

Admission and Establishing Eligibility for Financial Aid

Students entering directly from high school and transfer students must be admitted to Drake prior to being considered for scholarships and other financial aid awards. All students are urged to file the application for admission and provide all supporting documents as early as possible in the academic year. March 1 is the priority deadline for admission, scholarships and financial aid.

Eligibility for need-based scholarships and other financial aid is based upon the results of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as reviewed by the Office of Student Financial Planning. FAFSA filers may also be required to provide additional documentation such as copies of federal tax returns or other worksheets necessary for the verification of FAFSA data.

Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA electronically at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Generally by December 1 the paper FAFSA is also available in high school counseling offices and college financial aid offices. For semester-based schools such as Drake, the FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible after January 1 each year for the following academic year (i.e., summer, fall and/or spring terms). The Department of Education may require three to four weeks for FAFSA processing. March 1 is the priority FAFSA processor-received date for Drake financial aid recipients. FAFSAs received for processing at the Department of Education AFTER MARCH 1 and/or the student whose completed application for admission and related documents are received in Drake's Office of Admission AFTER MARCH 1, are given consideration on a funds-available basis.

Financial Aid

Although students and their families have the primary responsibility for financing the cost of an education, Drake University strives to provide financial assistance that ensures equal access for all capable and deserving students. The Office of Student Financial Planning is responsible for administering financial aid programs at Drake University.

Scholarships, grants, loans, work-study programs and other forms of assistance provided by the University, corporations, foundations, alumni, friends and other sources generate more than \$50 million each year for financial assistance for students. Approximately 95 percent of Drake students receive some form of financial aid.

Both enrolled and admitted students may confer with counselors in the Office of Student Financial Planning concerning any financial aid questions. Students considering enrolling or seeking admission to Drake University who want information about financial aid should contact the Office of Admission.

The Office of Student Financial Planning offers prospective students who are U.S. citizens and permanent residents an estimate of their financial aid eligibility on an annual basis. Early Estimate Applications are available at <http://www.choose.drake.edu>. Early Estimate Applications are accepted and processed through February 1.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Filing a FAFSA ensures consideration for federal, state and institutional financial aid. Award and program eligibility are determined individually for each student based upon numerous factors including the program of study and the level of enrollment (full-time, part-time, etc.). Scholarships not based on financial need include the Drake National Alumni Scholarships, National Merit Scholarships, Drake Legacy Awards, Presidential Scholarships, Presidential Community College Scholarships, Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships and Transfer Student Achievement Awards.

Financial Aid Opportunities and Procedures for International Undergraduate Students

Drake University is pleased to offer scholarships and financial aid that can cover up to 50 percent of the cost of tuition, room and board at Drake to incoming first-year and transfer international students. These opportunities are designed to assist students who have solid academic records and who demonstrate potential for success at Drake. Some of the awards are based solely upon merit, while others are based

upon financial need, and students may receive a combination of these two forms of awards. With the exception of the National Alumni and Carpenter scholarships, the maximum combined value of this assistance in the 2005-2006 academic year is \$13,635, which represents 50 percent of tuition, room and board expenses. Students living off campus may receive a maximum award of \$10,550. Scholarships and need-based aid are available for students entering in the fall or spring semester. Financial aid for international students is evaluated by the Office of Admission.

International undergraduate students are eligible for all merit scholarships listed in the Scholarships and Grants section of this catalog with the exception of National Merit Scholarships. Please refer to the Scholarships and Grants section for detailed information about these awards.

Application for need-based financial aid can be made by completing the Drake University Financial Aid Form or the Foreign Student Financial Aid Application from the College Scholarship Service/College Board and submitting it to the Office of Admission. Drake's Financial Certificate must accompany the financial aid application. There is no specific deadline for applying for need-based financial aid.

Enrolled Returning and Graduate Student Application Procedures for Financial Aid

All returning undergraduate, graduate and law students who file a FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA, and who provide follow-up information as requested, are reviewed for scholarship, work and loan consideration.

Enrolled students applying each year for renewal of financial aid should submit their FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA to be received by the processing center by March 1. FAFSA forms received by the processing center after March 1 are considered late for financial aid purposes, and awards are made on a funds-available basis.

Continuing students enrolled in Drake's six colleges and schools (Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, Journalism and Mass Communication, Law, and Pharmacy and Health Sciences) may be eligible for scholarships and other financial aid specifically for students in these areas. Inquiry must be made directly to the dean of the respective college or school. Please note that in most cases the award granted by the college or school will be used to replace already awarded Drake University merit or need-based aid.

REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires that a student must maintain satisfactory academic progress (as determined by the institution) to continue eligibility for federal student financial assistance. Please see the Academic Regulations section. The regulations also state that a student must be denied aid if he or she owes a refund on a previous grant or is in default on a loan at any institution.

The Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1983, which amends the Military Selective Service Act, denies federal financial aid under the Title IV programs (Federal SEOG, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work Study, Federal Pell Grant, Federal Stafford Loan and Federal PLUS) of the Higher Education Act to any student who is required to register for the Selective Service but who fails to do so.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS STANDARDS AND DURATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, requires students to maintain satisfactory progress toward their degrees in order to receive financial aid. At Drake University, these standards are established for students who are receiving or applying for financial aid from one or more of the various federal, state or institutional grant, scholarship, work or loan programs.

The Drake University Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards for Financial Aid apply to all students who want to establish or maintain financial aid eligibility. THESE STANDARDS APPLY TO A STUDENT'S ENTIRE DEGREE PROGRAM INCLUDING TERMS IN WHICH FINANCIAL AID WAS NOT APPLIED FOR OR DISBURSED.

These standards require that students complete a specific number of credit hours each academic year and maintain the minimum GPA as defined by the standards. These are minimum standards that must be

completed. Specific aid programs, college or department standards may require MORE THAN these minimum standards.

The academic progress of financial aid recipients will be monitored at least once each academic year. Students should contact the Office of Student Financial Planning with questions regarding the intent and interpretation of these standards.

Duration of Eligibility

Students must earn two-thirds or 67 percent of their attempted credit hours. Students who do not have the appropriate credit hours will be granted one warning or probationary year in which to increase their credit hours earned. Failure to achieve this standard at any point following the probationary year will result in the loss of financial aid eligibility until the student has earned two-thirds of the attempted credit hours.

Eligibility will terminate when the credit hours required for a specific degree/program are earned or the student has attempted greater than 150 percent of the credit hours required for a specific degree/program. Please note that only one warning will be given to a student for either duration of eligibility or grade-point average deficiencies.

Grade-Point Average (GPA) Requirements

Students must have a 2.00 cumulative GPA. Students who do not have a 2.00 (University) cumulative GPA will be granted one warning or probationary year in which to raise their GPA to the 2.00 level. Failure to achieve this standard at any point following the probationary year will result in the loss of financial aid eligibility until the cumulative GPA is 2.00. A college or department may require more than a 2.00 GPA to remain in satisfactory academic standing. Please note that only one warning will be given to a student for either duration of eligibility or grade-point average deficiencies.

Transfer Credits

Upon admission, transfer students will be assumed to be maintaining satisfactory academic progress. After admission to the university, courses successfully completed in subsequent terms at another institution that fulfill degree requirements at Drake University may be used to achieve satisfactory academic progress compliance. Students must provide documentation to the Office of Student Financial Planning regarding such credit. Contact the Assistant Director, Continuing Student Programs at the Office of Student Financial Planning to discuss acceptable reporting mechanisms.

Credit by Examination

Credits earned by examination may be used to satisfy cumulative credit requirements.

Non-Credit Coursework

Incomplete grades, repeats in which a passing grade was previously earned, non-credit coursework, audits and withdrawals will not be counted in the minimum credit requirement.

Evaluation Process

The Office of Student Financial Planning will evaluate the progress of each student according to these standards on an annual basis.

Appeal Process and Satisfactory Academic Progress Questions

Extenuating circumstances that result in a student failing to achieve the minimum credit hours and/or GPA requirements will be evaluated by the Financial Aid Committee. For questions regarding this policy or to submit written appeals, please contact:

Assistant Director, Continuing Student Programs
Office of Student Financial Planning
Carnegie Hall
Drake University
2507 University Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50311-4505
Phone: 515-271-2905 or 800-44-DRAKE, Extension 2905

Scholarships and Grants

More than 5,000 scholarships and grants are awarded annually to Drake University students. These scholarships include awards based on demonstrated financial need, academic achievement, and artistic or athletic talent. Funds are provided by the University and through the generosity of friends and organizations interested in Drake students. When students apply for financial aid at Drake University, they are automatically applying for available need-based monies. The FAFSA or Renewal FAFSA is the only application required for need-based aid.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING DIRECTLY FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Drake National Alumni Scholarships

The Drake University National Alumni Association awards prestigious scholarships each year to outstanding first-year students entering directly from high school. Applicants for the National Alumni Scholarship need not be related to Drake alumni. The scholarships awarded through the National Alumni Scholarship Program include:

- Six National Alumni Scholarships providing for the costs of tuition, room and board in University housing, and student fees.
- Ten George A. Carpenter Scholarships providing for the cost of full tuition.
- Trustee Scholarships of \$1,000 toward tuition are awarded to all eligible students who complete the National Alumni Scholarship application process and participate in a Scholarship Day.

Merit scholarships are available for a maximum of eight semesters (fall and spring terms only) with renewal based upon the maintenance of full-time enrollment and maintaining the required cumulative grade-point average on a 4.0 scale: Alumni and Carpenter 3.25, Trustee 2.0. Additionally, Alumni Scholars must live in Drake University housing to renew the room and board portion of their full scholarship award. Alumni and Carpenter Scholarships supersede all other Drake merit awards.

Applicants for National Alumni Scholarships must:

- have one of the following minimum test scores: ACT composite score of 29 or SAT-I combined score of 1270 (qualifying scores cannot be derived by combining sub scores from different testing dates);
- rank in the top 5 percent of their class and/or have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.75 or above on a 4.0 scale; and
- participate in one of the National Alumni Scholarship Days on campus.

Participation in a Scholarship Day is required for further consideration for the Alumni, Carpenter and Trustee scholarships. Provisions are made via telephone, fax and e-mail for applicants outside the continental United States.

Alumni Scholarship applicants must ensure that all admission materials and National Alumni Scholarship application materials fulfill eligibility criteria and are postmarked by January 20. There are no exceptions to this deadline.

Applicants must send the following directly to the Office of Admission: an application for admission, an official school transcript, ACT or SAT-I test results (may be submitted on official school transcript) and the \$25 application fee (fee is waived for students who apply online). Applicants must submit to the Drake Office of Alumni and Parent Programs the National Alumni Scholarship Application Form and the National Alumni Scholarship Essay.

Application packets for Alumni Scholarships may be obtained by contacting Drake University's Office of Alumni and Parent Programs or Office of Admission.

Presidential Scholarships range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year. All prospective students who have applied and been admitted by the priority deadline of March 1 are automatically considered for these awards. Recipients of these tuition scholarships are chosen on the basis of academic achievement.

Merit-Based Scholarships for Transfer Students

All full-time transfer students are considered for merit-based scholarships at the point of admission. Scholarships may be awarded in the fall or spring semester and are renewable for additional semesters, depending on the number of credits transferred, as long as consecutive full-time enrollment and good academic standing is maintained. Students with previous bachelor's degrees are not eligible. To be considered, students must first submit an application for admission to Drake's Office of Admission. Please note: The cumulative grade-point average is based on coursework from all post-secondary institutions attended.

Presidential Community College Scholarships ranging from \$7,000 to \$8,000 are awarded to applicants who have completed at least 45 academic semester hours of coursework before their first semester of full-time enrollment at Drake and have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale from all post-secondary schools attended. No separate scholarship application is required.

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships of \$1,000 are awarded to community college transfer students who meet the following criteria: Applicants must seek full-time enrollment at Drake; submit verification form from PTK advisor documenting current PTK membership; complete a minimum of 45 academic semester hours prior to first-time enrollment at Drake and have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale from all post-secondary schools attended. Other than the verification form and the application for admission, no separate scholarship application is required. The PTK scholarship is given in addition to the Presidential Community College Scholarship.

Transfer Student Achievement Awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,000 are awarded to first-time transfer students who enroll full-time with a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale from all post-secondary schools attended.

The Carver Scholarship is a selective scholarship for students at Iowa community colleges, two-year private colleges and four-year colleges who demonstrate high need, have graduated from an Iowa high school or have been residents of the state of Iowa for at least five consecutive years immediately prior to applying. Qualified applicants must also have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.80 on a 4.0 scale and be ready to begin their junior year at Drake. Contact the Office of Student Financial Planning for an application. The application deadline is April 1.

ADDITIONAL DRAKE SCHOLARSHIPS

Fine Arts Scholarships are available to select students who display exceptional talent in art, music or theatre arts and who are seeking a fine-arts degree. Information and applications for these scholarships are available from each of Drake's fine-arts departments (art, music and theatre arts).

Division I NCAA Athletic Scholarships are offered to outstanding student athletes in both men's and women's sports. Men's scholarships are available in basketball, soccer, track and field, cross-country, golf and tennis. Women's scholarships are available in basketball, track and field, cross-country, golf, soccer, volleyball, softball and tennis. Contact the coach of the sport in which you participate to obtain information on athletic scholarship opportunities.

Drake University Legacy Awards are available to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Drake graduates. The awards are \$1,500 per year. The award, which is not based on financial need, is given in addition to other awards received and can be applied only to the cost of tuition. No separate application is required.

National Merit Scholarships range from \$1,000 per year for students with no financial need to \$2,000 per year for students who demonstrate financial need. Incoming first-year students who rank as National

Merit finalists and who have indicated Drake University as their first-choice institution may be considered for Drake-sponsored scholarships.

FEDERAL AND STATE OF IOWA GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The following are examples of federal and state grants and/or scholarships that can be included in a financial aid package. To apply, students must complete a FAFSA.

The Federal Pell Grant provides assistance to undergraduate students who have demonstrated financial need. For 2005-2006, the maximum award was \$4,050.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) provide funding for students with demonstrated financial need. Students receiving Federal Pell Grants are priority recipients of FSEOG funds.

Iowa Tuition Grants are awarded to qualified Iowa residents planning to attend a private college in Iowa. The Iowa College Student Aid Commission sets the awarding parameters annually. The FAFSA must reach the processing center by July 1 annually. For 2005-2006, the maximum grant was \$3,900.

Several states provide "transportable" grants and scholarships that may be applied to your education at Drake. Your high school guidance counselor can help determine if your state offers this option.

ROTC Scholarships and Grants

Scholarship students lead essentially the same life as other college students. Students may pursue any course of study leading to a baccalaureate degree that is listed in the Approved Academic Disciplines List and may engage in any activity that does not interfere with ROTC requirements, which include prescribed military science courses, participation in scheduled drill periods and attending a 4-week ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course (LDAC) between the junior and senior years.

Questions about Army ROTC and ROTC scholarships and grants should be directed to.

Military Science Department
Drake University
1153 24 Street
Des Moines, IA 50311
Ph: 515-271-3952, or
800-600-ROTC Extension 0308 or
800-44-DRAKE, Extension 3952.

ENDOWED UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AND OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Drake University awards numerous endowed scholarships each academic year. Most endowed scholarships are based upon academic performance and calculated financial need (as determined by the student's FAFSA application and other awards already received). Recipients are chosen by the Office of Student Financial Planning and/or the student's academic department. In most cases, endowed awards are used to replace already awarded Drake need-based or merit-based grants or scholarships.

A large number of outside scholarships are available to students. Outside scholarships are typically awarded by corporations, civic groups and other groups, and most often require the completion of separate applications. Good sources for identifying outside scholarships include:

- Libraries
- Many firms and agencies extend educational benefits to their employees. Contact the personnel office of your or your father's and/or mother's place of employment to find out if the employer(s) will help finance the student's education.
- Businesses and organizations within the community often provide scholarship funds; these can be particularly good sources if a connection exists with a student's family (relatives or friends are members of organizations, etc.).
- Information on conducting a scholarship search is available in the Office of Student Financial Planning.

- General scholarship searches are available on the World Wide Web at these sites:

<http://www.finaid.org>

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/dollars/dshome.htm>

<http://www.srnexpress.com>

<http://www.hispanicfund.org>

<http://www.hsf.net>

<http://www.chci.org>

<http://www.gmsp.org>

<http://www.sciencewise.com>

<http://www.iefaf.org>

<http://www.collegeboard.org>

<http://www.freschinfo.com>

<http://www.fastaid.com>

<http://www.collegenet.com>

<http://www.fastweb.com>

<http://www.salliemae.wiredscholar.com>

Please note that outside awards are used in meeting financial need. If outside awards combined with need-based aid exceed need or cost of attendance, a revision of the student's financial aid package will be necessary.

Federal Loan Funds

The Federal Stafford Loan Program allows students to borrow low-interest loans from participating banks, savings and loans and credit unions. Dependent students may borrow up to \$2,625 a year as first-year students, \$3,500 as sophomores and \$5,500 as juniors and seniors. These loans may be subsidized or unsubsidized depending on the applicant's financial need. Independent students may have expanded borrowing capabilities. Students must file a FAFSA to determine their loan eligibility.

Interest is at a variable rate, not to exceed 8.25 percent. For 2004-2005, the in-school interest rate was 2.77 percent. A six-month grace period occurs after the loan recipient ceases to be enrolled at least half-time before repayment begins.

Federal Perkins Loans are available as funds permit. The Perkins loan program allows undergraduate students with financial need to borrow directly through Drake University up to \$4,000 per year. Repayment with a fixed interest rate of 5 percent begins nine months after the student is no longer enrolled at least half-time.

Health Profession Student Loans are awarded to students as funds permit and generally do not exceed \$3,000 per year. To qualify for consideration, students must be enrolled full-time in the Doctor of Pharmacy program and file a FAFSA.

The Federal Plus Loan (Parent Loan) provides funding for parents of dependent students. Parents may borrow the difference between the student's cost of education and all other financial assistance. A FAFSA application is not required for the Federal PLUS. Payment and interest charges begin within 30 to 60 days following disbursement of funds. Interest is at a variable rate, not to exceed 9 percent. For 2004-2005, the rate was 4.17 percent.

Drake University Loan Funds

A number of loan funds, with interest ranging from 2 to 9 percent, are available as emergency loans for short duration. These loans are approved by the Office of Student Financial Planning on an individual basis and usually require an employed adult as a co-signer and the completion of a FAFSA. Eligibility for specific loan funds varies. Please contact the Office of Student Financial Planning for additional information. Drake University loan funds available to eligible students include the following:

The Byrl E. Benton Loan was established by the family of the late Dean Emeritus Byrl E. Benton as an emergency loan fund for students in pharmacy.

The Ted Brynteson Loan is available to full-time pharmacy students. Repayment and 5 percent interest per annum begins 12 months after the student ceases full-time enrollment in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Loan approval requires recommendation of the dean of that college.

The Frances David Korf Memorial Loan Fund was established by Mr. E. T. Korf in memory of his wife, Frances D. Korf, an alumna of Drake; primarily for junior, senior and graduate students. The loans are interest-free while a student is enrolled on a full-time basis.

The Ralph and Genevieve Luchsinger Loan Fund was established in the Luchsingers' memory. Five percent interest begins when the student ceases to be enrolled full-time.

The George Mountain Private Loan gives preference to students enrolled for six hours of coursework or less and to those taking courses that are job-related. This fund was established in memory of Dr. George Mountain.

The Richard Morton Root and Ruth Bailey Root Loan was established for students in the College of Arts and Sciences. The loan is available to Iowa residents and may be made upon a basis including need and GPA.

The Leroy Shields Loan is based upon calculated financial need. The 4 percent interest begins on the date a student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time.

The Henry Strong Foundation Loan Fund provides loans to full-time undergraduate and graduate students younger than 30 years of age. These loans are interest-free until a student ceases full-time enrollment.

Additional Loan Funds are available to students; some are restricted. For further information on Drake private loans, please contact the Office of Student Financial Planning.

Student Employment

Drake students are employed on campus in student residence halls, libraries, food service operations and in many other campus offices, as well as in a wide range of positions in the Des Moines community. Open positions on campus and in the community are listed on the Professional and Career Development Services Web site at <http://www.drake.edu/career>. The Office of Professional and Career Development Services assists interested students in locating employment opportunities.

The Office of Student Financial Planning makes Federal Work Study awards to eligible students. To be considered for Federal Work Study, a FAFSA must be completed.

Employer Tuition Support Payment Plan

A deferment plan is available for part-time students whose employer agrees to reimburse the employee for all or part of tuition costs. A separate application must be filed for each term and may be faxed to 515-271-4004. In addition, there is a \$35 non-refundable processing fee for each term. The maximum amount may not exceed the amount the employer will reimburse at the end of the term or tuition cost for nine credit hours, whichever is less. Repayment is required within 45 days following the end of the term or withdrawal. No co-signature is required. Applications must be received at the University no later than two weeks prior to the beginning of each term. You may download the ETDP form from this Web site: <http://www.cbpa.drake.edu> and click on "forms". For questions regarding the ETDP plan, please contact the Office of Student Accounts at 515-271-2151.

Financial Aid for Adults and Part-Time Students

Evening and weekend students in a degree program and enrolled for three credit hours or more may apply for a number of financial aid programs. These include:

- Iowa Tuition Grant
- Federal Pell Grant
- Employer Tuition Support Payment Plan
- Veterans benefits

Evening and weekend students in a degree program and enrolled for six credit hours or more may apply for a Federal Stafford Loan.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Financial Planning.

Veterans Benefits

Veterans should contact the Drake University Veterans' Certification Officer (VCO) at the end of each semester to process forms for the following semester. The following must be completed prior to a veteran receiving benefits:

1. New veterans must be admitted to Drake University and submit a D.V.A. Application for Education Benefits form. This form is available from the Department of Veterans Affairs Web site: <http://www.va.gov>.
2. Notify the VCO with enrollment plans for each semester or summer term at Drake. Certification for educational benefits each semester is not completed by the VCO until the information is provided.

All veterans receiving benefits have the responsibility to notify Drake University of any changes in hours during the semester or summer enrollment. Failure to notify the office of the Veterans' Certification Officer may result in an overpayment for which the veteran will be held liable.

Most VA students at Drake meet the conditions for "satisfactorily pursuing" a program of study for receiving VA benefits by meeting the Drake University general catalog requirements. However, a few VA requirements are more stringent than the Drake University general catalog requirements and are listed as follows:

1. Regular attendance: All VA students must be in regular attendance of all classes for which they are registered. Drake University periodically spot-checks attendance through the instructors.
2. Unsatisfactory progress: The University must notify the Veterans Administration that a student has made unsatisfactory progress if the student (1) fails or withdraws from all classes or (2) is suspended by the University. Education benefits are terminated when a student makes unsatisfactory progress.
3. Classes not completed: Unless there are extenuating circumstances, all VA students do not receive benefits for any portion of a class dropped after the 10-day add/drop period; nor are they paid for classes in which incomplete (delayed) grades are received that are not completed within one year.

Because of these more stringent requirements, the VA student should check carefully if contemplating repeating a course, withdrawing from the University, dropping a class, electing to take a delayed grade or interrupting class attendance.

Drake University is a member of Service Members Opportunity Colleges, a consortium of more than 1,300 institutions pledged to be reasonable in working with service members and veterans who are trying to earn degrees while pursuing demanding, transient careers. As an SOC member, Drake is committed to easing the transfer of relevant course credits, providing flexible academic residency requirements and crediting learning from appropriate military training and work experiences. SOC is sponsored by 15 national higher education associations along with the military services, the National Guard Bureau and the Office of the Secretary of Defense serving as cooperating agencies.