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## University of Rochester to offer full scholarships to veterans

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The University of Rochester will offer new scholarships to military veterans starting in the fall of 2009.

The scholarships will cover the portion of tuition not paid for by the revised GI Bill and federal or state aid.

The assistance can be used for undergraduate study at the College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering, the Eastman School of Music and the School of Nursing.

Veterans with at least 36 months of service are eligible. Veterans with less than 36 months of service will be eligible for pro-rated scholarships based on their length of service.

The new GI Bill provides education benefits to veterans who served after Sept. 11, 2001. The benefits include: tuition equal to the most expensive in-state undergraduate public college tuition; a monthly housing allowance based on what is paid to active military members with dependents in the area; and \$1,000 a year for books and supplies.

"It seems to me like the government has stepped up. It felt to me like it would be appropriate for the university to do their part," said Jonathan Burdick, dean of admissions and financial aid.

While the number of currently enrolled veterans at the university is small, the Rochester Pledge Scholarship hopes to attract veterans who want to pursue undergraduate degrees in fields such as music, health care and engineering, university officials said.

Veterans seeking to enter as first-year or transfer students must meet normal admissions requirements.

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