



SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society

What is SALUTE?

SALUTE is the first national academic honor society dedicated specifically to recognizing and honoring the service and academic achievements of student veterans and active military service members in higher education. Founded in 2009 by Colorado State University, SALUTE stands for Service, Academics, Leadership, Unity, Tribute, and Excellence—the six pillars that define its members.

Mission & Values

SALUTE's mission is to recognize and support student veterans who demonstrate outstanding academic performance, leadership, and dedication to community. Membership embodies integrity, commitment, discipline, and excellence both inside and outside the classroom.

Membership Criteria

Must be a U.S. military veteran, active-duty service member, National Guard, or Reserve member. Must be currently enrolled at UW Oshkosh in a degree-seeking program.

Undergraduates: Completed at least 12 credits with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Graduate students: Completed at least 9 credits with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Maintain good standing with the University.

Benefits & Recognition

Members of SALUTE receive national recognition for academic excellence and military service, a certificate and challenge coin, and access to exclusive scholarship opportunities. Membership also offers networking with fellow veterans nationwide, leadership opportunities through local chapter involvement, and graduation regalia honoring your achievements.

How to Join at UW Oshkosh

Eligible students will be invited by the Veterans Resource Center each academic year to apply for membership. A one-time national membership fee (approximately \$35) covers lifetime membership. Interested students can also reach out directly to the VRC for eligibility verification and application assistance.

Value for Veterans

- *Recognizes both military service and academic achievement — bridging the veteran identity with the scholar identity.*
- *Provides visible recognition (certificate, challenge coin, graduation regalia) that can help with resume building, networking, and signaling veteran-student success.*
- *Offers scholarship opportunities specifically for veteran-students.*
- *Encourages veteran students to lead and mentor peer veteran students, aligning well with leadership and service values.*