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The **Solomon Amendment** is a federal law that requires the following:

(1) the Secretary of a military department or the Secretary of Homeland Security shall gain access to campuses, or access to students (who are 17 years of age or older) on campuses, for purposes of military recruiting in a manner that is at least equal in quality and scope to the access to campuses and to students that is provided to any other employer; or

(2) military recruiters for purposes of military recruiting shall have access to the following information pertaining to students (who are 17 years of age or older) enrolled at that institution (or any sub-element of that institution):

(A) Names, addresses, and telephone listings.

(B) Date and place of birth, levels of education, academic majors, degrees received, and the most recent educational institution enrolled in by the student.

The Department of Education has determined the Solomon Amendment supersedes most elements of FERPA. The College is therefore obligated to release data included in the list of “student recruiting information,” which may or may not match Mercy College’s FERPA directory information list. If, however, the student has submitted a request through the Registrar to restrict the release of Directory Information, then no information from the student's education record will be released under the Solomon Amendment. Detailed information on withholding Directory Information is provided in the College’s [FERPA Policy](#).

Procedure for releasing information to military recruiter

Under the Solomon Amendment, information will be released for military recruitment purposes only. The military recruiters may request student recruitment information once each term or semester for each of the 12 eligible units within the five branches of the service:

- **Army:** Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard
- **Navy:** Navy, Navy Reserve
- **Marine Corps:** Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve
- **Air Force:** Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air Force National Guard
- **Coast Guard:** Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve

The request should specify whether the information needed is for the current or previous semester. and can be submitted to registrar@mercy.edu.