

BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY

Service Member Readmission Policy

Belhaven University acknowledges that our military students may be temporarily unable to attend classes or be required to suspend their studies in order to perform military service. Belhaven encourages such students to resume their education once a military service obligation has ended and adopts this policy to ensure the timely readmission of such students. In accordance with federal regulations, 34 C.F.R. 668.18 and the Department of Defense (DOD) Voluntary Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the university will promptly readmit service members who seek readmission to a program that was interrupted due to a uniformed service obligation in the Armed Forces, including the National Guard or Reserve, active duty, active duty for training or full-time National Guard (under federal authority)..

Student Responsibility

The student must provide orders, or written notice by Commanding Officer, of a Uniformed Service Obligation, such as Temporary Duty (TDY), etc., to their Student Services Advisor or Faculty Advisor as far in advance as possible, unless precluded by military necessity. Such notice does not need to indicate when the student will return to the university.

The student must also give notice of Intent to Return to Belhaven University within one year after the completion of the period of service. Immediately upon the student's return to school, the student must provide notice that he/she may be entitled to the tuition and enrollment benefits outlined in this policy.

Tuition and Fees

A returning student must be charged the same tuition and fees in effect during the last academic year the student attended, unless veteran's education benefits or other service member education benefits will pay the amount in excess. For subsequent academic years, the returning student may not be charged tuition and fees in excess of what other students in the program are charged.

Readmission Requirements

The returning student will be readmitted into the same academic program and will be permitted to reenroll in the next semester scheduled, unless the student requests a later date of reenrollment or agrees to a different program. If the university determines that a returning student is not prepared to resume the program or is unable to complete the program, the university will make all reasonable efforts to enable the student to resume or complete the program at no additional cost to the student. If such efforts are unsuccessful or place an undue hardship on the university, the university is not required to readmit the student.

In accordance with federal regulations, returning students who receive a dishonorable or bad conduct discharge from the Armed Forces (including the National Guard and Reserves) are not eligible for readmission under this policy. However, service members who receive dishonorable or bad conduct discharge may remain eligible for readmission even though they will not be entitled to the benefits outlined in this policy