

# FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE (FTA)

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MONEY TOWARDS  
YOUR COLLEGE  
TUITION!



## WHAT IS IT?

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) is financial assistance provided for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals.

## HOW DO I QUALIFY?

- Be currently serving in good standing in the ARNG and have a Common Access Card (CAC)
- Not be flagged
- Not have a hold on your ArmyIgnitED account (once created)
- Maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA for undergraduate courses or a 3.0 or higher GPA for graduate courses

### Service Requirement/Obligation:

- Enlisted: Have an ETS or MRD 60+ days remaining in service after completion of FTA-funded course(s)
- Officers and Warrant Officers: Subject to a two-year active duty service obligation (ADSO) or four-year reserve duty obligation (RDSO)

## WHAT DO I GET?

- Up to \$250 per semester hour, up to 16 SHs for a total of \$4,000 per fiscal year (Max TA and CA)
- One degree at each of the following levels, Associates, Bachelor's and Master's
  - You may not pursue a degree at a lower/lateral level than you already possess
- Lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours and 39 graduate semester hours
- CAN be used simultaneously with Chapter 1606/ MGIB-SR for the same course, when attending half-time or more
- One academic certificate (undergraduate or graduate) up to 21 semester hours per lifetime/career

## HOW DO I APPLY?

- Go to <https://www.armyignited.army.mil> and establish an account by clicking "Get Started" (CAC ID required)
- Request an Education Goal (select your school and degree program)
- Enroll in courses at your School
- Return to ArmyIgnitED and request TA for the courses you want to use TA for
  - Courses can be requested up to 60 days prior to the course start date, but **MUST** be requested at least **7 days prior** to the start date of the course
  - Once courses are approved, 'go back to ArmyIgnitED, print the authorization form and provide it to the school
- An evaluated degree plan/audit will be required after the completion of two courses taken using FTA

## FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Contact your State Education Services Office:  
[www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state](http://www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state)
- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338) or [arng.esc@army.mil](mailto:arng.esc@army.mil)
- Visit us Online: [www.nationalguard.com/education](http://www.nationalguard.com/education)



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