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Colorado Technical University Online strongly supports the commitment, dedication and bravery exhibited by members of the U.S. Military.

P ursuing a college degree at Colorado Technical University Online is a fast, flexible way to achieve a quality education from the convenience and portability of any Internet-connected computer.

The nature of a mobile lifestyle may limit your ability to enroll and attend classes at a traditional university. But at Colorado Tech Online, we have harnessed the power of the Internet to deliver the future of modern education today. Now, you can access amazing multimedia classes, interact with instructors and classmates, and pursue your college degree while you serve your country, any time, any place,

We have organized helpful information within the pages of this document to make it easy for you to get started on your mission to get your degree fast by enrolling in the accelerated academic program that interests you. You may find that printing these pages before visiting your Education Service Officer may prove helpful.

Included in this document is important information regarding:

- **The Colorado Tech Online Liberty Grant***
- **The Top 10 Reasons to Enroll at Colorado Tech Online**
- **Checklist for Education Service Officer Meeting**
- **Applying for Financial Aid**

The Colorado Tech Online Liberty Grant*

Colorado Tech Online has established a 20% grant* for Active, Active Reserve and National Guard military personnel serving in the U.S. Armed Services, and their eligible spouses. Spouses will be required to provide a military identification card for verification.

A 10% grant* has been established for Veterans** of the U.S. Armed Forces, and their eligible spouses. To be eligible for the Liberty Grant*, a candidate must be accepted for admission to the University, complete the Liberty Grant* attestation form, and allow for verification of his or her military status. Spouses will be required to verify marital status and spouse's military service.

* University grants or scholarships are based on established criteria as published in the University's catalog and are awarded after verification that the conditions of eligibility have been met.

** Discharged Veterans must have a discharge other than dishonorable.

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If you need more reasons why you should attend Colorado Tech Online, then look no further. Print this list and share it with others helping you make your decision.

Top 10 Reasons Military Personnel Enroll at Colorado Tech Online

1   If you relocate, your education ships out with you! Your **classes are available any time, anywhere**, as long as you have access to an Internet-connected computer.

2   Colorado Tech Online's Financial Aid Personnel are experienced and knowledgeable about military benefits. We are committed to helping you **obtain the maximum military benefits** and financial aid for which you are eligible.

3   Colorado Tech Online's degrees incorporate **multiple professional certificates** you'll earn on your way to graduation, without added courses or additional costs. This unique program empowers you to add certificate credentials to your qualifications.

4   Colorado Tech Online's Articulation Coordinators will evaluate your applicable training, education, and any occupational specialties for relevant college credit, where possible. This service can ultimately help you **complete your degree faster** and, in some cases, help you save even more on the cost of your tuition.

5   Colorado Technical University is **accredited by the Higher Learning Commission** and a member of the North Central Association. (For more information, visit the NCA Higher Learning Commission web site.)

6   Our instructors are among the top in their fields academically and professionally. They bring years of **knowledge and practical experience** to every course, which means you can receive a relevant education that you may be able to apply in the military or on your job after your tour of duty.

7   As a student, you can **receive assistance** from our Career Services Department to help you start or advance your career.

8   Colorado Tech Online's education **fits your busy lifestyle and schedule**. Plus, our courses are fully web-based and not simply an email exchange.

9   Colorado Tech Online is **DANTES-affiliated**, a member of the **Servicemembers Opportunity College**, and a preferred school of the Special Operations Command.

10   Colorado Tech Online's program content has been reviewed by the Project Management Institute (PMI®) and found to be **relevant and consistent** with the knowledge and process areas described in the *Guide to the Project Management Book of Knowledge*.

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Colorado Tech Online is committed to providing educational opportunities to service members and their families.

Preparing for Your Education Service Officer Meeting

Visiting with your Education Service Officer is an important step in the enrollment process. After setting up your appointment, you can prepare for your meeting by considering some of the topics most likely to be discussed. The points on this page will help you focus on a productive meeting.

- You will need to explain some of the reasons why you've chosen Colorado Tech Online. We suggest that you bring your "Top 10 Reasons Military Personnel Select Colorado Tech Online" and add to it any additional reasons you may have for wanting to enroll.

- Talk to your Education Service Officer about why you prefer an online school. You may want to discuss the fact that we are available any time, anywhere, as long as you have a connection to the Internet. We travel with you!

- Explain the benefits of getting your degree FAST! Our accelerated programs allow you the opportunity to move ahead faster in your military career and prepare you for a career on the outside. Our military students tell us that the accelerated programs keep them focused, making it more likely they will graduate and excel in their classes.

- If your Education Service Officer asks about transferring credits, make sure you discuss Colorado Tech Online's Articulation Coordinators, who are dedicated to helping you convert your specialty training into relevant college credit. This step will help you complete your degree faster and may save you even more on the cost of your degree program.

- Be prepared to talk about accreditation. Colorado Tech Online is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

- Make sure you gather essential paperwork for the military tuition assistance and grants* for which you qualify. Complete and fax all forms to your Colorado Tech Online Admissions Advisor.

- Students need to have all TA forms approved by their Education Service Officer before they take their courses. They should apply for Tuition Assistance through their Education Service Officer before each session, until the ESO tells them they have reached their benefit limit.

- Ask your Education Service Officer whether you are eligible for the GI Bill Top-Up program before you start using your GI Bill, if applicable.

- Be prepared to talk about Colorado Tech Online's Liberty Grant*, which offers a 20% grant* for Active, Active Reserve, and National Guard military personnel serving in the U.S. Armed Services, and their eligible spouses.

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Colorado Tech Online has experienced Financial Aid Advisors who understand the procedures required to help you receive the maximum benefits for which you qualify.

Apply for Financial Aid in Three Simple Steps

The financial aid process is an important consideration for many college students. Your military branch or the Veteran's Administration (depending on the type of military benefits being sought) will be the ultimate decision-maker in determining and approving your maximum benefits.

When you are ready to apply for admission, it will be to your advantage to speak with an experienced Colorado Tech Online Financial Aid Advisor. You should also meet with your Education Service Officer immediately and follow the three steps outlined below to ensure that the process of applying for financial aid goes smoothly.

STEP 1

Schedule an appointment to speak to your Education Service Officer. Be prepared to speak to your Education Service Officer about Colorado Tech Online, including our accreditation and the reasons you would like to attend our online university. At the time of the meeting, the Education Service Officer will give you the essential paperwork regarding your tuition assistance (TA) and advise you on your eligibility for the top-up benefits, the GI Bill, and any other military benefits. This paperwork will need to be completed in a swift and timely manner and faxed to your Colorado Tech Online Financial Aid Advisor.

To be eligible for the top-up benefit, you must be approved for tuition assistance by a military department and be eligible for MGIB-Active Duty benefits. You must be an MGIB-Active Duty participant and must have served at least two full years on active duty.

STEP 2

Within 48 hours of completing your application for admission, fill out the FAFSA application to assist in maximizing your tuition assistance. FAFSA, or free Application for Federal Student Aid, is an online service that determines your eligibility for state aid, private aid, and other forms of financial aid. In order to complete the FAFSA, you must do the following:

- Log on to the FAFSA website, **www.fafsa.ed.gov**.
- Register for a PIN and fill out the FAFSA. You can do both on the same day. If you are registering for the PIN for the first time, it will take a couple of days to receive electronically but it does not hinder you from completing the FAFSA.
- When you receive the PIN, just log on and open your saved FAFSA and sign with your PIN.

When filling out the FAFSA, you will need to input the **Colorado Tech Online School Code: E0I038**. This code will route the completed information to our Financial Aid department. The entire process takes about 30 minutes to complete and needs to be started as soon as possible.

STEP 3

Contact your Financial Aid Advisor after you've completed your FAFSA. Your Financial Aid Advisor, in conjunction with your Education Service Officer, will work with you to determine all military benefits for which you are eligible. The monthly military benefit paid to you is based on the type of training you take, the length of your service, your category, and whether the DOD put extra money in your MGIB Fund (kickers).

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