Federal & State Tuition Assistance Programs

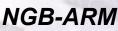
CW4 Hughes, Education Services Officer 573-638-9637

SSG Johnson, Federal TA 573-638-9500, extension 7644



Federal Tuition Assistance

- Pays up to 100% of tuition costs up to a maximum of \$250 per semester credit hour and \$4500 per fiscal year (1 Oct 30 Sep)
- Federal Tuition Assistance can also help pay for authorized fees such as: Lab Fee, Technology Fee, Student Activity Fee
- Unauthorized Fees include: Books, Uniforms, Ammunition
- Federal Tuition Assistance may be combined with other benefits such as GI Bill, State Tuition Assistance (if applicable), ROTC Scholarships
- Benefit good through Masters or First Professional degree



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Requirements for FTA

Soldier must be attending an accredited university or college, and includes out-of-state accredited educational institutions

• Must be in M-Day status, in good unit standing

- ETS date must be after the end date of the class that the soldier is applying for tuition assistance
- Application has to be submitted within 30 days after the start date of the class

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Requirements for FTA cont'd

Soldier must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average for all classes to be paid for by FTA

• Can be used to pay for a certificate program, license, associates, bachelors, or master degree programs

- Soldier must completely exhaust FTA before use of State Tuition Assistance can begin
- AGR personnel must contact the nearest Active Duty Education Services Office in order to apply for FTA





How to Apply for FTA

Visit virtualarmory.com to complete the on-line application

- Soldiers must use their Common Access Card (CAC) to access the website
- Submit a copy of their itemized course bill and schedule to the State FTA Manager for processing

 If FTA was previously used, a copy of grades from those courses must be submitted as well
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State Tuition Assistance

- Benefit pays up to 100% of tuition costs at a maximum of University of Missouri in state rate (\$245.60)
- Must use ALL Federal TA before using State TA
- Maximum of 39 credit hours per fiscal year (1 July 30 June)
 - State Tuition Assistance for tuition only no fees

Payment rates

- 0 10 years total service = 100% tuition assistance
- **10 17** years total service = 50 % tuition assistance
- 17 years + total service = 0% tuition assistance
- Benefit only good through first bachelor degree (If you recruit a soldier who has a bachelor degree, he will not be entitled to this benefit)
- Soldier must remain a member in good standing for the entire duration of the courses paid by Tuition Assistance

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Requirements for STA

- State Tuition Assistance only pays for accredited in-state schools
- Soldiers must maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative G.P.A to avoid being placed on probation
- Degree cannot be used to obtain a degree in divinity or theology
- Must be in M-Day status, in good unit standing. AGR personnel are not eligible for STA
- Application has to be submitted within 30 days after the start date of the class



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How to Apply for STA

Soldier's must print off and complete a State Tuition Assistance Application and statement of understanding from <u>www.moguard.com</u>

- Both Unit Commander's and Soldier's signature are required
 - Submit a copy of their itemized course bill and schedule to the STA Manager for processing
- If STA previously used, soldier must request an official transcript be sent to the STA Manager

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