Veterans' Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014

Section 702 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 requires schools to bill eligible individuals using Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill® or Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill at the instate tuition rate if they meet the requirements of the law, even when they are defined by the school as an out-of-state resident for tuition purposes. The bill goes into effect July 1, 2015. To be eligible for the Choice Act, students must meet the requirements of the law and submit supporting documents to the Office of Admissions and Records outlined below.

- 1. Reside in Oklahoma while attending OUHSC.
- 2. Submit a letter of intent to establish residence in the state.
- 3. Submit a Certificate of Eligibility with entitlement for one of the bills below:

Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty),

Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill (Veteran),

Chapter 33 Post 9/11 GI Bill (¹Dependent – "Transfer of Entitlement").

- 4. Provide a form DD214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty showing the applicant meets the following conditions:
 - The Uniformed Service Member must have been discharged within the past ²five years.
 - The active duty period prior to discharge must have been greater than 90 days.

Mail, fax, or scan required documents to:

OUHSC Office of Admissions and Records Attn: Admission Officer PO Box 26901, BSEB-200 Oklahoma City, OK 73126

Admissions@ouhsc.edu

FAX: 405-271-2480

Individuals who meet the requirements will maintain in-state resident status as long as they remain continuously enrolled at OUHSC, even if the term of benefits expires or educational assistance is exhausted under Chapter 30 or 33.

View the policies online at <u>U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs</u> and <u>Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education</u> (Section 3.17.7 A, B).

¹ Expanded to align with Oklahoma Senate Bill 138. It entitles assistance by virtue of a relationship as a spouse or dependent child who is receiving VA educational assistance as described.

² Expanded to align with Oklahoma Senate Bill 138.