Military Benefits and Institutional Aid Policy Effective 2009-2010

Due to the post 9/11 GI Bill, veterans are now eligible for more significant benefits than in the past. According to federal regulations, beginning with the 2009-10 academic year, federal military benefits are no longer included as estimated financial assistance (a resource) when calculating eligibility for <u>federal</u> forms of financial aid. However, due to the significant amount of benefits some student veterans are receiving, Messiah University will include any benefits of which we are aware when awarding and adjusting institutional grants and scholarships (including all institutional merit-based scholarships).

Military Benefits and the Messiah University Grant

When a student who is the recipient of a Messiah University Grant has received total gift aid, including military benefits, that exceed