

MILITARY & VETERANS GRADUATION STOLE POLICY

Texas Tech University, through the Military & Veterans Programs (MVP) department, shall issue special camo stoles to veterans, active duty, and reserve and guard members of the selected reserve. These special stoles may be worn at TTU graduation ceremonies.

Graduating Students

A graduating TTU student must provide a photo ID and signature indicating receipt of their stole.

- Stoles may be mailed to online only students or at the discretion of the MVP Director or full time staff.
- If a student cannot sign for their stole, the request should be sent to the MVP department via the student's TTU email account.

Lost or stolen stoles should be reported to the MVP department. The Director or Associate Director of the department has authority to re-issue a stole or not.

The order of the placement of the stole upon graduation gowns is governed by the TTU Graduation Committee.

Military & Veterans National Alumni Chapter Members

Current members of the Military & Veterans National Alumni Chapter who graduated prior to the current semester who are veterans, active duty, or reserve or guard members of the selected reserve may purchase a graduation stole.

- Fill out a Stole Request Form – see attached
- Submit required documentation to substantiate veteran, active duty, or selected reserve or guard status, and submit payment to MVP
- Cost for MVC Members is \$60

Texas Tech Faculty & Staff

Current Texas Tech Faculty & Staff who are veterans, active duty, or reserve or guard members of the selected reserve may purchase a stole to wear with their graduation regalia

- Fill out a Stole Request Form – see attached
- Submit required documentation to substantiate veteran, active duty, or selected reserve or guard status, and submit payment to MVP
- Cost for TTU graduates is \$75
- Cost for non-TTU graduates is \$100

Required Documentation:

Veterans or Chapter 1606 students using benefits through the MVP department already have needed documents on file in the MVP department.

Any other person not using benefits through the MVP department shall provide the following documentation:

1. Veterans: DD214, member 2, 4 or 6 showing Active Duty with an Honorable or Under Honorable conditions discharge
2. Active Duty: Copy of current military orders OR Active Military ID
3. Reserve & Guard Members in Selected Reserve: Copy of military contract or orders reflecting active status in Selected Reserve OR Active Military ID
4. Current TTU Student: Proof of graduation for that semester **and** one of the above documents
5. Prior TTU Graduate: Proof of graduation from Texas Tech **and** one of the above documents

Definitions for the purpose of this policy

Veteran: Those persons who have served active duty in the US armed forces with an Honorable or Under Honorable Conditions discharge as reflected on their DD-214.

Active Duty: Full time service in the US armed forces

US Armed Forces: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard

Selected Reserve: Selected Reserve and Guard members and units considered to be in an active status

Military & Veterans Graduation Stole Ceremony

Texas Tech University through the MVP department shall establish a Stole Ceremony prior to each Fall, Spring, and Summer graduation

Recognition of Graduating Family Members

Graduating family members will be awarded a Certificate of Recognition at the Stole & Recognition Ceremony. Students using veterans' educational benefits through MVP have needed documents already on file. If not using benefits through MVP, the student shall provide the following documentation:

1. Proof of graduation for that semester **and** proof the veteran or Service Member of whom the family member is a dependent meets the criteria as outlined at the first of this policy **and** one or more of the following:
2. Birth Certificate or court document linking the dependent and veteran or Service Member together
3. Most recent federal tax return showing the student as a dependent of the veteran or Service Member

Duration

This policy shall be in effective starting Fall 2017

This policy shall be reviewed every 2 years or as determined by the MVP full time staff.