Recruiters often target immigrants, students from poor families and people of color. The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) gives military recruiters access to students’ personal information and allows them to recruit at public schools. The Act requires schools to provide recruiters with the names, addresses, telephone numbers, grades, and standardized test scores of students, as well as information about their immigration status. The Joint Advertising and Marketing Research & Studies (JAMRS) program—a registry of 30 million American students—has also been used to collect information about young people for purposes of recruiting.

The military is aggressively recruiting young people to fill its ranks. Military recruiters can ask for students’ names, birthdates, home addresses and telephone numbers. This information is called “directory information.” Your school is required to release directory information to recruiters unless you or your parents opt out. You can keep your personal information—or your child’s—private by opting out of NCLB and JAMRS. This pamphlet will tell you how to opt out, and answer some frequently asked questions, including questions about your immigration status.

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CAN I STOP MY SCHOOL FROM PROVIDING MY INFORMATION?

The school must provide students and parents the chance to opt out. The school cannot refuse to “opt out” requests that are not properly made. Students of any age can use to keep their information private on the ASVAB. The ASVAB is a standardized test that the military uses to determine if you are qualified to enlist. It is also used to collect your personal information. The ASVAB exam should be voluntary, and no student need have to answer recruiters’ questions, including questions about your immigration status.

HOW DO I OPT OUT?

Schools must provide students and parents with opt-out forms. Fill out the form or a written request to your school. There is also an opt-out form in this pamphlet that you can fill out and give to your school. The school should not send an opt-out form to a parent or mail it out to parents. Students and parents are encouraged to sign, but if a student opts out, the school will usually notify the parent of that decision.

WHAT INFORMATION WOULD MILITARY RECRUITERS GET IF I OPT OUT OF THE JAMRS DATABASE?

Your school should allow you to opt out of military recruitment even while remaining on college or job recruiting lists. It should also give you the option of keeping your information private on the ASVAB. Ask your principal about the type of information your school releases. The ASVAB exam should be voluntary, and no student should be forced to take it.

I AM NOT A CITIZEN. ARE THERE CONSEQUENCES FOR OPTING OUT?

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WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED TO OPT OUT OF THE JAMRS DATABASE?

To opt out of the JAMRS Database, cut this form along the dotted line, fill it out, and mail it to the address listed here.

The other side of this page contains an opt-out form that any parent, legal guardian or student aged 15 and a half or older may use to keep the information in the JAMRS database out of the hands of military recruiters.

To use the form, cut along the dotted line, fill it out, and mail it to:

Joint Advertising and Marketing Research & Studies
3092 Admiral Plaza
Alexandria, VA 22302

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**NCLB HIGH SCHOOL OPT-OUT FORM**

PROHIBITING RELEASE OF STUDENT NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER TO MILITARY RECRUITERS OR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Our school may be asked to provide the names and addresses of high school students to military, college and job recruiters. Please do not share my/my child’s directory information with:

- military recruiters
- college and job recruiters

Date: ____________________________

Student’s Name: _______________________________________

Student’s Signature: ____________________________________

or

Parent’s Signature: ________________________________

To withhold student information from recruiters, cut this form along the dotted line, fill it out, and return it to your principal.

**JAMRS DATABASE OPT-OUT FORM**

Dear Direct Marketing Program Officer:

Please remove all information and data regarding the following individual from the JAMRS military recruitment database:

Full Name: ____________________________________________

Date of Birth: _________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

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City: ________________________________________________

State: _______________________________________________

Zip: _________________________________________________

Signature: __________________________________________

Date: ____________________________

To opt out of the JAMRS Database, cut this form along the dotted line, fill it out, and mail it to the address listed on the back.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MILITARY RECRUITING**

1. **Do schools have to allow military recruiters on campus?**
   - Usually, yes. Federal and state laws require that schools give military recruiters “the same access” as college or job recruiters. So if your school has a job fair, for example, it has to allow military recruiters at the job fair. Military recruiters must have the same access to students as other recruiters, but that does not mean they get access to classrooms, or try to reach students in the cafeteria, hallways, or gym, unless other college and job recruiters have access to that opportunity.

2. **Can student groups be forced to invite military recruiters to school?**
   - No. Schools and student organizations have the right to determine which groups to invite outside speakers. And if a school allows the military to recruit on campus, it must allow organizations that offer information about other career alternatives, such as other branches of the military, career development offices, service academies, non-military colleges, research universities, and service organizations. Many schools have opted to allow military recruiters “the same access” as college or job recruiters. So if your school has a job fair, for example, it has to allow military recruiters the same access as college or job recruiters. But if you send a request in writing to your principal, the school must consider your request if you want it to be heard.

3. **Does the U.S. Constitution or the First Amendment prevent schools from limiting military recruitment?**
   - No. The First Amendment does not prevent schools from limiting military recruitment because the Constitution does not apply to schools. The U.S. Supreme Court has stated that schools are not required to allow any recruiting activity on school property. It is up to the school to determine which groups are allowed to recruit. However, schools may not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint or affiliation. If your school prohibits non-military recruiters from recruiting students to visit, your school must also allow military recruiters to visit.