

Resolution Title: Students' and Parents' Rights With Regard to Military Recruitment on Campuses
Submitted by: Professional Staff Congress/CUNY

Whereas, the US military is using secondary schools and colleges, particularly those that serve the poor, working class and communities of color, as recruitment grounds, including routinely using school and college records to contact students, without the student's or their family's permission, (as allowed in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and the "Solomon Amendment" to the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act of 1997 for college students); and

Whereas such contact often includes harassment of students; and

Whereas, the US military promises to pay for college tuition but in reality fulfills that promise to fewer than 20% of military personnel, thus using the desire for higher education as deceptive bait for joining the military; and

Whereas, US military recruiters frequently present inaccurate and deceptive information, opportunities and conditions of employment to potential recruits, and

Whereas, NYSUT stands for expanded educational opportunity for all; and

Whereas, the US military has an explicit discriminatory rule about sexual orientation; therefore be it

Resolved, that NYSUT oppose the use of schools and colleges as sites for recruitment to the military; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT support the confidentiality of all school records and passage of the Student Privacy Protection Act of 2005 which would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 and would require ESEA-assisted local educational agencies to notify secondary school students and their parents or guardian of their right to "opt-out" of having their personal information provided to the military; and be it further

Resolved, that the NYSUT call for colleges and universities to:

1. require the US military and all other recruiters to sign a "non-discrimination" pledge in order to be allowed to recruit on campuses;
2. join FAIR (The Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights), the group that, together with the Society of American Law Teachers and other organizations, brought the *FAIR v Rumsfeld* lawsuit challenging the Solomon Amendment;
3. publicize students' right not to have personal information provided to military recruiters by the college by placing the "non-disclosure" form on ALL college websites and include notification of this form in a range of announcements, particularly at freshman orientation; and be it further

Resolved, that schools and colleges insure the right of counter-military recruitment protesters to freedom of speech and freedom of assembly without harassment from security or other law enforcement personnel; and be it further

Resolved, that, to insure that counter-military recruitment efforts, including speakers, individuals tabling, and literature be made welcome and available at all events where the US military recruiters are present and that they are given equal and appropriate prior notice and opportunity to do this; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT develop an educational campaign for students, informing them of their rights to privacy and ability to opt out of data bases provided to the military recruiters as well as information on truth in military advertising and recruitment; and be it further

Resolved, that NYSUT urge AFT to support HR 551, sponsored by Congressional Representative Michael Honda (D-CA 15th), that supports notification of all students and their families of their rights to “opt out” of databases provided by schools to military recruiters.