

**OPT-OUT FORM PROHIBITING SCHOOL OFFICIALS FROM
RELEASING YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE
NUMBER TO MILITARY RECRUITERS**

School _____

Date _____

Student Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Dear _____
(Name of School)

I understand that the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 allows a student or a student's parent the right to prohibit a school from providing the military with a student's personal information.

_____ I request that this student's name, address, and telephone number not be released to Armed Forces, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools.

Signature of parent or guardian _____

– or –

_____ I am 18 years old and request my own name, address, telephone number and school records not be released to the Armed Forces, Military Recruiters, or Military Schools.

Signature of student _____

Federal public law 107–110, section 9528 of the ESEA, “No Child Left Behind Act” requires school districts to release student names, addresses, and phone numbers to military recruiters upon their request. The military uses this information to recruit students. The law also requires the school district to notify you of your right to Opt-Out from this by requesting that the district not release your information to military recruiters. The completion and return of this form serves as your request to withhold your private information.

WHAT FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MILITARY RECRUITING IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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RECRUITER ACCESS TO SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS

- **Students have a choice** on recruitment interviews. They do not have to submit to an interview. (See back page for opt-out form.)
- **Ask your school about their procedure** once the opt-out form is turned in. Specifically, ask what is done with the form, where the information goes, and who is notified.
- **Schools receiving federal funds must**, by law, allow military recruiters on campus. Schools have the right to set reasonable rules for recruiters to follow. Ask what the rules are at your school.
- **Insist that the school set rules** and monitor overly aggressive recruiters contacting students on campus or at home.

RECRUITER PROMISES

- **Ask if your school has a monitoring system** for recruitment promises. Reports have surfaced that indicate recruiters have misrepresented requirements and benefits of military service, such as length of enlistment, health and education benefits, and training possibilities.
- **Parents should talk to recruiters themselves** to make sure the student has not been bullied or pressured, and that all information is truthful and understood by the student.

MAKING ENLISTMENT DECISIONS

- **There is no cooling-off period** for enlistment. It is not possible to legally change one's mind after signing.
- **Be aware** that the basic military commitment is subject to change and can be extended at the discretion of the government. The enlistee has no rights in the matter, regardless of what recruiters claim.
- **Students and families should take as much time as they need to make a decision.** All school and career options should be considered. Enlistment is a long-term obligation and the student should enter his/her contract with a clear understanding of the commitment and responsibility.

TEN POINTS TO CONSIDER BEFORE SIGNING A MILITARY ENLISTMENT AGREEMENT

1. Do not make a quick decision by enlisting the first time you see a recruiter or when you are upset.
2. Take a witness with you when you speak with a recruiter.
3. Talk to veterans.
4. Consider your moral feelings about going to war.
5. Get a copy of the enlistment agreement.
6. There is no "period of adjustment" during which you may request and receive an immediate honorable discharge.
7. Get all your recruiter's promises in writing.
8. There are no job guarantees in the military.
9. Military personnel may not exercise all the civil liberties enjoyed by civilians.
10. Many other opportunities exist for you to serve your community and enhance your skills.

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