

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 14
DATE: October 20, 2009

RECOMMENDATION

EMU VET CONNECT AWARD

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve a new tuition differential grant for non-resident U.S. military veterans (excluding reserve programs). The grant will be incorporated into the annual General Fund Scholarships, Grants and Awards proposal.

STAFF SUMMARY

The purpose of this request is to establish a new award to provide the opportunity for veterans from anywhere in the country to attend Eastern Michigan University at resident tuition rates. The grant will be based on 24 credit hours per year of the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition. Awards will be made to non-resident veterans who have been honorably discharged or medically separated from service with at least one year of service.

In 2008, Eastern Michigan University joined its sister four-year public universities in providing in-state tuition provisions for active duty members of the U.S. armed force and has recently been named one of the country's top "military friendly" schools by G.I. Jobs Magazine. By establishing the EMU Vet Connect Award, Eastern Michigan University continues its commitment to our military veterans.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The establishment of this award may result in a slight reduction in revenues resulting from granting out-state tuition differentials to veterans. However, any such reduction may be offset by an increase in enrollment by veterans from outside of Michigan and Ohio.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

University Executive Officer

October 9, 2009
Date