



## FISHBURNE MILITARY SCHOOL and GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

### **Agreement in Principle**

This agreement formally recognizes that Fishburne Military School and Georgia Military College (GMC) are committed to the establishment of an educational partnership to better serve currently enrolled and future students at both institutions. Both parties agree to exercise due diligence in providing as smooth a transition as possible for students who elect to attend GMC following graduation from Fishburne Military School.

### **Agreement on Accreditation**

This agreement is contingent upon the continuation of all appropriate program and institutional accreditations, including the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Virginia Association of Independent Schools (VAIS) and those from professional bodies.

### **Agreement on Admission**

Any student who graduates from Fishburne Military School with a general, college preparatory, or technical diploma is guaranteed admission into Georgia Military College provided that the student completes the following requirements:

- An official application (completed online at <http://www.gmc.edu/apply>). (Application fee will be waived for Fishburne Military School students).
- An official transcript from Fishburne Military School showing graduation with a college preparatory diploma, technical diploma, general diploma or successful completion of the GED. Students applying for an upcoming term while completing the senior year of high school should submit an official transcript showing coursework completed through the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and should then provide an additional transcript upon completion of the 12<sup>th</sup> grade that reflects the date of graduation.
- Submits all required materials within the appropriate deadlines.

The guarantee of admission is to any of Georgia Military College's associate-level degree programs (currently there are 26 programs) and to any of GMC's Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree programs (currently there are three programs) provided a student meets all of the admissions and prerequisite requirements for the BAS degree programs.

### **Agreement on Acceptance of Transfer Credit**

GMC accepts transfer of college-level credit in accordance with the policies, rules and practices as outlined in the GMC Catalog. The GMC course equivalency is determined by the Office of the Registrar in collaboration with academic departments and is based on criteria such as course content, course outcomes and the level at which the course is taught.

Once a Fishburne Military School student has been accepted to GMC, a transfer credit evaluation will be completed by the Office of the Registrar for any college-level credit (to include AP and dual enrollment courses). Prior to



evaluation, transcripts from all institutions attended must be on file. The Office of the Registrar completes the evaluation, and a notification is sent to the student indicating specifically how transfer credits are awarded.

### **Agreement on Continued Cadet Participation of Fishburne Military School Students at GMC**

Any Fishburne Military School graduate that is accepted to GMC will have the opportunity to continue their military-focused educational experience provided they meet the criteria as outlined below. Opportunities include:

- ***Early Commissioning Program (ECP)***

In addition to the requirements for freshman or transfer admission, applicants for the Early Commissioning Program must also meet the following requirements:

- Be a US Citizen
- Earn a High School Diploma with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale (2.5 for scholarship)
- Have a combined SAT critical reading and math score of 850 or composite ACT score of 17 (Non-scholarship) or
- A combined SAT critical reading and math score of 1000 or composite ACT score of 19 (Scholarship)
- Meet height and weight standards for entrance into Advanced ROTC program
- Pass a standard Army Physical Examination
- Have one of the following levels of military knowledge:
  - Complete the Leaders Training Course at Ft. Knox, KY prior to enrollment at GMC.
  - Complete Basic Training and/or AIT through Active or Reserve component training.
  - Have three years of High School JROTC.

#### *Early Commissioning Program Scholarship*

GMC is recognized as one of the four Military Junior Colleges in the nation authorized to commission officers for the United States Army after two years of college through the Army ROTC Early Commissioning Program. Qualified cadets selected for and who complete the Early Commissioning Program (ECP) contract process may be awarded an institutional scholarship. ECP Cadets must maintain good academic standing and continue to meet all other requirements set forth by the GMC Military Science Department in order to retain this scholarship. **Special consideration will be given to Fishburne Military School graduates who meet all ECP criteria as outlined in this document.**

- ***State Service Scholarship Program***

The State Service Scholarship program provides full financial assistance to qualified Georgia residents (those students not from Georgia would need to establish their residency in Georgia) who have an interest in military service as well as a quality college education. The program is funded through the Georgia General Assembly annually and provides for up to 42 new annual scholarships. Scholarship recipients are required to become members of either the Army or Air National Guard and must be nominated for the scholarship by a member of the Georgia General Assembly. These scholarships cover tuition, fees, room, board, uniforms and provide a stipend for books and supplies.

Minimum requirements are:

- Graduated high school with a minimum 2.5 GPA and 800 combined SAT or composite 17 ACT score or earned no more than 30 semester or 45 quarter postsecondary hours with a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Recommended by a member of the Georgia General Assembly.
- A current legal resident of Georgia and must have maintained that status for the previous 24-months; 12-



- months if you graduate from a Georgia High School prior to the term for which the award is to be used.
- Meet mental and physical health standards required for enlistment in the Georgia National Guard or Air National Guard.
- High moral character and demonstrate good citizenship as evidenced in a letter of recommendation from an administrative official at your high school.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov); GMC Financial Aid school code is 001571.
- Complete and be approved for the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant at <https://www.gafutures.org>; select GMC as your institution.
- Recipients must be members of the Corps of Cadets and participate in Army ROTC while attending GMC.

- **Civic Leader Program** (no military service obligation)

The Civic Leader Cadet program is designed specifically for those students who wish to enroll at GMC as a cadet, be a part of our military program but without incurring a military service obligation. These Cadets realize that military regiment and training offers them something that attending a regular college cannot; a small school environment but with an added bonus. This added bonus is an opportunity to live a disciplined lifestyle while gaining practical experience in leadership and organizational management. Cadets learn within the context of a military college environment while preparing for future civilian careers. Cadets are provided opportunities for leadership development and have staff members and faculty who mentor them and guide them so that they learn how to be more self-sufficient as citizens and students, and future leaders within their communities and businesses. Civic Leaders participate in all cadet activities and enjoy both the collegiate atmosphere and the structured cadet living experience.

Admissions requirements for the Civic Leader Cadet program are:

- Same entry requirements as indicated above in the “Agreement on Admission” section, or be in good academic standing at the college from which the student is transferring;
- Be capable of participating fully in the structured cadet physical fitness and activities program; and
- Be under the age of 26 in order to live on campus as a cadet.

- **Self-Sponsored Service Academy Preparatory Program**

GMC is already a recognized preparatory school for young men and women seeking an appointment to the following four service academies: United States Military Academy-West Point (USMA), United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA), United States Naval Academy (USNA), and United States Air Force Academy (USafa). Every year each service academy selects individuals to attend a preparatory school, of which GMC is one of them. When a selectee attends GMC, their preparation begins in August and ends in May each year. While attending GMC, we refer to all preparatory school selectees as “Scholars.”

If a young man or woman is not given a nomination to a service academy or is given a nomination but does not receive an offer of admission nor is selected to attend a preparatory school for 10 months, there is still an opportunity for the individual to make themselves more competitive by seeking to “self-prepare” or as most refer to it as “self-prep” at a recognized preparatory school such as GMC. GMC has been very successful working with self-prep students. Each academy has different criteria established for those wishing to self-prep and GMC “cannot” guarantee acceptance into a service academy. GMC however can provide an analysis of individuals who have gone through our self-prep program and were later offered admissions to a service academy. We recommend individuals contemplating GMC’s self-prep program, possess the following:

- GPA between 3.3 and 4.0 (weighted)
- STEM Courses taken between their 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade; no less than a letter grade of C.



- Last two years of high school math must be Algebra 2 or a higher math course; with no less than a "B" letter grade.
- SAT minimum = 1100, with the math portion being a minimum of 560 or higher, or
- ACT minimum composite score = 21; a minimum score of 20 on the Mathematics portion of the test.
- Medically qualified to gain acceptance into a Service Academy.
- Be capable of participating fully in the structured cadet physical fitness and activities program.

We have the self-prep program established with the USCGA, the USMA and the USNA. It is not established with the USAFA.

**Agreement on Communication**

Fishburne Military School and Georgia Military College agree to cooperate in the publication and promotion of the MOU between the two institutions. Both institutions will facilitate the dissemination of information about this partnership to interested and qualified students, with both institutions providing counseling and advisement. Promotion of this partnership may include campus visits to both institutions as well as joint participation of cadets in various activities as deemed appropriate by the Commandants of Cadets of both institutions.

**Agreement on Maintenance and Review**

At least one administrator from each institution will be appointed to act as a primary point of contact and agent for the implementation of this agreement, to speak for the institutions, and to communicate details and modifications to respective faculty members, advisors, counselors, students, parents, and others to whom the information is pertinent. Responsibility for oversight of this agreement rests with the Associate Chief Academic Officer at Georgia Military College and the Academic Dean at Fishburne Military School.

This agreement is open to all Fishburne Military School students regardless of race, color, religion, gender, age, creed, national origin or disability. Review and communication of content changes will be completed on an annual basis. Additional opportunities for collaboration and partnership may be added to this agreement as these opportunities arise. This agreement will be automatically renewed unless one of the parties notifies the other of its desire to terminate the agreement. Such notification must be in writing and submitted six months in advance with the effective date to coincide with the last day of the academic term under which it falls.

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