

# MILITARY RECRUITING PRACTICES AND STATEMENT ON THE SOLOMON AMENDMENT

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St. Catherine University allows military officials to recruit on-campus, in accordance with the Solomon Amendment. The Solomon Amendment is a federal law that requires colleges and universities who receive federal funding to fulfill military recruitment requests by the Department of Defense for access to the campus for recruitment purposes, and access to lists containing student recruiting information.

Under this law, any United States institution of higher education that prohibits the military from recruiting on campus will be denied these federal funds. Thus, St. Catherine University allows the military to occasionally use the physical campus and facilities for recruitment purposes.

Many members of our faculty, staff, and student communities have served, or currently serve in the military, and identify as veterans or active-duty servicepeople. For over 125 years, alumni/alumnae of St. Catherine University have proudly served our country in times of international and domestic conflict, war, as well as during peacetime. We are proud of, and humbled by, their acts of service and commitment to our country. Additionally, St. Kate's is proud to have been previously designated as a Military-Friendly® School (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023).

Compliance with the Solomon Amendment does not indicate an institutional endorsement to acts of imperialism, occupation, or war, and we denounce all acts of injustice, current and historical, that have been carried out under the auspices of military action. In particular, we note those times when members of Indigenous communities have been the victims of violence, genocide, and relocation from their ancestral homelands.

In accordance with the charism of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and our Catholic identity, we continually pray for peace, care for those who are victims of violence and war, and encourage positive dialogue and understanding of difference in our world.