

## HB 1504 -- Higher Education Financial Aid

Sponsor: Schaaf

Currently, the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act applies to veterans of armed combat who served after September 11, 2001. This bill removes the date and allows combat veterans serving prior to September 11, 2001, to be eligible for the scholarship program. Eligibility for the program is also extended to veterans who meet the university's requirements for Missouri residency.

Students who have completed their secondary education through homeschooling must receive the same consideration for financial aid purposes as students who were not homeschooled. No rule or prerequisite for financial aid can be conditioned so as to disadvantage homeschooled students.