8, 2002. **Must register within three years after separation.** *Note: Physical disability must be noted on service separation documentation not a VA determination. Medical discharge is not the same as discharge due to physical disability.*

### Reserve Component

- Retired from the Selected Reserve.
- Currently serving in the Selected Reserve with six or more years of creditable service towards retirement and commit to serving an additional three years, or until eligible for retirement.
- Separated from the Selected Reserve due to a service-determined physical disability on or after January 8, 2002. **Must register within three years after separation.** *Note: Physical disability must be noted on service separation documentation not a VA determination. Medical discharge is not the same as discharge due to physical disability.*
- Individuals transitioning from active duty on or after January 8, 2002, and have served four years on active duty immediately before separation, and execute a contract for three or more years with a Selected Reserve unit. **Must register within three years after separation.**

## **Education Requirements for Financial Assistance:**

Service members interested in receiving financial assistance must also meet the following education requirements. For **academic licensure or employment:** must hold a Baccalaureate or advanced degree from an accredited institution. For **career-technical licensure or employment:** must either meet state career-technical teacher requirements, or have the equivalent of one year of college with six years of military experience in the vocational or technical field.

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