MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE REFUND PROCESSES

SCOPE
All Staff

PURPOSE
To comply with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 2008, and the Department of Defense (DoD) Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding; to establish policies for the return of Tuition Assistance (TA).

DEFINITION
Military service member is defined as a student who is on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, a Reservist or National Guardsman of the United States Armed Forces.

POLICY/PROCEDURE
1. It is the policy and practice of the University of St. Thomas to comply with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended in 2008, to ensure equal education opportunities for all qualified military service members.

2. The University of St. Thomas is committed to ensuring Active Military Service Members are allowed equal access to higher education.

3. The University of St. Thomas will return 100% of TA funds received to the military service for a course in which a service member did not start, regardless if they started other non-TA courses.

4. The University of St. Thomas will return 100% of TA funds received to the military service for a course in which the service member had to withdraw from due to active duty military orders, regardless of the point of term in which they withdrew.

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