

Army National Guard (ARNG) Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

Note: ARNG FTA operates on a limited budget and is NOT a guaranteed benefit. It is offered on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Eligibility:

- Must have a valid expense from an accredited school.
 - <http://www.chea.org>
 - <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation>
- For traditional part-time drilling soldiers, members on ADSW / ADT, or mobilized commissioned officers.
- Eligible beginning the day member joins ARNG, even prior to boot camp or AIT or while yet in High School.
- Officers must serve 4 years after course completion.
- Enlisted must simply remain in the ARNG during term of courses.

Benefit:

- 100% of tuition and authorized fees with tuition caps of:
 - \$4,500 max per soldier per Federal Fiscal Year (October 1st-September 30th)
 - \$250 per semester hour
 - \$167 per quarter hour
 - \$16.66 per clock hour
 - High School or equivalency level may be funded at 100% of tuition and fees, but are still limited to the \$4,500 annual cap
 - An authorized fee is a fee charged to all students for enrollment purposes or is directly related to the instruction of the course.
- No more than one credential from each of the following levels (unless becoming a teacher):
 - High School Diploma or equivalent
 - Vocational/Technical certification and licensing.
 - Associate
 - Baccalaureate
 - Masters

Duplication of Benefits

- May be used with the MGIB-Selected Reserve (SR), REAP or MGIB-Active Duty (AD) for the same course based on the following;
 - MGIB-SR, REAP, MGIB-AD participants must be enrolled at least ½ time or more to combine benefits.
- May be used with State Tuition Assistance or Post 9/11 GI Bill however, funding will NOT be more than 100% of the actual cost of tuition and fees.
- If the Service Member is eligible for a Pell Grant, FTA may be used concurrently and will be applied first.

How to apply for Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) Online

******You will need your CAC Card******

AKO Help Desk: 703-704-4357

<https://minuteman.ngb.army.mil/Benefits/Unsecured/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fe=nefits>

1. Click on "Apply for Tuition Assistance"
2. Make sure your personal computer meets the listed system requirements.
3. Click on "continue to online tuition assistance application"
4. Read and sign the Statement of Understandings Agreement
5. Verify and update ALL personal info (phone, address, e-mail, etc)
6. Select school, degree, program, and program category
7. Enter course begin date and end date. If your courses begin and end on different dates you must fill out separate FTA requests.
8. Click on "Add New Course"
- 9. Enter Course dept and number (Example: Math A105)**
- 10. Enter Course Title (Example: Intermediate Algebra)**
11. Enter # of credit hours and cost per hour

When complete you MUST view your application and then click on SUBMIT APPLICATION

The following items have to be submitted to the Education Office prior to current FTA request approval:

1. Grades for all previous courses funded by FTA
2. Degree Plan or Academic Plan
3. Itemized billing statement (Account Summary by term or Account Detail By term)

Any remaining questions, please contact:

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