

## **Student Military Status Information Policy**

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### **Purpose**

West Chester University invites students to share their military history with the university. This information is voluntary, but students are encouraged to provide the information as a way of engaging with the support services for active military members, veterans, and their dependents.

Military service information is used internally at WCU to understand the current and previous experiences of our students, to offer support services and programming, and to connect students to resources and peers. This information is not publicly shared and will be protected in compliance with the university FERPA policy. Information is used for state and federal reporting as required.

Students have access to add or modify information related to their military status at any via myWCU.

WCU military status elements include students current and past military service, as well as students' status as dependents of a member of the military. WCU does not collect any information regarding the type of military discharge/separation a student experienced.

### **Student Military Status Definitions**

1. Active duty: Student who is actively engaged in active duty military status
  - 1.1. Select: Yes/No/Prefer not to designate
  - 1.2. If yes, Select Service from Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard
2. National Guard or Reservist: Student is who is an active member of the National Guard or Reserves

- 2.1. Select: Yes/No/Prefer not to designate
- 2.2. Select Service: Select Service from Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard
- 2.3. Select state if applicable
3. Military Dependent: Student who considers themselves a dependent of an active duty military member, or military veteran.
  - 3.1. Select: Yes/No/Prefer not to designate
  - 3.2. If Yes: Are you a military spouse
    - 3.2.1. Yes, No, Prefer not to designate.
4. Military Veteran: A student with a history of military services but is no longer an active member of the military
  - 4.1. Select: Yes/No/Prefer not to designate
  - 4.2. If Yes, Select Service: Select Service from Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard
5. Military educational benefits: Are you considering utilizing VA/military educational benefits as part of your program.
  - 5.1. Select: Yes/No
  - 5.2. If yes: are you the primary beneficiary or a dependent of the primary beneficiary.

Question logic:

- Students do not need to answer every question. They can select the questions they are comfortable to answer.
- Students can unselect/reset the question at anytime.

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