



# THE NATION'S TOP 2020-2021 MILITARY FRIENDLY® SCHOOLS ANNOUNCED ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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**PITTSBURGH** – Continuing its mission to provide veterans, their spouses, and the military community with the finest choices for education opportunities, Military Friendly today has released the 2020-21 Military Friendly® Schools list.

Now in its 10th year, the Military Friendly® Schools list has come to set the standard for higher education institutions to provide the best opportunities for veterans and their spouses. This prestigious list provides a comprehensive guide for veterans and their families using data sources from federal agencies and proprietary survey information from participating organizations.

Institutions earning the Military Friendly® School designation were evaluated using both public data sources and responses from a proprietary survey completed by the school. More than 1,000 schools participated in the 2020-2021 survey, with 625 schools earning the designation from every state in the country.

The 2020-2021 Military Friendly® Schools list will be published in the May issue of *G.I. Jobs* magazine. The list can also be found at [www.militaryfriendly.com](http://www.militaryfriendly.com).

Methodology, criteria, and weightings were determined by VIQTORY with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council of independent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with the assessment of the institution's ability to meet thresholds for student retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students and, specifically, for student veterans. For the first time, the methodology included a new measure - the 90/10 Rule and Loophole. Military Friendly® has closed the loophole on our survey and is eager for Congress to follow as it deliberates closing the loophole legislatively.

## **About Military Friendly® Schools:**

The Military Friendly® Schools list is created each year based on extensive research using public data sources for more than 8,800 schools nationwide and responses to the proprietary, data-driven Military Friendly® Schools survey from participating institutions. The survey questions, methodology, criteria and weighting were developed with the assistance of an independent research firm and an advisory council of educators and employers. Ernst & Young (EY), a global leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services, independently evaluated the scoring methodology used for the Military Friendly® Schools list using the criteria set forth by VIQTORY. The services performed by EY were limited to advisory procedures and do not provide assurance over the scoring methodology. The survey is administered for free and is open to all post-secondary schools that wish to participate. Criteria for consideration can be found at [www.militaryfriendly.com](http://www.militaryfriendly.com).

## **About VIQTORY:**

Founded in 2001, VIQTORY is a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) that connects the military community to civilian employment, educational and entrepreneurial opportunities through its *G.I. Jobs*®, *Military Spouse*, *Military Friendly*® brands. VIQTORY and its brands are not a part of or endorsed by the U.S. Dept of Defense or any federal government entity. Learn more about VIQTORY at [www.viqtory.com](http://www.viqtory.com).

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