

# PROUD TO SERVE AGAIN



**Missouri**





# A Call to Service

*Continue to fulfill your duty to America by helping shape the future of the country you served to protect. Through the Troops to*

*Teachers program, veterans like you have accepted the next great challenge, educating America's youth.*

Since 1994, Troops to Teachers has helped thousands of military personnel find rewarding new careers as teachers. Because of teacher shortages in critical subject areas like math, science, special education, technical careers, and foreign languages, students around the country are losing out on the opportunities that a good education can provide them. Your decision to serve again as an educator can help to make a difference in the lives of the students that need it most.

Every classroom deserves a leader who displays courage, wisdom, and the willingness to give selflessly to others. Your military service prepared you well for this role. You have demonstrated impeccable leadership skills and focused discipline throughout your career. You have served with honor and distinction. Now you can take those ideals and serve as a role model and instructor to our nation's youth.

**Your country  
is calling on  
you again. Will  
you answer?**

Bring your experience into the classroom and become a force for change in America.

# What Troops to Teachers Can Do for You



If you have ever wondered how to translate your unique set of skills into a new career, Troops to Teachers can help. Troops to Teachers offers eligible military personnel the advice, resources, and tools they need to find meaningful work in education.

Troops to Teachers connects you to your state's education department and helps you navigate the transition from military service to a career in education. A network of state/regional Troops to Teachers offices has been set up around the country to provide helpful services such as

- » *counseling and assistance regarding teacher certification processes*
- » *information about the different pathways to state certification*
- » *leads on employment opportunities*
- » *information on financial assistance*

Also, you can visit the central website, [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com) for help in determining if you are eligible for the program (self-guided eligibility determination), job search resources, a listing of state and regional offices, information about becoming a teacher, information about teaching as a second career, and electronic registration if you decide to become a Troops to Teachers participant.





Shape and  
instruct the  
leaders of  
tomorrow.

# Financial Assistance Through Troops to Teachers

Troops to Teachers recognizes the importance of your commitment to serve again in our nation's classrooms and your willingness to teach in the communities and schools that need you most.

Troops to Teachers offers financial incentives to teach in the public school system, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to eligible veterans and military personnel. A stipend of up to \$5,000 is available to help with your teacher certification fees if you commit to teach for three years in a "high-need" school district. Alternatively, you may be eligible for a \$10,000 bonus if you are hired and teach for three years in a "high-need" school that serves a high percentage of students who are in need of the most help.

# Answer the Call

Our nation's youth need you. They deserve a high quality education and to be taught by individuals with compassion, drive, integrity, and commitment. You have exemplified these qualities throughout your military service. You can choose to help lead our country's children into a brighter future. Serve again. Become a teacher.





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## Come Teach in Missouri

With big cities and small towns, Missouri is always ranked in the top ten places to live. Whether you like the great outdoors, professional sports, or an urban experience, you will enjoy our four distinct seasons and low cost of living. Missouri is an ideal place to live, work, and raise a family.

Missouri has one of the nation's finest teacher retirement plans and many of our current educators are moving on. Opportunities for new teachers are growing daily. Our generous reciprocity arrangements and temporary certification programs can get you into your own classroom easily.

Missouri has a rich tapestry of public school offerings. From school districts with only 200 students to districts with over 26,000, you will be provided with a wide selection of opportunities. Charter, vocational, and magnet schools abound. There is simply no better place to teach and no better time to apply. There are several websites that carry Missouri teaching job openings. Begin the rest of your life today, and let the Show-Me state show you how great your future can be.

Help educate  
and inspire the  
next generation  
of citizens.

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## SUCCESS STORIES

Isiah McHellen retired from the Marines in 2006 after twenty-two years of service with the rank of Master Sergeant.

### **Isiah McHellen**

After he retired, Isiah kept an eye on a Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) website that lists vacancies, and found that Roosevelt High School in St. Louis had an opening. He

called, spoke with the principal, and was offered a position. Before long, Isiah and his wife and kids were on their way to St. Louis for his new job.

Under Isiah's leadership as JROTC instructor, Roosevelt High School's JROTC Color Guard and Drill Team were selected to march in President Barack Obama's Inaugural Parade on Pennsylvania Avenue.

In 2011, Isiah was offered and accepted a job as an assistant principal.

"Hard work and education is its own reward," says Isiah of his successes. "The experience in leadership gained from military service has greatly assisted me in my transition, and I would hope Troops to Teachers continues to thrive because of the benefit it provides to high-needs school districts."



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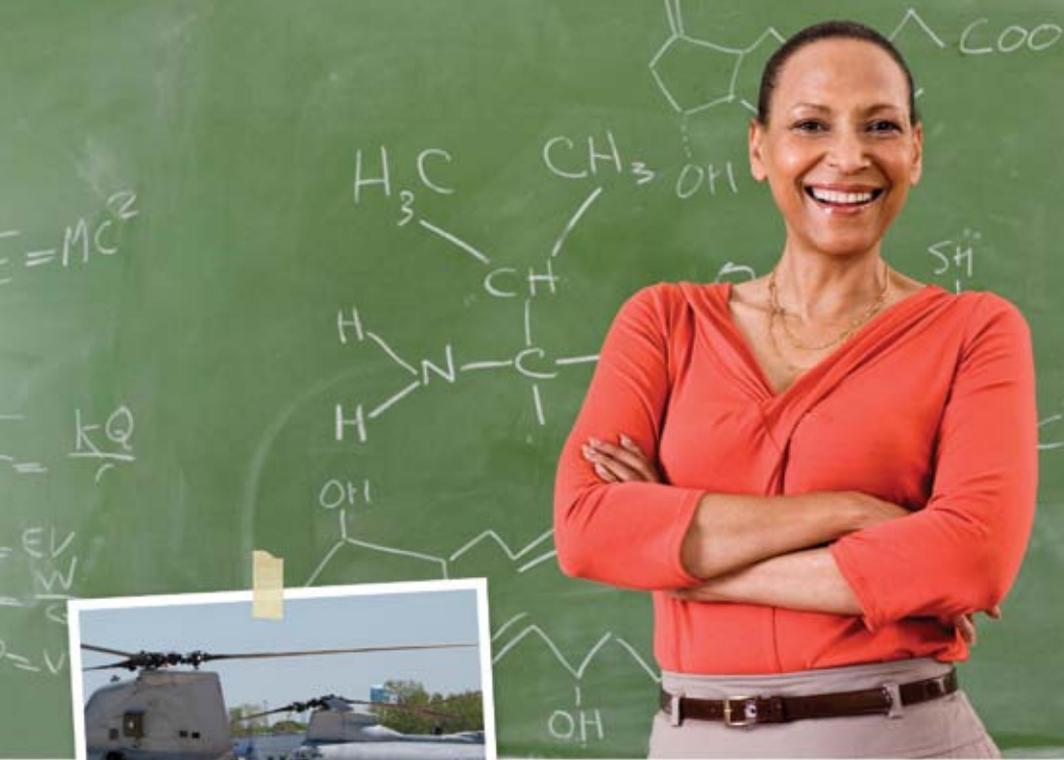
Cleveland J. Scott served twenty years in the Marine Corps and retired with an honorable discharge in October 2010. After retiring from the Marines, he felt that his service wasn't complete and wasn't ready to give up being a part of that elite organization. So he immediately sought an opening for a Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) instructor.

**Cleveland J. Scott** : After becoming a JROTC instructor, Cleveland felt motivated to do more. A fellow retiree introduced him to the Troops to Teachers program. He explained to Cleveland that if he really wanted to continue teaching and impacting lives, the Troops to Teachers program was the place to start.

Cleveland researched the program, and then used the financial assistance from Troops to Teachers to obtain his teaching certification.

"Being affiliated with this organization has opened more doors for me than I could imagine," says Cleveland. "I have witnessed and benefited great things from this program and I would recommend it to anyone."





# Commit to Serve Again

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