



INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Georgia Military College – “A Unique Mission”

BACKGROUND:

The mission of Georgia Military College (GMC) is to produce educated citizens and contributing members of society in an environment conducive to the development of the intellect and character of its students.

Key elements of the mission include:

- Producing **contributing members** of society;
- Providing **hope** for a better future;
- Providing an environment that develops the intellect and **character** of students;
- Providing **opportunities** and curriculum designed to develop **character** and ethical decision making;
- Filling a **critical gap** in higher education as a liberal arts junior college supporting the attainment of an associate degree;
- Fulfilling our **transfer mission** with over 70% of our graduates transferring to a four year institution to continue their education in the University System of Georgia;
- Providing **pathways** for Georgia technical college graduates to obtain a four year degree through GMC’s Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program;
- Serving as **The Military Junior College of Georgia** (one of only four in the Nation); and,
- Partnering with USMA, USNA, USAFA, and USCGA providing a **challenging academic preparatory program** for students to earn an appointment/acceptance to a U.S. Service Academy.

The **focus of GMC** is to provide a two year liberal arts degree with seamless transition and transfer to four year institutions. GMC’s open admissions policy fills a critical gap in Georgia for students who do not meet the entry standards of other educational institutions. We achieve this focus because:

- GMC is **accessible** by being truly open admission and requiring only a GED;
- GMC is **affordable** by offering low tuition and various financial aid opportunities;
- GMC is a **good partner** with other Georgia institutions through articulation agreements - 49 agreements with four year institutions to transfer credits; 44 of the agreements providing guaranteed acceptance;
- GMC is **focused on student success** by offering free tutoring and a robust student support program;
- GMC is **student centered** by offering small class sizes – on average 15 students per class;
- GMC is **student friendly** by offering flexible scheduling for working and non-traditional students through its quarter system (not semester);
- GMC is **diverse** and has been designated by the US Department of Education as an eligible “Predominantly Black Institution” with a student body that enrolls more than 40% African-American students; and,
- GMC is **wide-reaching** by providing military students, rural area students, and out of state students with opportunities to complete their degree through our Global Online College.

GMC is considered **one of the best values in the state** for students given the average yearly tuition rate of only \$6,000. GMC is also **a best value for the state**; if GMC were funded at the same level as the USG schools, GMC would receive approximately \$55M in funding, not the \$4.5M it currently receives (an approx. **annual savings of \$50M for the state**).

Georgia Military College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate and bachelor of applied science degrees.