Since 1993, Troops to Teachers has helped over 20,000 veterans successfully transition to a career in education. Funded by the Department of Defense, the program aims to not only get disciplined, motivated, and enthusiastic veterans into our classroom, but to address the problem of teacher shortages and veteran unemployment in the state.

Eligibility Requirements

All current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces may participate in the program for counseling and employment facilitation services.

Military Service requirements to receive a financial bonus (must apply within three years after separation/retirement from service to be eligible for bonus)

- Retired from active duty
- Active duty member with approved date of retirement with one year or less remaining before retirement
- Transferred to the Retired Reserve
- Retired or separated for a service-connected physical disability on or after January 8, 2002. (Physical disability must be noted on service separation document, not a VA determination)
- Individuals transitioning from active duty on or after January 8, 2002, and have served four or more years of continuous active duty immediately before separation, and execute a written agreement to serve for three or more years with a Selected Reserve unit
- Individuals that have completed six or more years of creditable service towards retirement on or after January 8, 2002 and execute a written agreement to serve for three or more years with a Selected Reserve unit

How can we help?

The program provides counseling, employment facilitation, and financial support services for eligible participants to help them meet education and licensing requirement. For more information, veterans may contact: Edwardeen Jones, Michigan Troops to Teachers Manager jonese9@michigan.gov.