MTU OFFERS MILITARY FAMILIES IN-STATE TUITION

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Starting with the first summer term of 2008, Michigan Technological University will offer in-state tuition to out-of-state students who are the offspring or spouse of a person on active U.S. military duty.

Michigan Tech's Board of Control approved the new Military Family Education Award at its December 14 meeting. The award is meant to recognize and thank the military men and women who are serving their country.

The innovative idea arose earlier this year, after the son of a military man stationed outside Michigan was denied in-state tuition at a public university, even though he had graduated from a Michigan high school while his father was stationed in the state. Michigan is one of only three states that doesn't automatically grant in-state tuition to Michigan residents stationed elsewhere or to non-residents stationed in Michigan.

Students will be eligible for a Military Family Education Award if a parent or spouse is on active military duty at the time the student applies to Michigan Tech. If a parent or spouse goes on active duty after a student is admitted, the student will be eligible for a Military Service Award at the beginning of the next semester.

Military Family Education Award recipients will have to qualify for admission to the University. Once a student receives the award, he or she will continue to receive it until graduation, providing a satisfactory record is maintained, even if the family member's military status changes.

Students with a parent or spouse on full-time duty with the National Guard for more than a year also will be eligible for the Military Family Education Award.

SERVICE-DISabled VET OWNED BUSINESSES WIN MILLIONS IN MICHIGAN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

By Michigan Department of Management and Budget

You served your country with pride, honor, and distinction. The nation is grateful for your sacrifices, and so is the State of Michigan.

That's why Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and Michigan legislators adopted legislation encouraging businesses owned by service-disabled veterans to bid on state contracts — and extended a 10 percent pricing preference.

Fiscal Year 2007 was the best year ever for businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. These companies received nearly $2.5 million in contract awards.

To learn how your company can compete for Michigan contracts:

- visit www.michigan.gov/buymichigan
- register as a vendor, research existing contracts, and review and respond to invitations to bid, follow the “Veterans” link for additional pointers.

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