

## The UMSL Service Member's Tuition Assistance Scholarship

*The UMSL Servicemember's Tuition Assistance Scholarship (SMTA)* exists to support current, active duty service members in their pursuit of higher education. The SMTA scholarship supports a service member's education by paying the tuition difference between Armed Forces Tuition Assistance (TA) maximum rates and UMSL tuition rates. This scholarship applies to both undergraduate and graduate education and it can be applied to tuition and/or fees. Scholarships will be awarded first-come, first-served, up to the award maximum (currently \$15,000).

*The examples below use Fall 2021 tuition rates. These rates may change over time.*

Example 1: Airman (active duty) enrolled in 2 undergraduate courses of 3 CH each

Credit Hours total: 6

UMSL Tuition:  $6 \times \$379.00 = \$2,274.00$

Air Force Tuition Assistance funding:  $6 \times \$250 = \$1500$

SMTA award for Fall 2021:  $\$2,274.00 - \$1500 = \underline{\$774.00}$

Example 2: Soldier (active duty) enrolled in 1 graduate level course of 3 CH

Credit Hours total: 3

UMSL Tuition:  $3 \times \$522.00 = \$1,566.00$

Army Tuition Assistance funding:  $3 \times \$250 = \$750$

SMTA award for Fall 2021:  $\$1,566.00 - \$750 = \underline{\$816.00}$

Example 3: Airman (active duty) enrolled in 3 undergraduate courses of 3 CH, TA is only funding 6 CH

Credit Hours total: 9

UMSL Tuition:  $9 \times \$379.00 = \$3,411.00$

Air Force Tuition Assistance funding:  $6 \times \$250 = \$1500$

SMTA award for Fall 2021:  $9 \times (\$379.00 - \$250) = \underline{\$1161.00}$

Process:

1. Once enrolled in courses, UMSL students who wish to apply for this scholarship complete the SMTA Scholarship application (attached and available in the UMSL Veterans Center). The student must fill out the application completely and certify the accuracy of their information by signing the application.
2. The student must also confirm Active Duty status as of the date of application by visiting the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) website at [https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/scra/single\\_record.xhtml](https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/scra/single_record.xhtml), inputting his/her personal information, printing the report and attaching that report to this application.
3. The student must turn in the application together with the SCRA printout to the Veterans Center no later than the last day to drop a course or withdraw from school without receiving a grade (according to the registrar's academic calendar).

**SMTA application deadline is the same date as the UMSL Add/Drop deadline for each semester**

4. If a student drops a course after receiving the SMTA scholarship, funding related to that course will be returned to the university.



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**The UMSL Service Member’s Tuition Assistance Scholarship  
Application Form**

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Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

UMSL Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Active Military Component: \_\_\_\_\_

Armed Forces Tuition Assistance Program Used: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled Courses:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I am an ACTIVE DUTY service member and that I am employing one of the Armed Forces Tuition Assistance Programs to help fund my education.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Applicants must confirm their AD status as of the date of application by visiting the [DoD SCRA website](https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/scra/single_record.xhtml) (https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/scra/single\_record.xhtml), inputting their personal information, printing their report and attaching that report to this application.**

Turn this form and the SCRA form together to the UMSL Veterans Center (211 Clark Hall) or scan and email to veteransoffice@umsl.edu

Veterans Center certification \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_