



UNIVERSITY OF
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SUMTER

USC Sumter Awarded 2014 Military Friendly Schools[®] Designation

Sumter S.C. – The University of South Carolina Sumter has been named to the Military Friendly Schools[®] list by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. The 2014 Military Friendly Schools[®] list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

“Inclusion on the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools[®] shows USC Sumter’s commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students,” said Sean Collins, Vice President at Victory Media and a nine-year Navy veteran. “The need for education is growing and our mission is to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools.

The 1,868 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year’s list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment and retention of students with military experience. These schools have world-class programs and policies for student support on campus, academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility and other services to those who served.

“USC Sumter is excited to receive the Military Friendly designation,” says Dean Sonntag. “Faculty and staff are dedicated to helping all students succeed but sometimes military members and their dependents have unique needs. With our Base Education Office personnel and recently hired Veteran’s Affairs Coordinator, we are able to assist our military students and their dependents with most issues as they arise. And we’re working hard right now to further increase and improve our service to these students.”

Now in its fifth year, the 2014 list of Military Friendly Schools[®] was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 10,000 schools nationwide approved for VA tuition funding. The survey results that comprise the 2014 list were independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media. Each year schools taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country.