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**Delta State announces Armed Services Support Scholarship**

**CLEVELAND, Miss. —** Delta State University is proud to announce the launch of the Armed Services Support Scholarship, a new initiative designed to help active-duty military service members in their pursuit of higher education. This scholarship is made possible through the generous contributions of local patrons who deeply value the service of our nation's military and are committed to fostering their educational growth.

Starting this Fall 2024 semester, all active-duty service members enrolled at Delta State University in the Geospatial Information Technologies (GIT) program are eligible to receive a scholarship that bridges the gap between their military tuition assistance and the university's tuition rate. This significant financial aid will cover the difference, ensuring that these dedicated individuals can focus on their studies without the burden of additional tuition costs. The scholarship is set to benefit approximately 50 active-duty military students, with a commitment of nearly $200,000.

"This scholarship is a testament to our deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by those in uniform," said Dr. Daniel J. Ennis, President of Delta State University. "We are honored to provide this financial support and are committed to ensuring that our military students have the resources they need to succeed academically."

The Armed Services Support Scholarship will be available to the first 50 active-duty military service members who apply and enroll in coursework by August 29, the last day of the add/drop period. The scholarship will cover tuition differences for students entering this Fall and will remain in effect until the student graduates.

Talbot Brooks, Director for the DSU Interdisciplinary Center for Geospatial Information Technology and Professor of Practice said, “These extremely generous gifts will have a deep and lasting impact by both improving our national defense capabilities through intellectual overmatch and better preparing our future high technology workforce. Most importantly, it puts the life-changing value of higher education within the grasp of those who are most truly deserving: the men and women who keep us safe because they sacrifice so much. We are honored to have these warrior-scholars as students and blessed by such incredibly generous supporters. I hope that more will join in to adopt a service member by donating to this fund.”

"We believe that this initiative will have a lasting impact on the professional development of our service members, providing them with the education and skills necessary to excel in their careers," added Ennis. "Our goal is to make this scholarship permanent and expand it to other programs and certifications."

#### For more information about the Armed Services Support Scholarship or to apply, please contact Brooks at tbrooks@deltastate.edu or by phone at 662-588-8649. To donate to this initiative, please contact Dr. Suzette Matthews, Vice President of University Advancement and Executive Director of the DSU Foundation at matthews@deltastate.edu or 601-937-1497.

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**About Delta State University:**Delta State University is a four-year public institution whose nearly 2,700 students come from most U.S. states and more than 35 countries. Acknowledging its beginning as a teacher’s college, the University sustains excellence in teacher education while continuing to expand offerings in traditional as well as unique fields of study. Programs such as those available through the Delta Music Institute, the Commercial Aviation Department, and the Center for Interdisciplinary Geospatial Information highlight the University’s commitment to meeting the evolving needs of the students it serves with world-leading, industry-acclaimed programs. Situated in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, Delta State offers top-notch academic programs in business, arts, sciences, nursing, education, and more. DSU Athletics has won 14 national championships, 70 conference championships, and 37 regional titles.