



Budget Request Form FY2012

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

Veterans Services

SSFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description:

The scope of Veterans Services continues to grow every year, with changes to and implementation of new federal and state programs that serve or assist veterans and the dependents of veterans and military personnel. Not only do we process 10 different veterans benefits programs, but we work with others across campus and in the community to provide various types or make them aware of various types of services available to them.

Request Type: Full Increase One-Time Partial/Matching

General Questions:

How does this increase impact students, and what motivated this request (needs, strategic planning, etc.)?

The number of students impacted already this fall were 1105. We also have new admits or returning students in the spring and summer semesters as that increase the total number served. In addition to the dramatically increasing numbers, our status as military friendly requires us to look at the needs of the veterans and the dependents and coordinate services and support as well as educate or increase awareness of their needs. As mentioned in the cover sheets, Veterans Services is a strategic priority of the Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M, and our department. The Troops to College committee has done research and received training on the needs of veterans.

How do other sources of funding (fundraising, sponsorship, reserves, etc.) been considered? Please explain.

We have pursued and obtained some additional funding through The Association of Former Students, the Tillman Foundation, and the Greater Texas Foundation to support some scholarships for veterans. We have obtained and continue to pursue funds for endowments for our veterans as well. We are currently using reserves to initiate different programs and determine their success, as well as hiring a graduate assistant and a student worker to help with the services and processing. We continue to look for outside sources of funds to help veterans with aid, scholarships, and services.

Generally, what assessment tools will you use to evaluate this program/service?

We implemented a base line survey in Spring of 08-09 to determine level of awareness of programs, services, etc. A new and completely revised survey is in the works and has a target date for completion of November 1, 2010. In addition to our survey in 2008, the Troops to College Committee was formed in December 2008 as part of Project Military Friendly within the Texas A&M University System. This group was formed to address veterans' issues on campus and to take up initiatives brought forth by the committee, students, academic

community, and local community to help Texas A&M University honor our military heritage and to do all we can to be Military Friendly. Over the past two years this committee has been instrumental in identifying needs of Veterans and working together to address those needs. The committee consists of the following resources: Admissions, Student Affairs / Student Assistance Center, Student Counseling Services, Disability Services, Academic Advising, ROTC Office, Office of the Commandant, Texas Workforce Commission – Texas Veterans Commission, Veterans Affairs in College Station, and other veteran community resources

Funding Description:

	Dollar Amount
Total Estimated Cost	\$44,800
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	
TOTAL SSFAB INCREASE REQUEST	\$44,800

SSFAB Comments/Notes:

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