

# NATIONAL GUARD



## EDUCATION BENEFITS HANDBOOK

**FY 2015**

# Table of Contents

## Chapter 1: Introduction and Responsibilities

- 1.0: Overview
- 1.1: Responsibilities

## Chapter 2: GI Bill Programs

- 2.0: Overview
- 2.1: Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) (Chapter 1606)
- 2.2: Army National Guard (ARNG) Kicker Program
- 2.3: Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) (Chapter 1607)
  - 2.3.1: REAP \$600 Buy-Up Program
- 2.4: Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (MGIB-AD) (Chapter 30)
  - 2.4.1: Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty \$600 Plus-Up Program
- 2.5: Post – 9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)
  - 2.5.1: Yellow Ribbon Program
- 2.6: Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)
- 2.7: Comparison of GI Bill Education Programs Chart
- 2.8: General Application Process

## Chapter 3: Tuition Assistance (TA) Program

- 3.0: Overview
- 3.1: References
- 3.2: Eligibility
- 3.3: Duplication of Benefits for Use with Army Tuition Assistance
- 3.4: Tuition Assistance Use with GI Bill

## Chapter 4: Testing Programs and Services

- 4.0: Overview
- 4.1: Testing, Licensure, and Certification
- 4.2: Army Personnel Testing (APT) – Military Only
- 4.3: Credit by Examination/DANTES
- 4.4: GI Bill and Testing

## Chapter 5: Education Support Services

- 5.0: Overview
- 5.1: Guard Support Center
- 5.2: Joint Services Transcript (JST)
- 5.3: Troops to Teachers
- 5.4: Army e-Learning (Smart Force)
- 5.5: Registered Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training (OJT) Programs
- 5.6: Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC)

## **Chapter 6: ARNG Education Incentives**

- 6.0: Overview
- 6.1: ARNG Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP)
- 6.2: ARNG Chaplain Loan Repayment Program (CLRP)
- 6.3: ARNG Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)
- 6.4: ARNG 09S SLRP

## **Chapter 7: Commissioning Programs**

- 7.0: Overview
- 7.1: Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)
- 7.2: ROTC Scholarships
- 7.3: Early Commissioning Program (ECP)
- 7.4: Simultaneous Membership Program
- 7.5: Federal Officer Candidate School (Active Component)
- 7.6: State Officer Candidate School (OCS)
- 7.7: Accelerated Officer Candidate School (OCS)
- 7.8: Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS)
- 7.9: Direct Commission

## **Appendix A: State/Territory Funded Education Programs**

## **Appendix B: New GoArmyEd Account Guide**

## **Appendix C: Contacts and Links**

# Chapter 1

## INTRODUCTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 1.0 Introduction

This guide provides information on application procedures and benefits for all Army National Guard (ARNG) education programs and services.

Contact your State Education Services Office for the most current information on ARNG education programs, as well as specific State programs.



**Note:**

***Application procedures for the programs described in this brochure may vary from State to State. Contact your unit full-time support personnel, your Recruiting and Retention NCO, or your State Education Office for further information.***

## 1.1 Responsibilities

- **Chief, National Guard Bureau (NGB)**
  - Exercise responsibility for policy governing various education programs.
  - Determine priorities, resources, and the extent to which specific education programs or services will be delivered to the ARNG.
  - Provide fiscal and personnel resources for education programs and services.
- **Chief of Education Services Branch, Army National Guard**
  - Develop ARNG unique priorities, policies, programs and procedures.
  - Manage and deliver Army Continuing Education System (ACES) for the ARNG.
  - Provide guidance for implementing ACES programs and services to the State ARNG Education Services Officer (ESO).
  - Issue procedures and processing guidance for Tuition Assistance (TA).
- **The Adjutant General (TAG)**
  - Direct, monitor and review the federal education program.
  - Maintain and report data pertaining to education from the respective State to NGB.
- **State Education Services Officer (ESO)**
  - Supervise implementation of NGB guidance for all education and incentives programs.
  - Be knowledgeable in all education programs and resources available to Soldiers.
  - Coordinate with the recruiting force on implementing the federal education programs.
  - Act as liaison between Soldiers and NGB, USP&FO, recruiting/retention personnel, units, and/or any other agency which may be involved with the education programs in the State.
  - Be proficient in all systems relating to data entry of education/incentives programs. (SIDPERS, AFCOS, DMDC, iPERMS, and Information Management and Reporting Center [GIMS]).
  - Develop, implement and monitor a quality assurance plan for the services and program provided by the Education Office.
  - Provide counseling and testing services.
  - Coordinate with units for unit education briefings.
- **Commanders**
  - Maintain a rapport with the assigned education service officer in order to keep current on education programs, benefits, and policies.
  - Recommend appropriate education requirements in order to ensure Soldiers are qualified for their assigned duty position.
  - Conduct annual audits of personal qualification records to ensure current data is recorded.
  - Use education and incentives as a retention tool.
- **Unit Administrator**
  - Perform personnel and finance actions as required to support Soldiers, to include ensuring that education records are inputted in iPERMS in a timely manner.

# Chapter 2

## GI BILL PROGRAMS



### 2.0 Overview

The GI Bill Programs are statutory entitlements that are administered by the military services and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Soldiers may receive up to 36 months in any one VA educational assistance program and a maximum of 48 months of combined benefits if eligible for two or more VA educational assistance programs. For the most current GI Bill information visit the Department of Veterans Affairs Web site at <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>. The following are the most common GI Bill educational assistance programs available to ARNG Soldiers:

- Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606)
- Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve Kicker Incentive (Kicker)
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607)
- Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty (Chapter 30)
- Post 9/11 GI Bill/Yellow Ribbon Program
- Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) Program
- GI Bill Entitlement Charges for Various Education Programs Chart
- Comparison of GI Bill Programs Chart
- How to Apply For GI Bill and Kicker Benefits from the VA
- ARNG GI Bill Support Team

### 2.1 Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)

#### Chapter 1606, Title 10 U.S. Code

**Overview.** Chapter 1606 is generally an educational program for Servicemembers who are actively participating in the Selected Reserve. Eligibility for this program may be established only one time in a Soldier's career. The ARNG determines initial eligibility, notifies Soldiers, and funds the program while the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) administers payments to the Soldier. The MGIB-SR program is available to enlisted, officer and warrant officer personnel who are participating members assigned to the Selected Reserve. If you separate from the Selected Reserve, your benefits generally end the day you separate. Chapter 1606 benefits are paid on a monthly basis directly to the Servicemember.

## **References**

- Title 10 USC, Chapter 1606
- DoDI 1322.17, 29 November 1999
- AR 135-7, ARNG and United States Army Reserve (USAR) Incentives Programs, 15 April 1996
- NGB-ARM Policy #07-10, 15 August 2007
- Department of Veterans Affairs: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib\\_sr.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_sr.asp)

## **How do I Qualify?**

- Complete the requirements of a secondary school diploma, or its equivalent, before applying for benefits
- Agree to a six-year Selected Reserve obligation after June 30, 1985
- Complete Initial Active Duty Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC)
- Remain a member in good standing in the Selected Reserve
- Soldiers mobilized on Title 10 Active Duty receive an extension of their period of eligibility for the length of the mobilization plus four months. This is a VA process that occurs after the Soldier separates from the Selective Reserve.

## **What Do I Get? Rates Effective 1 October 2014**

<b>Institutional Training</b>		<b>Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training</b>	
<b>Training Time</b>	<b>Monthly rate</b>	<b>Training Period</b>	<b>Monthly rate</b>
Full time	\$367.00	First six months of training	\$275.25
3/4 time	\$274.00	Second six months of training	\$201.85
1/2 time	\$182.00	Remaining pursuit of training	\$128.45
Less than 1/2 time	\$91.75		

**Correspondence and Flight** - Entitlement charged at the rate of one month for each \$367.00 paid.  
**Cooperative** - \$367.00  
**Correspondence Payments** - 55% of the approved charges  
**Flight Payments** - 60% of the approved charges

## **How Do I Apply?**

- ✓ **Go to <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>** and complete an online Application for Education Benefits (VA Form 22-1990). It is also advisable that you take a printed copy of this application and coordinate with the VA representative (VA Rep)/School Certifying Official (SCO) at the college (or your place of employment if you are in a job training program).
- ✓ The VA Rep/SCO will complete an Enrollment Certification (VA Form 22-1999) and submit it, along with the VA Form 22-1990 and a copy of your Notice of Basic Eligibility (NOBE) to the VA Regional Processing Office (RPO) for processing.

- ✓ Students receiving Chapter 30, 1606, and 1607 must verify their enrollment monthly by Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE) or by using the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. When students are awarded benefits, the award letter they receive describes WAVE and IVR. The preferred verification method is WAVE, which includes features not found in IVR. WAVE allows students to verify their enrollment on the Internet. WAVE is on the VA's Education Service website at <https://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do>. The WAVE system permits students to perform a multitude of functions. For instance, students may:
  - Verify that enrollment has not changed
  - Report a change in enrollment
  - Change mailing address
  - Initiate or change direct deposit information
  - View the enrollment period and monthly benefit amount
  - View the remaining entitlement
  - Sign up for a monthly e-mail reminder

IVR allows students to “phone in” (1-877-823-2378) their monthly verification if there are no changes to the enrollment during the previous month. If there were changes in enrollment, the student must notify their VA Rep/SCO and payments may be delayed while changes are processed.

### ***Enlisted***

- ✓ Enlisted Soldiers can obtain a copy of the NOBE by going to the State Education Services Office or accessing it in iPERMS. The State GI Bill Manager will provide a copy of the NOBE to the Soldier and to the Soldier's unit and iPERMS. (NGB-HRM-E, Chief, Education Services Branch is the only authorized signature in the Commanding Officer or Designees signature block of the NOBE). After obtaining the NOBE, the Soldier submits a copy to the VA Rep/SCO at their school.

### ***Enlisted Non-Prior Service***

- ✓ GIMS will automatically generate a NOBE for the State Education Services Office to distribute and or load into iPERMS after the Soldier meets the three criteria.

### ***Enlisted Prior Service***

- ✓ Soldiers gaining eligibility for MGIB-SR in another RC may still be eligible for MGIB-SR when affiliating with the ARNG. Soldiers must work with their State GI Bill Manager and/or unit to ensure that eligibility criteria has been met and documented. Please refer to the ARNG MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606 guidance in effect at time of enlistment for a complete description of eligibility criteria.

### ***Officers***

- ✓ Officers must complete an Officer Service Agreement Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program (DA Form 5447-R). Officer eligibility is established on the date the officer signs the DA Form 5447-R, Officer Service Agreement, if they have previously completed Initial Active Duty Training or Basic Officer Leader Course (BOLC). If not, eligibility is established on completion of BOLC. The NOBE may be obtained by going to the State Education Services Office or accessing it in iPERMS. After obtaining the NOBE, submit a copy to the VA Rep/SCO at their school.

**Note:** *Non-Prior Service applicants enlisting under the Officer Candidate School (OCS) and Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) enlistment option will not be entitled to receive the benefit until the day following completion of BOLC. Officers should contact their GI Bill Manager to verify their eligibility.*

## 2.2 Army National Guard (ARNG) Kicker Incentive Program

**Overview.** The Kicker Incentive is an additional \$200 or \$350 education incentive used to encourage qualified applicants and Soldiers to enter into specific units or skills to meet and sustain ARNG readiness requirements. ARNG Soldiers may be eligible for a kicker incentive at various times in their career. There are Enlisted, Officer Candidate and Officer specific kicker incentives available with each category of kicker incentive having specific criteria and rules for issue. A Soldier may only contract for a kicker once in their career.

### **References**

- Title 10, USC, Chapter 1606, Section 16131-16137
- Title 10, USC, Chapter 103, Section 2107
- Title 38, USC, Chapter 30, Section 3021-3023
- DoDI 1322.17, 29 November 1999
- NGR 600-7 SRIP, 12 August 2014
- ARNG-HRZ SRIP Policy #14-01, 2 June 2014
- ARNG-HRM-15-001 FY14 SRIP Policy Extension, 3 October 2014
- ARNG Kicker Program: <http://www.nationalguard.com/tools/gi-bill-kicker>

### **How Do I Qualify?**

Please refer to the ARNG Selective Reserve Incentive Programs (SRIP) Policy in effect at time of kicker incentive issue for a complete description of the current qualification criteria, procedures, contracting requirements and standards for administration of this incentive.

- **\$200 Non-Prior Service (NPS):**
  - Enlist into the ARNG for a minimum of 6 years in a critical skill MOS vacancy
  -
- **\$200 Prior Service (PS):**
  - E5 or below Prior Service Soldier
  - DMOSQ
  - Enlist into the ARNG for a minimum of 6 years in a critical skill MOS vacancy
  -
- **\$200 Re-Enlistment (RE)**
  - E5 or below ARNG Soldier
  - DMOSQ
  - Enlist/extend between 365 and 91 days from their ETS for a minimum of 6 years
- **\$350 Supplemental (Bump-Up)**
  - Have previously contracted and established eligibility for a \$100 or \$200 MGIB-SR kicker
  - Be enrolled into a commissioning program
  - Complete the \$350 Supplemental MGIB-SR Kicker addendum/contract before the date of commission

- **\$200 Officers Without a Degree (OWD)**
  - Within 90 days of commissioning:
    - Be a Second- or First Lieutenant who has not completed a bachelor's or higher degree
    - Complete a 6 year Officer Service Agreement (OSA) (DA Form 5447-R)
  
- **\$350 Standard Officer Kicker (SOK)**
  - Within 90 days of commissioning:
    - Be a commissioned officer
    - Complete a 6 year Officer Service Agreement (OSA) (DA Form 5447-R)
  
- **\$350 Officer Candidate School (OCS)**
  - Before date of commissioning:
    - Complete Phase I of OCS
    - Extend for a minimum of 6 years
  
- **\$350 Warrant Officer Candidate (WOC)**
  - Be placed on orders as a WOC before date of commissioning
  - Extend for a minimum of 6 years
  
- **\$350 Direct Commission (DC)**
  - Within 90 days of commissioning:
    - Be a commissioned officer in the grade of O1-O3
    - Complete a 6 year Officer Service Agreement (OSA) (DA Form 5447-R)
  
- **\$350 Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)**
  - Before date of commissioning:
    - Complete SMP agreement (NGB Form 594-1)
    - Extend for a minimum of 6 years

**Note:** *Soldiers on a Dedicated Guard ROTC Scholarship (Title 10 USC 2107) will be terminated from their MGIB-SR (Ch 1606) basic benefit and are not able to contract, nor receive payment, for a MGIB-SR Kicker.*

### **What Do I Get?**

A maximum of 36 months of benefits can be received under the Kicker program. The Kicker is paid in conjunction with a GI Bill benefit, and eligibility can be established only if you're eligible to receive payment for the MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606, or MGIB-AD/Chapter 30 programs. When eligibility for the MGIB-SR/MGIB-AD benefit expires, so does eligibility for the Kicker.

Please refer to the ARNG Selective Reserve Incentive Programs (SRIP) Policy in effect at time of kicker incentive issue for a complete description of the current qualification criteria, procedures, contracting requirements and standards for administration of this incentive.

## 2.3 Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP)

### Chapter 1607, Title 10 U.S. Code

**Overview.** Chapter 1607 is an educational program for active members of the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve called to active duty in support of a contingency operation or a national emergency declared by the President or Congress.

#### **References**

- Title 10 USC, Chapter 1607
- Title 10 USC, Chapter 103, Section 2107
- DODI 1322.30, REAP, 14 March 2014
- NGB-EDU-10-004 ARNG REAP Guidance, 22 December 2009
- Department of Veterans Affairs: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/reap.asp>

#### **How Do I Qualify?**

- Mobilize for 90 consecutive days or more in support of a contingency operation.
- Perform full-time National Guard duty under 32 USC 502(f) between 11 September 2001 - 31 May 2002 for 90 consecutive days or more (Operation Noble Eagle).
- Serve in either of the first two categories above and be released before completing 90 consecutive days because of an injury, illness or disease incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

#### **What Do I Get?**

- The Chapter 1607 benefit pays a percentage of the Chapter 30 three-year rate based on the number of continuous service days on active duty.

#### ***Rates Effective 1 October 2014***

<b>Institutional Training</b>			
<b>Training Time</b>	<b>Consecutive service of 90 days but less than one year</b>	<b>Consecutive service of 1 year +</b>	<b>Consecutive service of 2 years + *</b>
Full time	\$686.80	\$1,030.20	\$1,373.60
3/4 time	\$515.10	\$772.65	\$1,030.20
1/2 time	\$343.40	\$515.10	\$686.80
Less than 1/2 time More than 1/4 time	\$343.40**	\$515.10**	\$686.80**
1/4 time or less	\$171.70**	\$257.55**	\$343.40**

\* Or 36 or more cumulative months of service  
\*\* Tuition and Fees ONLY. Payment cannot exceed the listed amount

<b>Correspondence Training</b>	
40% level	22% of the approved cost of course
60% level	33% of the approved cost of course
80% level	44% of the approved cost of course
Entitlement is charged based on the rate of one month for a benefit amount equal to the full-time institutional rate.	

<b>Flight Training</b>	
40% level	24% of the approved cost of course
60% level	36% of the approved cost of course
80% level	48% of the approved cost of course
Entitlement is charged based on the rate of one month for a benefit amount equal to the full-time institutional rate.	

<b>Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training</b>			
<b>Training Period</b>	<b>Service of 90 days but less than one year</b>	<b>Service of 1 year +</b>	<b>Service of 2 years +</b>
First six months of training	\$515.10	\$772.65	\$1,030.20
Second six months of training	\$377.74	\$566.61	\$755.48
Remaining pursuit of training	\$240.38	\$360.57	\$480.76

<b>Cooperative Training</b>			
<b>Training Time</b>	<b>Service of 90 days but less than one year</b>	<b>Service of 1 year +</b>	<b>Service of 2 years +</b>
Monthly Rates	\$688.80	\$1,030.20	\$1,373.60

- Chapter 1607 benefits are paid on a monthly basis directly to the Servicemember/Veteran.
- Soldiers who separate or who are discharged from the Selected Reserve (SELRES) after completing their service contract under honorable conditions may receive the REAP benefits for ten years following their separation date. SELRES Soldiers who transfer/or are discharged to the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and who subsequently separate from the IRR, are not eligible for the ten-year delimiting period.
- Prior to 1 August 2011, Selective Reservists may be eligible for both Chapter 1607 and Chapter 33 after serving 90 consecutive days on active duty for a qualifying contingency operation.
- A Soldier eligible for Chapter 1607 who is also eligible for the Chapter 1606 kicker may also be paid the Chapter 1606 kicker.

### 2.3.1 REAP \$600 Buy-Up Program

**Overview.** Servicemembers eligible for Chapter 1607 may be able to participate in the “REAP Buy-up” program. This provision allows Servicemembers to contribute an additional amount of money to increase their monthly benefit payout. **Soldiers do not have to be on active duty in order to pay the additional money for the buy-up.** Soldiers must be members of the SELRES, ING, IRR to contribute to the \$600 Buy up. The maximum \$600 additional contribution will increase the basic full-time Chapter 1607 benefit by \$150 per month for a total of \$5400 in additional benefits.

#### **How Do I Qualify?**

- Contribute up to \$600
- Notify the VA of your eligibility for the REAP Buy-Up program

#### **What Do I Get?**

- Up to \$150/month additional payment
- For contributions less than \$600, payment of \$5/month for every \$20 contributed

#### **How Do I Apply?**

- ✓ Contact the GI Bill Support Team at;
  - [ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx.arng-hrm-o-gi-bill-1607@mail.mil](mailto:ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx.arng-hrm-o-gi-bill-1607@mail.mil).
- ✓ The GI Bill Support Team will reply to applicant by email with enrollment instructions and required documentation to be completed.

## 2.4 Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty (MGIB-AD)

### Chapter 30, Title 38 U.S. Code

**Overview.** Chapter 30 is generally an education program that applies to veterans who began active duty or AGR service for the first time after June 30, 1985, contributed \$1,200, and received an honorable discharge.

#### ***References***

- Title 38-USC, Chapter 30
- DoDI 1322.16, 18 June 2002
- AR 135-7, ARNG and United States Army Reserve (USAR) Incentives Programs, 15 April 1996
- NGB-ARM # 07-11, 31 May 2007
- Department of Veterans Affairs website: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib\\_ad.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_ad.asp)

## **How Do I Qualify?**

- Servicemembers are eligible to enroll in the MGIB-AD if they:
  - Served on Active Duty after 30 June 1985
  - Serve AGR after 29 November 1989
  - Complete a DD Form 2366
  - Contribute \$1,200
  - Receive an Honorable Discharge
- Servicemembers meeting any of the below criteria are not eligible to enroll in the MGIB-AD:
  - Have ever declined the MGIB-AD
  - Are a Service Academy Graduate
  - Had an Initial Active Duty period under Title 10 begin prior to 1 July 1985
  - Had an Initial Active Duty period under Title 32 begin prior to 29 Nov 1989
  - Are an ROTC scholarship recipient who completed ROTC prior to 1 Oct 1996
  - Are an ROTC scholarship recipient after 30 Sep 1996 who received at least \$3,400 of ROTC scholarship benefits in every year of ROTC participation
- ARNG Soldiers who are eligible for the MGIB-AD (whether their 10-year delimiting date has expired or not) and who are federally mobilized on Title 10 Active Duty for 90 days or more and received an Honorable discharge will have their 10-year delimiting date re-established so long as they have remaining benefit entitlement. To receive the additional delimiting time, Soldiers must make a request to the VA and send a copy of their mobilization DD Form 214 to their VA Regional Processing Office (RPO) office.

## **What Do I Get? Rates Effective 1 October 2014**

- A monthly payment directly to you based on amount of active duty time served.
- 100% rate = \$1,717/month      80% rate = \$1,395/month
- Payments are limited by several factors, including:
  - Payment Tier
  - Rate of Pursuit (enrollment full-time/half-time, etc.)
  - Use of Federal Tuition Assistance
  - Active Duty/Drilling Status
- If on Active Duty, you can use the benefit as a Top-Up to your Federal Tuition Assistance
  - Top-Up means FTA will pay first, then Chapter 30 will pay the cost of tuition and fees not covered by FTA, not to exceed the monthly Chapter 30 rate
  - You have 10 years from the last day of qualifying Active Duty time to use this benefit

## **How Do I Apply?**

- ✓ Contact the GI Bill Support Team at
  - [ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx.arng-hrm-o-gi-bill-ch30@mail.mil](mailto:ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx.arng-hrm-o-gi-bill-ch30@mail.mil).
- ✓ The GI Bill Support Team will reply to applicant by email with enrollment instructions and required documentation to be completed.

## 2.4.1 Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty \$600 Plus-Up Program

**Overview.** This additional contribution option allows Servicemembers currently serving on a qualifying period of Active Duty to contribute an additional amount up to \$600.00. The maximum \$600.00 additional contribution will increase the basic full-time Chapter 30 benefit by \$150.00 per month for a total of \$5400.00 in additional benefits. These additional contributions are not refundable for those who relinquish Chapter 30 to use the Chapter 33 program. AGRs will have their pay reduced via payroll deduction; mobilized Soldiers must submit a certified bank check or money order. On completion of enrollment requirements, it is the Servicemembers responsibility to notify the VA of their eligibility for the Plus-Up program. These additional contributions are not refundable for those who relinquish Chapter 30 to use the Chapter 33 program.

### **How Do I Qualify?**

- Contribute up to \$600
- Notify the VA of your eligibility for the Plus-Up program

### **What Do I Get?**

- Up to \$150/month additional payment
- For contributions less than \$600, payment of \$5/month for every \$20 contributed

### **How Do I Apply?**

- ✓ Contact the GI Bill Support Team at [ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx.arng-hrm-o-gi-bill-ch30@mail.mil](mailto:ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx.arng-hrm-o-gi-bill-ch30@mail.mil).
- ✓ The GI Bill Support Team will reply to applicant by email with enrollment instructions and required documentation to be completed.

## 2.5 Post – 9/11 GI Bill

### **Chapter 33, Title 38 U.S. Code**

**Overview.** Chapter 33 is an education program that is earned by veterans who serve a minimum of 90 days on active duty after September 10, 2001 and receive an honorable discharge. Reserve Component members can earn eligibility by serving on orders under Title 10 Section 672 (d), 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12303(g), 12302, or 12304, on AGR or on Operation Noble Eagle.

### **References**

- Title 38-USC, Chapter 33
- DoDI 1341.13, Post 9/11 GI Bill, 31 May 2013
- Army Post 9/11 GI Bill Implementation Policy
- NGB-EDU ARNG Post 9/11 GI Bill Guidance, 28 January 2010

## **How Do I Qualify?**

- ✓ Serve at least 90 days in a period of qualifying Active Duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001. Qualifying Active Duty service is:
  - Service in any Active component
  - Service under Title 10 USC Sections 672(d), 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12302 or 12304,
  - Title 10 or Title 32 AGR
  - Title 32 Section 502(f), between 11 September 2001 and 31 May 2002. Orders must read “Operation Noble Eagle”.
  - Make an irrevocable election for Post-9/11 GI Bill. If the Servicemember has eligibility for another GI Bill program, it must be relinquished when electing Post-9/11.
- ✓ Basic Training and AIT can be added to qualifying time as long as the Soldier:
  - Already has completed 24 months of qualifying active duty time
  - Completed Basic Training and/or AIT on or after 9/11/2001
- ✓ The following periods of service are NOT qualifying time for Post-9/11:
  - The 4 year ADSO after commissioning from a Title 10 U.S.C. 2107(b) (Dedicated Guard) ROTC scholarship
  - Attendance at a Service academy
  - The 5 year ADSO after commissioning from a Service academy
  - Service terminated due to defective enlistment agreement
  - The 3 year ADSO associated with accepting the Active Duty Student Loan Repayment Program
  - Service period with less than an Honorable discharge
- ✓ Period of Eligibility. In general, an individual's eligibility to use Chapter 33 benefits expires 15 years from the date of the last discharge or release from active duty of at least 90 consecutive days. The 15-year period can be reset by completing a new period of qualifying duty and submitting a VA form 21-4138 to the DVA

## **What Do I Get?**

- Post-9/11 benefit payment tiers are calculated based on the amount of qualifying time a Soldier accrues.

<b>Qualifying Service</b>	<b>Payment Tier</b>
At least 36 cumulative months*	100%
At least 30 cumulative months*	90%
At least 24 cumulative months	80%
At least 18 cumulative months	70%
At least 12 cumulative months	60%
At least 6 cumulative months	50%
At least 90 cumulative days	40%

\*Including Basic Training and AIT

- There are three benefit payments for the Post-9/11 GI Bill: Tuition and Fees, a Monthly Housing Allowance, and a Book and Supply Stipend. All three are pro-rated by the service member's payment tier. The Monthly Housing Allowance and the Book and Supply stipend are further pro-rated by the service member's rate of pursuit (number of credit hours).
  - ✓ Tuition and Fees
    - Up to 100% of in-state tuition if you are attending a public school
    - Max payment of \$20,235.02/year for private or foreign school (FY15)
  - ✓ Monthly Housing Allowance: (MUST be attending at least half-time)
    - Equivalent to BAH of E-5 with dependents
    - Based on zip code of school
    - If attending only online classes: \$754.50 per month.
    - Subject to term start and end dates
    - AGR/Active Duty Soldiers are NOT eligible for the Housing Stipend
  - ✓ Book and Supply Stipend
    - \$41.67/credit hour
    - Up to \$1,000 per academic year
- Post-9/11 may also be used for Non-College Degree (NCD) programs, Correspondence schools, Flight programs, Apprenticeships and On-the-Job Training(OJT), and National Test reimbursements
  - ✓ Students at NCD institutions receive the same benefits as those attending traditional colleges and universities (see above)
  - ✓ Correspondence
  - ✓ Flight students will receive the actual net costs for tuition and fees, up to 11,562 per academic year.
  - ✓ Rates for Apprenticeship and OJT are based on the length of time the student is in training:

Training Period	Monthly rate
First six months	100% of MHA
Second six months	80% of MHA
Third six months	60% of MHA
Fourth six months	40% of MHA
Remaining training	20% of MHA

- ✓ For information on National Testing and Licensing and Certification tests, see Chapter 4 of this handbook.
- Students living in rural areas may qualify for a one-time, \$500 benefit if the student:
  - ✓ Resides in a county with fewer than 7 people per square mile; and,
  - ✓ Relocates at least 500 miles to attend school; or
  - ✓ Relocates any distance by air when no other land-based transportation exists.

### **How Do I Apply?**

- ✓ Go to <http://www.gibill.va.gov/> and complete a Veterans Online Application for Education Benefits (VA Form 22-1990).
- ✓ If you previously used GI Bill benefits complete VA Form 22-1995 instead of a Form 22-1990.
- ✓ The DVA will send a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE).
- ✓ Take a copy of the CoE to the VA representative at the college (or your place of employment if you are in a job-training program).
- ✓ The VA representative will complete an Enrollment Certificate (VA Form 22-1999) and submit it, along with the VA Form 22-1990 to the regional VA office for processing.

### **2.5.1 Yellow Ribbon Program**

**Overview.** The Yellow Ribbon Program payment is paid directly to the school on behalf of the student when the school's enrollment certification is processed. This program allows institutions of higher learning in the United States to voluntarily enter into an agreement with VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate.

#### ***References***

- Department of Veterans Affairs website:  
[http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow\\_ribbon/yellow\\_ribbon\\_info\\_schools.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon/yellow_ribbon_info_schools.asp)

### **How Do I Qualify?**

- Only individuals entitled at the 100% benefit level (or their dependents using transferred entitlement) may receive Yellow Ribbon funding
- Students who served at least 36 months or more on active duty, and
- Students who served at least 30 continuous days on active duty, and were discharged due to service-connected disability

The following are not eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program

- Active Duty personnel
- Spouses of Active Duty personnel using Transferred Entitlement
- Fry Scholarship recipients

### **What Do I Get?**

- The Yellow Ribbon Program can provide additional funding to students whose tuition and fees charge exceeds the in-state, undergraduate cap (before August 1, 2011); or charges for out-of-state tuition, or charges in excess of the yearly cap for students enrolled in private institutions (after August 1, 2011).
- If a school participates in the Yellow Ribbon Program, VA will match each dollar the school contributes up to 50% of the difference between the basic tuition and fees amount payable by VA and the tuition and fee amount charged the student. The combined school and VA contribution can't exceed the tuition and fee amount charged the student.

## 2.6 Transferability

**Overview.** The Department of Defense (DoD) offers members of the Armed Forces the opportunity to transfer Chapter 33 benefits to their spouse or dependent children. Unlike the Post-9/11 GI Bill, the TEB program is not a Soldier entitlement. The ARNG TEB program is an incentive for further service and is intended to promote retention in the ARNG. Soldiers unable to commit or agree to the required service obligation due to various service-limiting situations will not be able to participate in this program. **All ARNG Soldiers considering TEB should initiate the TEB process as soon as they meet the TEB approval requirements.**

### ***References***

- Title 38, USC, Chapter 33
- DoDI 1341.13, Post 9/11 GI Bill, 31 May 2013
- Army Post 9/11 GI Bill Implementation Policy
- NGB-EDU ARNG Post 9/11 GI Bill Guidance, 28 January 2010

### ***How Do I Qualify?***

- Be actively serving in the ARNG;
- Be entitled to the Post-9/11 GI Bill;
- Have served six or more years of qualifying service in the Armed Forces (Active Duty or Selected Reserve) at time of TEB request, and either:
  - Commit or extend as required to serve at least four additional, continuous years in the ARNG (must have an ETS or MRD equal to or greater than four years from the TEB request date); or
  - Currently have ten or more years of qualifying service and be precluded from committing to the four additional years of service due to a statutory release date
  - Agree to serve for the maximum amount of time allowed

### ***What Do My Dependents Get? (Benefits/Rates)***

- Dependent(s) receive the same tier payment as Soldier
- Spouse is subject to the same rules as the transferring Soldier
  - Your spouse's eligibility ends 15 years from your last day of qualifying time
  - Spouses of Soldiers on Active Duty/AGR are NOT eligible for the Housing Stipend
- Children:
  - Cannot use the benefit until you have completed 10 years in the Armed Forces
  - Is always paid as if the Servicemember was in a Non-Active Duty Status
  - Can begin using the benefit on their 18th birthday or completion of requirements for high school diploma or equivalency certificate.
- A child's eligibility ends on their 26th birthday unless you specify an earlier end date. You can modify and/or revoke months between any dependent you originally transferred months to – even after you separate from service.

## How Do I Apply?

- ✓ TEB requests are submitted on the DoD milConnect website at
  - <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect>
- ✓ Other TEB approval criteria may apply. See the current Army National Guard (ARNG) Post 9/11 GI Bill Transferability of Benefits (TEB) Program Policy for the most up to date guidance on the ARNG TEB Program.
- ✓ If you have questions on your eligibility for the TEB program consult with your State or Territory GI Bill Manager and or Education Services Officer.

## 2.7 Comparison of GI Bill Education Programs Chart

A comprehensive comparison can be found on the GI Bill website at the following link:

[http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/comparison\\_chart.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/comparison_chart.asp)

	CH 33	CH 30	CH 1606	CH 1607
<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	Eligibility criteria are complex. The following statements are general eligibility criteria. Students should file an application so the Regional Processing Office can determine if they are eligible and the conditions of their eligibility.			
	Servicepersons who served on active duty for at least 90 aggregate days after 9/10/01.	2 years active duty, 3 years active duty, or 2 years active duty plus 4 years reserves.	Completion of initial active duty for training. Must be active reservist with 6-year obligation.	90 days or more active duty support of contingency operation or full-time National Guard duty responding to National emergency.
<b>BENEFITS FOR INSERVICE STUDENT</b>	<i>Refer to the specific benefit for detailed information</i>			
	Eligible after completing 90 days of aggregate service.	Payable after 2 years continuous active duty.	Yes	Yes
<b>ENTITLEMENT</b>	<b>48 months maximum under two or more programs</b>			
	36 months. May extend to end of term if expires during term. Kickers do not extend.	36 months. May extend to end of term if expires during term. Kickers do not extend.	36 months. No extensions.	36 months. No extensions.
<b>DELIMIT DATE</b>	15 years from last discharge or separation.	10 years from last discharge or separation.  May extend for later period of active duty or disability that prevents completion of program.	14 years from your beginning date of eligibility, or on the day you leave the Selected Reserve.  May extend if disability incurred or aggravated by service in selected reserve prevents completion of program.	10 years from the separation date if separated after completing service contract and discharge isn't dishonorable.  10 years from Chapter 1607 eligibility date if separated for disability.

## 2.8 General Application Process

To Obtain GI Bill and Kicker Benefits from the VA:

- **Step 1: Apply via the VONAPP**
  - Go to [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) and click on “Apply for Benefits”. Click on “Launch VONAPP and Apply for Benefits”. Then click on “Apply for Veterans Benefits Online (VONAPP).” This will open the VONAPP application.
  - Create an account by clicking “I am a new VONAPP user” and filling out the standard personal identifying information.
  - Login to the VONAPP and fill out the VA Form 22-1990 (for Soldiers) or 22-1990e (for Dependents).
  - On the application, ensure that you elect the GI bill you are eligible for and want to use.
  - Upload supporting documents during the application
  - 1606 Reserve Montgomery GI Bill - your NOBE (Notice of Basic Eligibility) available from State GI Bill Manager or iPERMS
  - For 1607 (REAP), Ch. 30 (Active Duty) or Ch. 33 (Post 9/11) - Submit your DD 214’s for Qualifying Active Duty Periods or Orders for current Qualifying Active Duty Periods
  - For Ch. 30 - Submit your DD 2366
  - For a Plus-Up and/or Buy-Up option - Submit your DD 2366-1
  - For GI Bill Kicker - Submit your Kicker contract
  
- **Step 2: Register for Classes and Track Application Progress**
  - Register for classes as soon as your school’s registration period opens
  - Schedule an appointment with your school’s VA Rep/SCO who handles GI Bill Processing. (Note: this is a school employee; they do not work for the VA; they typically work in the financial aid office)
  - The school’s VA Rep/SCO MUST certify your enrollment using a VA form 1999 and the VA Once system. This informs the VA how many hours you are taking, the cost of tuition & fees and reports your rate of pursuit (1/2 time, ¾ time, full time, based on academic discipline of degree program)
  - If a payment is due before you receive your Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) from the VA, your VA Rep/SCO may be able to place your school account on hold to wait for payment from VA.
  - On average, the turnaround time from application to receipt of CoE is 6 to 8 weeks for first-time applicants.
  - You can call the VA at (888) 442-4551 to check the status of an application.
  - When you receive your CoE from the VA, submit a copy to your VA Rep/SCO.
  
- **Step 3: Verifying Attendance**
  - EVERY MONTH while you are in school, you must verify with the VA that you are still in fact taking courses to receive your next monthly deposit. \*This step is not required when using the Post 9/11 GI Bill\*
  - You can do this in one of two ways: Call 1-877-823-2378, or go online at [http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/verify\\_attendance/](http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/verify_attendance/) and verify attendance through the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE)

■ **Step 4: Next Semester**

- Do not resubmit the VONAPP unless you are changing schools or degree plans!
- If you have changed either of these, use the form 22-1995 in VONAPP
- As soon as registration for the next term opens, register for classes early and have the school submit the 1999 in VA Once early to keep those payments coming in

■ **For more information:**

- **Visit [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)**
- Veterans Affairs GI Bill General Information  
Phone: 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551)  
Be advised this line only accepts calls from 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM Central Time
- **Contact your ARNG State Education Office**
- **Contact the Guard Support Center at:**  
Toll Free: (866) 628-5999, or [arng.gsc@mail.mil](mailto:arng.gsc@mail.mil)
- Contact the GI Bill Support Team at:  
[ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx.arng-hrm-o-gi-bill@mail.mil](mailto:ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx.arng-hrm-o-gi-bill@mail.mil)

# Chapter 3

## TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA) PROGRAM



### 3.0 Overview

Soldiers may be eligible for an array of education assistance programs available through the ARNG, as described in this section.

### 3.1 Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

**Overview.** GoArmyEd (GAE) is the virtual gateway for Soldiers to request Tuition Assistance (TA) online, anytime, for classroom and distance learning college courses. It is a dynamic online portal that automates many of the paper-based processes Soldiers historically conducted with their Army Education Counselor. (GAE) is the Soldiers' one-stop location for managing their college education and using TA benefits. (GAE) gives Soldiers access to many regionally accredited colleges and universities, and over 1,000 available degree plans. (GAE) is used by Active Army, National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers to request Federal TA. Soldiers may use (GAE) TA to receive one degree/credential from each of the following levels:

- High school diploma or its equivalency
- Certificate (undergraduate, graduate, or vocational)
- Associate's degree
- Baccalaureate degree
- Master's Degree

TA cannot be used for courses or programs leading to a lower or lateral post-secondary credential that is validated in the Soldiers official military personnel record except in the case for certificates.

### References

- Title 10, USC, Section 2007, Payment of Tuition for Off-Duty Training or Education, 19 Jan 04
- Title 10, USC, Section 2005, Advanced education assistance: Active Duty agreement; reimbursement requirements, 24 September 1980
- AR 621-5, Army Continuing Education System (ACES), Revised 6 September 2009
- AR 600-8-2, Suspension of Favorable Personnel Actions (Flags), 23 October 2012

### How Do I Qualify?

- Enlisted Soldiers and junior Warrant Officers (WO1) must serve in an active drilling status through the end date of the course unless involuntarily separated with an honorable discharge, or otherwise face recoupment.
- Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers (CW2 - CW5) must serve at least 4 years of their remaining selected Reserve Duty Service Obligation (RDSO) from the date of completion of the course in which they received (GAE) TA per US Code, otherwise recoupment will begin on a prorated basis. DA Form 5447-R (Officer Service Agreement) documents this military service obligation.
- Officers and enlisted Soldiers must complete one year of service after graduation from AIT or BOLC prior to being eligible to use FTA. Soldiers intending to pursue a Master's degree must have completed 10 years of service prior to requesting FTA, unless the Soldier did not use FTA for their undergraduate degree.

### What Do I Get?

- 16 credit hours per fiscal year with a cap of \$250 per semester hour
- Must maintain an undergraduate GPA of 2.0 or higher, graduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must receive a grade of C or higher for undergraduate courses, B or higher for graduate courses
- Courses must be part of an approved degree plan

### How Do I Apply?

- ✓ Go to <https://www.goarmyed.com> and locate the "Create/Activate GoArmyEd Account"
- ✓ For step-by-step instructions, see Appendix B of this Handbook.

## 3.2 FTA Recoupment

Class costs will be recouped from a Soldier for:

- Receiving a D or lower grade for undergraduates or a C or lower grade for graduate students
- An incomplete grade not resolved within 120 days
- A course drop for personal reasons
- A class that is not included in the Soldier's degree plan
- An email notification is sent 30 days before repayment begins, except in the case of separation from the Army. See your signed SOU for recoupment rules.

## 3.3 Duplication of Benefits

State TA managers are fiscal agents of the US government and responsible to ensure applicants are not receiving duplication of federal funds in contradiction to US law and NGB guidance.

Servicemembers may use TA in addition to other funding sources (i.e. ARNG Kicker, GI Bill programs, Loan programs, State-funded programs, etc.) to fund their educational expenses based on the following limitations:

- Effective in FY15, Tuition Assistance may not be used concurrently with MGIB-SR (Chapter 1606) or REAP (Chapter 1607) for the same course. Soldiers may use TA and 1606/1607 benefits during the same semester as long as they but may not use those benefits for the same course.
- State-funded programs have no impact on TA programs and should not be a factor in determining Federal TA, subject to any State laws or directives. TA may be used concurrently with State TA but, when combined, **may not exceed** 100% of tuition costs.

- The ARNG's Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP), Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP), and Chaplain Loan Repayment Program (CLRP) are education incentives and have no impact on receiving funds from the TA program.
- Servicemembers not on active duty that are eligible for MGIB-AD (Chapter 30) may use Tuition Assistance, MGIB-AD and ARNG Kicker concurrently.
- Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) ROTC Scholarship and ARNG Kicker, and either REAP (Chapter 1607) or the MGIB-AD (Chapter 30) may be combined.
- In the case where an applicant is eligible for both TA and a Pell Grant, TA should be applied first to allow maximum use of Pell Grant funds.
- Eligible Soldiers may combine the Dedicated ARNG ROTC Scholarship and MGIB-AD (if they previously obtained this benefit while prior Active Duty).
- Applicants receiving ROTC scholarship funding (Tuition Option) under US Code 2107 or US Code 2107a **are not** entitled to TA. Those electing the Room & Board option **are** entitled to use TA.

### 3.4 Tuition Assistance Use with GI Bill

If a student receives education benefits from VA and receives TA benefits from the military, duplication of benefits may be an issue. The issue might involve VA regulations, DoD regulations, military branch specific regulations or all three since VA, DoD, and the military branches all have regulations about receiving VA benefits and TA at the same time. Potential duplication issues are outlined below.

- **Chapter 33 Recipients.** Active duty, National Guard, and Reserve Servicemembers may receive Chapter 33 benefits for the same courses for which they receive TA from the military. Depending on their mobilization time, National Guard and Reserve Servicemembers may have varying percentages of Chapter 33 benefits ranging from 40 to 100%. Schools must deduct TA benefits from the net tuition and fees submitted to VA, and Chapter 33 is used to pay toward the remaining out-of-pocket costs.
- **Chapter 30 Recipients.** Active duty Servicemembers and National Guard and Reserve AGRs may not receive standard Chapter 30 benefits for the same courses for which they receive TA from the military (with the exception of Top-up). If a student takes several courses, the student cannot receive Chapter 30 benefits for the courses for which TA is paid, but the student can receive Chapter 30 benefits up to the cost of tuition for courses for which TA has not paid.
- **Former Active duty Servicemember, who earned Chapter 30 benefits while on Active duty and are currently M-day members of the National Guard or Reserve,** may receive standard Chapter 30 benefits for the same courses for which they receive TA from the military National Guard and Reserve (AGRs cannot).
- **Chapter 30 and "Top-up"** Servicemembers and former Servicemembers who are eligible for Chapters 30 and approved for TA are eligible for Top-up. Top-up allows VA to pay the difference between what TA pays and the cost of the course. The law prohibits Active duty or AGR students from receiving regular Chapter 30 benefits and TA for the same course.

# Chapter 4

## TESTING PROGRAMS



### 4.0 Overview

Testing opportunities are available at National Test Centers, Army Education Centers, State Education Services Offices, and other approved Testing Sites based on the type of test being offered. Tests range from certification exams and college-credit-by-examination to language aptitude and military classification tests. The day-to-day administration and coordination of the testing programs for the ARNG are provided at the State Education Services Office.

### 4.1 Army Personnel Testing (APT) - Military only

**Overview.** Army Personnel Tests affect Soldiers' career choices by determining eligibility for specialized training, and to support the Army's personnel selection and classification process including language proficiency testing. The Army Personnel Testing Program Test Control Officer Handbook, Sep 2014, provides information regarding all tests found under this category, and also contains ordering instructions. For the most current listing of APT tests, eligibility criteria and procedures go to; <https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/APT%20Resources>.

#### References

- AR 611-5, Army Personnel Selection and Classification Testing, 5 February 2008
- AR 612-5, Army Continuing Education System, 6 September 2009
- AR 11-6, Army Foreign Language Program, 13 August 2009
- AR 350-20, Management of the Defense Language Program, 15 March 1987
- AR 601-222, Armed Services Military Personnel Accession Testing Programs, 17 October 2005
- DANTES Web Site, <https://dantes.doded.mil>  
(Select Academic Examination Programs >Education Staff Information >TCO Portal).
- DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH) (Online version), <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>

### **What Do I Get?**

Available APT Tests:

- Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)
- Selection Instrument Flight Training (SIFT)
- Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)
- Defense Language Reading Proficiency Test (DLRPT)
- Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB)
- Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)

### **How Do I Apply?**

- ✓ Soldier must initiate a DA Form 4187 Request for Personnel Action.
- ✓ The Commander/Readiness NCO/Unit Administrator signs the request and the Soldier forwards the document to the ESO.
- ✓ ESO personnel verify that the Soldier is eligible for testing using record data from iPERMS, DA 2-1, TAPDB-G or J1/MILPO. ESO forwards test request to TCO to establish a test date. **Please note that the ESO and TCO could be the same person.**
- ✓ The TCO sets a test date, place and time for testing and notifies the Soldier.
- ✓ Upon completion of testing, the TCO inputs test results into GIMS, and provides the Soldier, the ESO, and the Unit Administrator a copy of the score for record update (the Unit Administrator sends a copy of the test score document to the MILPO for records maintenance and finance for pay update).
- ✓ Approval for re-testing is set forth in the applicable regulations.
- ✓ Request for re-testing as an exception to policy will be forwarded through your ESO to the Testing, Licensing, and Certification Program Manager at National Guard Bureau.

## **4.2 Certification and Licensure Reimbursement Program**

**Overview.** The ARNG currently offers reimbursement for costs associated with earning a National/State licensure or certification, to include: exam, fee, registration fee and up to \$500 for cost of preparatory courses and study materials This reimbursement is available for current ARNG Service members. Reimbursements are subject to the availability of funding and priority is first come, first served.

### **What Do I Get?**

- Reimbursement of exam fee and registration fee.
- Up to \$500 for cost of preparatory courses and study materials.

- Example Exams:
  - Network Security Administrator (NSA)
  - Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB)
  - Commercial Driver License (CDL)
  - Certified Defense Financial Manager (CDFM)
  - Project Management Professional (PMP)
  - National Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP)
  - Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE)
  - Certified Dental Assistant (CDA)
  - Certified Management Accountant (CMA)
  - Certified Medical Administrative Assistant (CMAA)

### **How Do I Qualify? (Eligibility Criteria)**

- Only current ARNG Soldiers are eligible for this benefit
- Spouses, civilians, and contractors are not eligible

*The following restrictions apply:*

- Reimbursements are subject to the availability of funds and is first come, first served.
- Costs for preparatory courses and study materials are only reimbursed if they are not currently available for free through Army e-learning or another source.
- No retakes for which a passing score was previously received are acceptable for reimbursement.
- Each part of a multiple step certification and licensure is eligible for reimbursement.
- Medical and dental certification or licensure reimbursement is available to current ASR/AMEDD students or recent graduates. Recent graduates are eligible for reimbursement if the certification or licensure exam has been taken within one year of graduation.
- Requests for reimbursements must be submitted within 90 calendar days of the exam date.
- Courses that are eligible for Federal Tuition assistance are not reimbursable through this program.
- Only examinations in which a Soldier received a passing grade are eligible.

### **How Do I Apply?**

- ✓ Soldier verifies that the licensure/certification exam is on the list of eligible exams on the cool website at: <https://www.cool.army.mil/search/CredSearchAlpha.htm>
- ✓ Soldier takes the exam.
- ✓ Soldier requests GAE account if one is not already established.
- ✓ Soldier provides the following documents to their State Education Office:
  - A copy of the score report
  - Proof of payment for any preparatory courses, study materials, registration fees, or exam fees (proof of payment includes: what was purchased, the cost of the purchase and a transaction ID (or comparable) showing the payment was processed)
  - Completed reimbursement form
- ✓ Once all documents are collected, Soldier submits the complete packet to their State ESO.

### 4.3 Credit by Examination/DANTES

**Overview.** ARNG Soldiers, their spouses, and civilian employees may benefit from free testing opportunities sponsored by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), and save valuable time and money as well as receive college credit and/or promotion points. College examinations can help you earn college credit while in high school or college; enter college with earned credits; save time and money toward your college degree; and bypass introductory classes in subject areas you already know. ARNG credit-by-exam tests are administered in accordance with the DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH). This reference provides examples of all forms, briefly describes test content, and sets forth administration, re-test, and security procedures. Consult the State Education Office about costs for specific tests. Some tests may include an administrative fee not covered by ARNG funds. For detailed information on DANTES testing programs: <http://www.dantes.doded.mil/>

#### What Do I Get?

- **College Level Examination Program (CLEP).** CLEP subject examinations measure knowledge of basic concepts, principles, relationships, and applications involved in various subject areas. Servicemembers are able to take the computer-based CLEP exams at base-sponsored National Test Centers (NTC) and local academic institutions offering these tests.
- **DANTES Standardized Subject Test (DSST).** DSST is an extensive series of examinations in college level and technical subjects comparable to the final or end-of-course exam in specific undergraduate courses. DSST can help you earn college credit while in high school or college; enter college with earned credits; save time and money toward your college degree; and bypass introductory classes in subject areas you already know.
- **General Education Development (GED).** The General Educational Development Exam (GED) was developed for adults who have not completed a formal high school education.
- **Assessment Test (ACT).** The ACT test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work
- **Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT).** SAT is a standardized test for college admissions. SAT can determine whether or not a person is ready for college.
- **Graduate Record Examination (GRE).** GRE is a commercially run standardized test that is an admission requirement for many graduate schools. The exam focuses on testing abstract thinking skills in the areas of mathematics, vocabulary, and analytical writing.
- **Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT).** Graduate Management Admission Test is a computer adaptive standardized test in mathematics and the English language for measuring aptitude to succeed academically in graduate business studies. Business schools commonly use the test as one of many selection criteria for admission into an MBA program.
- **The PRAXIS Series (tests for teacher licensing certification).** Praxis test is one of a series of teacher certification exams written and administered by the Educational Testing Service. Various Praxis tests are usually required before, during, and after teacher training courses.

**Note:** Always ensure that the college you are attending will accept credit and inform you of acceptable passing scores for the test(s) you plan to take.

## ***Funding For Testing***

Most tests sponsored by DANTES offered at Army/ARNG Education Centers are at no cost for eligible military personnel and on a limited funded basis to eligible civilians. CLEP and DSST are offered free to the ARNG Soldier and the ARNG spouse. DANTES authorizes up-front funding of the CLEP eCBT test fee for eligible military and civilian examinees at National Test Centers. **DANTES does not fund the advanced, non-refundable registration fee charged by National Test Centers to reserve a date and time for testing.** The examinee is responsible for paying this fee. For current testing and registration fees, consult your ESO or TCO.

## ***How Do I Qualify? (Eligibility Criteria)***

- Actively drilling ARNG Soldiers are eligible for this benefit
- Spouses are eligible for CLEP and DSST only.

## ***How Do I Apply?***

To take one of the tests listed above. Soldiers have the following options;

- **National Testing Centers (NTCs).** For the nearest NTC, visit: [http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_clep/searchCLEPTestCenter.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_clep/searchCLEPTestCenter.jsp) and follow the search criteria. An “Open” center agrees to test any examinee that pays the non-refundable advance registration fee. Those centers designated by an American flag are Military-Friendly test centers and actively promote testing services to members of the US Armed Forces. Military identification is required for DANTES-funded testing.
- National testing sites offer the following advantages:
  - All 34 test titles are available.
  - Availability of year-round testing on the “English Composition with Essay” test.
  - Instant scoring for all but the “English Composition with Essay” test.

**Note: Soldiers are recommended to contact the NTC directly, as procedures and scheduling varies at each NTC.**

- **DANTES Test Sites.** States with active DANTES Test Sites (located at Army Education Centers or selected ARNG Education Services Offices) offer testing for ACT and SAT.

**Note:** Check with your local State ESO to see which testing options are available in your State.

## 4.4 GI Bill and Testing

### ***Licensing and Certification Tests***

- **Effective August 1, 2009.** Chapter 33 students may be reimbursed for one licensing or certification test. The reimbursement cannot exceed \$2,000. The test must be approved for VA benefits.
- **Effective October 1, 2011.** Individuals may be reimbursed for multiple licensing and certification exams. One month of entitlement (rounded to the nearest whole month) will be charged for each \$1,460 paid. The test must be approved for VA benefits. The amount equivalent to one month of entitlement will be adjusted each year based upon a COLA.
- Additional information on approved licensing and certification tests can be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs website: <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchLCCriteria.do>

### ***National Tests***

- **Effective October 1, 2011.** Individuals may be reimbursed for multiple national tests (e.g. SAT, GRE, LSAT, etc). One month of entitlement (rounded to the nearest whole month) will be charged for each \$1,460 paid. The test must be approved for VA benefits. The amount equivalent to one month of entitlement will be adjusted each year based upon a COLA.
- Additional detailed information on approved national tests can be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs website: <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchNE.do>

### ***Additional information on Licensing, Certification and National Tests using the following education assistance programs: Chapters 30, 32, 33, 35, 1606, 1607***

- VA can reimburse the cost of approved licensing and certification tests. Students are reimbursed the cost of the test, not to exceed the approved cost of the test or \$2,000. Benefits can be paid for tests that are not passed, for tests retaken if not passed, and for tests required to be recertified or to renew a license.
- Students must be eligible for benefits to receive test reimbursement. They must have remaining entitlement and their delimiting date must not have passed.
- Information about test fee reimbursement can be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs website: [http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/licensing\\_certification.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/licensing_certification.asp)
- VA students can be reimbursed the fee charged for national admission tests and national tests for college credit. Currently the only approved tests are:
  - SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test)
  - LSAT (Law School Admission Test)
  - GRE (Graduate Record Exam)
  - GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test)
  - AP (Advanced Placement Exam)
  - CLEP (College-Level Examination Program)
  - ACT (American College Testing Program)
  - DAT (Dental Admissions Test)
  - MAT (Miller Analogies Test)
  - MCAT (Medical College Admissions Test)
  - OAT (Optometry Admissions Testing)
  - PCAT (Pharmacy College Admissions Test)

- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
- DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests)
- ECE (Excelsior College Examinations)
- TECEP (Thomas Edison College Examination Program)
- Complete detailed information and directions for applying for reimbursement can be found on the Department of Veterans Affairs website at:  
**[http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/national\\_testing.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/national_testing.asp)**.
- A list of all approved national tests and approved charges can be found through the following link:  
**<http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchNE.do>**.

### ***Entitlement Charge***

- Under the Post-9/11 GI Bill, individuals are charged one month of entitlement for each \$1,460 reimbursed (for Academic Year 2011-2012) rounded to the nearest non-zero whole month. This amount is subject to an annual cost of living allowance.
- Under the other benefit programs, entitlement is charged by dividing the amount paid by the full-time monthly institutional rate payable during the fiscal year in which the test was taken. The amount charged is not rounded to the nearest month.

# Chapter 5

## EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES



### 5.0 Overview

#### 5.1 Guard Support Center (GSC)

**Overview.** The ARNG GSC was conceived to centralize Subject Matter Experts who provide support to the State Education Offices and provide support services to ARNG Soldiers, their families, and civilian employees of the Guard. The Center is located at the Professional Education Center (PEC) in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Services are available Monday through Friday, 0800-1700 CST. Education Counselors may be reached at **1-866-628-5999** or through email at **arng.gsc@mail.mil**.

Counselors are available to work in conjunction with your State Education Services Office to meet your counseling needs. Services available through the GSC include: Federal Tuition Assistance and GI Bill program Guidance, the college selection process, alternative credit options such as Testing and JST, and Apprenticeship Support.

#### 5.2 Joint Services Transcript (JST)

**Overview.** The Joint Services Transcript (JST) contains a record of all of the Soldier's military educational experiences, including those for which there are evaluated college credit recommendations. This document helps college registrars award college credit for learning experiences gained while in the military, provides a supplement to a Soldier's résumé and provides employers with a good understanding of the scope of responsibilities and skills acquired while serving in the military. Acceptance of ACE credit recommendations varies depending on an institution's policies, procedures, and degree requirements. To request a transcript visit the JST Web site at **<https://jst.doded.mil/>**

## 5.3 Troops to Teachers

**Overview.** Troops to Teachers is a transition program that assists eligible military personnel in meeting the requirements necessary to become teachers in K-12 public, public charter, and Bureau of Indian Affairs schools serving low-income families. Implemented in 1994, this national program is overseen and funded by the Department of Defense and managed by the Department of the Navy through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES). TTT is headquartered in Pensacola, Florida and serves all states and territories through its state and regional offices. To date, TTT has helped over 17,000 participants transition to second careers in K-12 education.

### **Goals and Objectives**

The goal of Troops to Teachers is to help improve American education by providing mature, motivated, experienced and dedicated personnel to teach in those schools where their skills are most needed. The program has three objectives:

- Help relieve teacher shortages, particularly in math, science, special education and other “critical need” subject areas.
- Provide positive role models for the nation’s public school students.
- Assist military personnel to successfully transition to teaching as a second career.

### **Services**

After registration, TTT provides participants with two types of services:

- **Counseling, mentorship and referral assistance:** Includes guidance about certification pathways and access to a wide network of volunteer mentors who provide valuable advice and guidance at the local level. Referral assistance includes providing participants with the necessary information on job availability, preparing them for employment, and in some cases, arranging interview opportunities. These services are available to all program participants.
- **Financial Assistance:** The maximum amount of financial assistance provided to eligible TTT participants may not exceed \$10,000. Assistance comes in two forms, a \$5,000 stipend for teacher certification and licensure costs and a bonus up to \$10,000. TTT participants receiving financial assistance must agree to teach for three years in a high-need public, public charter, or Bureau of Indian Affairs school. Eligibility for financial assistance is determined by the Troops to Teachers national office upon completion of the registration process.

### **Registration**

- To register for the Troops to Teachers program visit <http://www.proudtoserveagain.com>
- Additional program information can be found on the DANTES website: <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>

## 5.4 Army e-Learning (Self Development Center)

**Overview.** The Self Development Center is an Army Computer Based Training (CBT) System that provides free access to more than 1,500 Information Technology, Business Skills, and Interpersonal Skills courses and personal mentoring. These courses may apply as college credit and may count for promotion points. Courses in application development, systems administration, business skills, and interpersonal skills are a good source for use in preparation of some certification exams. For further information and to enroll visit

<https://www.atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/eLearningWelcome.aspx> and log onto Army eLearning.

## 5.5 Registered Apprenticeship and On-the-Job Training Programs

**Overview.** Employer-sponsored Registered Apprenticeship (RA) and On-the-Job training programs provide a unique opportunity to earn full-time wages, collect GI Bill benefits, and attain a nationally recognized credential in over 1,100 officially recognized occupations. Key RA industries include: aerospace, biotechnology, construction, energy, geospatial, health care, information and communications technology, advanced manufacturing, and transportation and logistics.

To identify RA training programs sponsored by nearly 16,000 employers nationwide, visit <http://www.doleta.gov/oa/>. To identify RA training programs approved for the use of GI Bill benefits, visit <http://www.mynextmove.org/vets/> or visit <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weampub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>. Select “On-the-Job Training/Apprenticeship” from the “Program Type” dropdown menu, then search by either state or job title.

## 5.6 Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges

**Overview.** SOC is a consortium of more than 2,000 institutions of higher education, 15 national higher education associations, the Department of Defense, and the military services, (including the National Guard and the Coast Guard), dedicated to supporting, expanding, and improving the voluntary postsecondary education needs of Servicemembers worldwide.

- SOC member institutions are accredited, degree granting, and are listed in the Higher Education Directory. As members, they agree to: a reasonable transfer of credit to avoid excessive loss of previously earned credit and avoid course work duplication; recognize and use the *ACE Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services* in evaluating and awarding academic credit for military training and experience; award credit for at least one nationally-recognized testing program such as College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DSST; and limit academic residency requirements to no more than 25% of the overall degree requirement, or 30% if the degree is **entirely** online.
- Each institutional member has designated an Institutional Representative, SOC Counselor, and VA Counselor to assist Servicemembers with their educational requirements and answer their questions. These individuals are the Soldier’s first line of contact for issues involving their education.
- SOC members welcome the added advantage of Soldier-students attending their institutions and are committed to enhancing the quality of their work through education. Soldiers with questions or concerns about SOC colleges and universities can call SOC’s helpline at **1-800-368-5622** for assistance. For more information visit SOC’s Web site at <http://www.soc.aascu.org/>

# Chapter 6

## ARNG EDUCATION INCENTIVES



### 6.0 Overview

Administer ARNG bonus and incentives to support the strength readiness objectives of the 54 States & Territories while providing stewardship, resource management & policy guidance for Selective Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP) and Army Medical Department Incentives Program (AMEDDIP).

### 6.1 ARNG Health Professional Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP)

**Overview.** For Army Medical Department (AMEDD) officers on the critical war time shortage list who have qualifying student loans upon joining the ARNG or acquired during their time as a member in the Army National Guard for continued qualifying education, this program may pay up to \$240,000 while they are a member of the ARNG. Current Army National Guard officers who extend their initial military service obligation may also be eligible for this program providing they meet certain requirements. An Army National Guard AMEDD Recruiter or your State Incentives' Office personnel can provide more details. Be sure to reference current policy and inquire with your State's AMEDD Recruiter for up to date details on this program.

### **How Do I Qualify?**

Be sure to reference current policy and inquire with your State's AMEDD Recruiter and Incentives Manager for up to date details on this program. To be eligible, AMEDD Officers must meet all the requirements for accessioning and commissioning as an AMEDD Officer in the ARNG, and:

- Must be on the critical wartime shortage list
- Must be assigned to an authorized TDA/ MTOE unit
- Must be sitting in an authorized duty position, or authorized duty position on the substitution list
- Must possess outstanding educational loans toward the first qualifying degree towards the awarded area of concentration

### **What Do I Get?**

- Medical Corps, Dental Corps: \$40,000 per year, with a \$240,000 lifetime cap.
- Physician Assistants and Behavioral Science Officers: \$25,000 per year, with a \$75,000 lifetime cap.

### **How Do I Apply?**

- ✓ AMEDD officers on the critical wartime shortage list interested in HPLR will need to speak to their State's AMEDD Recruiter or AMEDD Incentives Manager to find out if they are qualified for HPLR and what loans may be eligible for repayment. Once found qualified, the AMEDD Recruiter will initiate the HPLR contract in the Guard Incentives Management System and the requested document will be submitted for approval.

## **6.2 ARNG Chaplain Loan Repayment Program (CLRP)**

**Overview.** The ARNG Chaplain Loan Repayment Program is offered for the purpose of maintaining adequate numbers of qualified chaplains within the ARNG.

### **How Do I Qualify?**

Individuals enrolled in the Chaplain Candidate Program are **not** eligible to participate in the ARNG CLRP. Be sure to reference current policy and inquire with your State's Incentives Manager for up to date details on this program. To be eligible, Chaplain must meet all the requirements for accessioning and commissioning as a Chaplain in the ARNG, and:

- Must not be simultaneously receiving an Officer Accession Bonus (OAB), Officer Affiliation Bonus (OAFB), Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) or any enlisted bonus incentive.
- Must be Duty Area of Concentration Qualified (DAOCQ) as a 56A and not coded excess "9993" in the Guard Incentive Management System (GIMS).
- Must be assigned to an authorized Unit Identification Code (UIC).
- Must not have been a two-time non-select for promotion.
- Must possess outstanding educational loans secured on or after 1 October 1975; loans must have been applied towards a graduate education or professional qualifying degree courses resulting in a Masters of Divinity Degree or equivalent. State and private loans are not eligible.

- Must possess a degree from an accredited theological seminary that is listed as a National Faith-Related Accrediting Organization in the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) or approved by the Armed Forces Chaplains Board.
- Must have a GIMS CLRP Pre-Approval application approved by the State Incentive Manager.
- Must sign a written agreement to serve not fewer than three years as a Chaplain in the ARNG.

### **What Do I Get?**

The maximum amount of the ARNG CLRP is up to \$80,000.00 (\$20K for each 3-year period of obligation) by law and covers the loan's principle, interest, and related expenses. The maximum annual payment made for eligible participants under the CLRP may not exceed \$6,666.66 for each year of the incentive term.

### **How Do I Apply?**

The Chaplain must provide the State Officer Strength Manager (OSM) copies of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Summary Aid and Detailed Loan Information Sheet(s) or copies of promissory note(s) and disbursement sheet(s) for any Title IV loan(s) not listed on the NSLDS documentation. These documents must be dated within 30-days of the CLRP Pre-Approval request. Once the State OSM has submitted the CLRP Pre-Approval request in GIMS and it is approved by the State Incentive Manager, the State OSM will then answer the CLRP eligibility questions in GIMS. Once GIMS determines that the Chaplain meets CLRP eligibility, the OSM will print out the CLRP agreement and sign it with the Chaplain. The date on the CLRP agreement establishes the 3-year service obligation period. In order to complete a new 3-year CLRP agreement, the Chaplain must repeat the application process and sign a new CLRP agreement once approved.

## **6.3 ARNG Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)**

**Overview.** The ARNG Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) is offered as an enlistment incentive for ***Prior Service (PS) and Non-Prior Service (NPS) enlistees*** and as a retention tool for current Guard Soldiers who have eligible student loans

### **How Do I Qualify?**

- Must possess one or more qualifying and disbursed Title IV Federal loans that are not currently in default. Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS loans) are eligible for repayment as long as the Soldier is the borrower and the loans(s) are in the Soldier's name. State and private loans are not eligible.
- Disbursed loan(s) must have been disbursed prior to the date of affiliation, enlistment or reenlistment/extension.
- Must be affiliating, enlisting or reenlisting/extending for a minimum period of 6-years in an active drilling status.
- Loan(s) that are in default on the SLRP contract signature date are never eligible for repayment, regardless if default status is removed afterwards.

- Must not be affiliating/enlisting as a Glossary Non-Prior Service (GNPS), 09R Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) Cadet, 09S Officer Candidate School (OCS) Candidate.
- Must not be affiliating/enlisting into the Recruit Force Pool (RFP), Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program or have or will receive a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) scholarship.
- Must not have previously received SLRP.
- Must have a GIMS SLRP Pre-Approval application approved by the State Incentive Manager.
- The maximum annual payment is 15 percent of the eligible principle(s) or \$500.00, whichever is greater.
- Payments are capped at \$7,500.00 annually.
- The annual payment will include interest as long as the combined principal and interest payment does not exceed the maximum amount authorized by law.
- Entitlement is for the contracted period only.
- Enlisted Soldiers receiving SLRP will remain eligible while attending Officer Candidate School (OCS) or Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) or after contracting into the ROTC/ SMP programs. Soldiers may also remain eligible upon commissioning or appointment, subject to the original restriction that their loan will be paid within the same period established in their original enlistment documents.

ARNG Recruiters/Reserve Component Career Counselors (RCCC)/Incentive Managers determine loan eligibility using NSLDS and/or applicable promissory notes/disbursement sheet(s) for enlistees who meet the following criteria:

- NPS & PS SLRP recipients must enlist/affiliate into a Critical Skill (CS) and UIC vacancy that matches the authorized skill level position within Tier Levels 1-6. Note: NPS must be in grade E-4 and below and PS must be in grade E-7 or below.
- Must enlist/affiliate into a valid, authorized UIC vacancy as per current ARNG SRIP policy.
- NPS applicant must have an Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT) score of 50 or higher.
- PS applicant must be Duty Military Occupational Specialty Qualified (DMOSQ) in the contracted SLRP MOS at time of enlistment/affiliation.
- PS applicant must have less than 16-years Time-in-Service (TIS) on contract start date.
- PS Soldier affiliating off of Active Duty (AD) must meet the Re-Entry (RE) and Separation Program Designator (SPD) codes.
- PS Soldier must have received an Honorable discharge or an Honorable release at the conclusion of all periods of prior military service. A General under Honorable conditions discharge for any period of service is ineligible. (Exception: Soldiers who completed IADT with an uncharacterized discharge).
- PS Soldier must not be enlisting under the provisions of a Conditional Release (DD Form 368) from a Selected Reserve (SELRES) component other than the United States Army Reserve (USAR).
- NPS/ PS applicants contract at MEPS. Soldiers affiliating from AD contract with an RCCC in GIMS.

ARNG Unit Readiness NCOs/Retention NCOs/Incentive Managers determine eligibility of **current members** determine loan eligibility using NSLDS and/or applicable promissory notes/disbursement sheet(s) who want to reenlist/extend for SLRP and meet the following criteria:

- Must be in Pay Grade E-7 or below.
- Must be DMOSQ and assigned as the primary position holder not coded "9993" in GIMS.
- Must reenlist/extend in an authorized UIC as per current ARNG SRIP policy.
- Must have less than 13-years TIS at time of current ETS date.
- Must reenlist/extend within 365-91 days of his or her ETS date.
- Must not be in an Active Guard Reserve (AGR) or Full-Time Military Technician (Mil-Tech) status on contract signature and start dates.
- Must not be assigned in a Medical Management Agency (MMA) and coded "999M" in GIMS.
- Must not be currently under any type of Suspension of Favorable Personnel Action (SFPA).
- Must not have declined to participate in the Deployment Extension Stabilization Pay (DESP) program.
- Soldiers who enter the program after 1 March 2009 may extend beyond his/her initial 6-year SLRP contract until such time as he/she reaches the maximum dollar amount that was authorized on the date of the initial SLRP contract.

**Note:** *Be sure to reference current policy and inquire with your State's Incentives Manager for up to date details on this program.*

### **What Do I Get?**

The maximum amount of the ARNG SLRP is \$50,000.00. The maximum annual payment made for eligible participants under the SLRP may not exceed \$7,500 for each anniversary year of the incentive term. Soldier must meet all the payment eligibility requirements as per the current ARNG SRIP policy.

### **How Do I Apply?**

The Applicant/Soldier must provide the Recruiter, RCCC or Unit Readiness NCO copies of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Summary Aid and Detailed Loan Information Sheet(s) or copies of promissory note(s) and disbursement sheet(s) for any Title IV loan(s) not listed on the NSLDS documentation. These documents must be dated within 30-days of the SLRP Pre-Approval request. Once the Recruiter, RCCC or Unit Readiness NCO has submitted the SLRP Pre-Approval and it is approved by the State Incentive Manager, the MEPS Guidance Counselor (GC), Recruiter, RCCC or Unit Readiness NCO will complete the eligibility process within the Recruit Quota System (REQUEST)/GIMS and upon eligibility being determined, the MEPS Guidance Counselor (GC), Recruiter, RCCC or Unit Readiness NCO will print out the SLRP agreement out of the Guidance Counselor Resource Center (GCRC)/GIMS and sign it with the Applicant/Soldier. The contract signature date on the SLRP addendum establishes the 6-year service obligation period for all NPS/PS Applicants/Soldiers. The 6-year service obligation for a current Service member begins 1-day after Service member's current ETS date. Current Service member's reenlisting/extending under an SLRP contract executed after 1 March 2009, must not complete a new SLRP addendum.

## 6.4 ARNG 09S SLRP

**Overview.** The ARNG 09S SLRP is offered as an enlistment incentive for **PS and NPS enlistees** who have eligible student loans and meet the eligibility requirements

### **How Do I Qualify?**

- Must possess one or more qualifying and disbursed Title IV Federal loans that are not currently in default. Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS loans) are eligible for repayment as long as the Soldier is the borrower and the loans(s) are in the Soldier's name. State and private loans are not eligible.
- Disbursed loan(s) must have been disbursed prior to the date of enlistment.
- Must enlist for a minimum period of 6-years in an active drilling status.
- Loan(s) that are in default on the SLRP 09S contract signature date are never eligible for repayment, regardless if default status is removed afterwards.
- Must enlist into a manually created 09S vacancy and receive a 09S SLRP override in REQUEST into an authorized UIC as per current SRIP policy.
- Only available to NPS & PS Applicants only. Must enlist at MEPS.
- Must enlist as 09S Officer Candidate School (OCS) Candidate.
- Both NPS and PS 09S Applicant's must have an AFQT score of 50 or higher.
- Must have a minimum of 90 semester hours listed on official transcripts or have a bachelor's degree or higher.
- Must not be enlisting into the Recruit Force Pool (RFP), Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program or have or will receive a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) scholarship.
- Must not have previously received SLRP.
- Must have a GIMS SLRP Pre-Approval application approved by the State Incentive Manager.
- The maximum annual payment is 15 percent of the eligible principle(s) or \$500.00, whichever is greater.
- Payments are capped at \$7,500.00 annually.
- The annual payment will include interest as long as the combined principal and interest payment does not exceed the maximum amount authorized by law.
- Must complete BOLC within 2-years from date of graduation from OCS.
- Must be commissioned with 3-years from date of enlistment.
- Is eligible to retain 09S SLRP upon being commissioned. Disbursements after the date of enlistment are not eligible for repayment.
- Is not eligible to contract for the OAB incentive.

**Note:** *Be sure to reference current policy and inquire with your State's Incentives Manager for up to date details on this program.*

### **What Do I Get?**

The maximum amount of the ARNG 09S SLRP is \$50,000.00. The maximum annual payment made for eligible participants under the 09S SLRP may not exceed \$7,500 for each anniversary year of the incentive term. Soldier must meet all the payment eligibility requirements as per the current ARNG SRIP policy.

### **How Do I Apply?**

The Applicant/Soldier must provide his/her Recruiter copies of the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Summary Aid and Detailed Loan Information Sheet(s) or copies of promissory note(s) and disbursement sheet(s) for any Title IV loan(s) not listed on the NSLDS documentation. These documents must be dated within 30-days of the 09S SLRP Pre-Approval request in GIMS. Once the Recruiter has submitted the 09S SLRP Pre-Approval and approved by the State Incentive Manager, the Applicant/Soldier must be projected to enlist at MEPS, whereby the MEPS GC will complete the eligibility processing. Once the Applicant/Soldier is determined to meet the eligibility requirements to enlist as an 09S OCS candidate, the MEPS GC will print out the GCRc 09S SLRP addendum and sign it with the Applicant/Soldier. The contract signature date on the 09S SLRP addendum establishes the 6-year service obligation period for all NPS/PS 09S SLRP Applicants/Soldiers.

# Chapter 7

## COMMISSIONING PROGRAMS



### 7.0 Overview

Soldiers, who enjoy the Guard and want to increase their leadership potential, may want to consider entering one of the commissioning programs. Some of these programs cover tuition costs and provide an extra stipend for other expenses. Upon graduation, Soldiers may receive a commission as an officer. Visit Cadet Command's Web site at <http://www.goarmy.com/ROTC> for details.

### 7.1 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)

**Overview.** Many colleges and universities have a Senior ROTC program as part of their curriculum. Army ROTC is a 2- to 4-year program in which there is no commitment for the first two years of classes. Prior to the third year, students will sign a service commitment (ROTC contract) and be formally enrolled in the "advanced" program. Thus, almost any student may enroll in the first levels (first two years) of the program. Veterans and current military members who are MOS-qualified (Military Occupational Specialty) may be eligible for an accelerated two-year ROTC program in lieu of the four-year program.

### 7.2 ROTC Scholarships

**Overview.** Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarships and Dedicated ARNG (DEDNG) scholarships are available through the Army Reserve Officers' Training Course (ROTC). These scholarships guarantee that commissioned Cadets can serve in the ARNG. GRFD scholarships are available for up to two years and allow simultaneous use with the Chapter 1606/ MGIB-SR or Chapter 1607/REAP GI Bills. The DEDNG scholarship is available for up to three years but does not allow simultaneous use with the Guard GI Bill.

### **How Do I Qualify?**

- Must be a U.S. Citizen
- Must have and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Must be under 31 years of age for the entire year of commissioning
- Must pass the Army Physical Fitness Test
- Must meet Army height/weight standards
- Must be a full-time student and be of good moral character.
- Most cadets will serve an eight-year obligation (MSO) as a drilling Officer upon commissioning. Contact the Professor of Military Science (PMS) at your school's Army ROTC department to determine eligibility.

### **What Do I Get?**

These scholarships pay full time tuition and mandatory fees, or can pay room & board (not to exceed \$10,000 per year). Room & board payment is for on campus (pays actual cost, not to exceed \$10,000) or off-campus (pays the average R&B plan for the university, not to exceed \$10,000). All scholarships come with a \$1,200 per year book allowance paid directly to the student. National Guard scholarships can be used with any type of State Tuition Assistance; however National Guard scholarships cannot be used with Federal Tuition Assistance. Cadets are also paid a monthly stipend for 10 months in the following amounts: \$350 for the sophomore year, \$450 for the junior year, and \$500 for the senior year. If eligible for Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) the student may qualify for an additional \$350 per month MGIB "SMP" kicker.

**Note:** *All ARNG scholarship students must participate in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) with an ARNG unit when in school. The Cadet drills with an ARNG unit and is paid at the rank of E-5, approximately \$290 per month, unless already in the ARNG and holds a rank higher than E-5. For additional information and details, contact your local ROTC battalion or the Army National Guard Program Manager.*

## **7.3 Early Commissioning Program (ECP)**

**Overview.** The Early Commissioning Program allows graduates of one of the country's five military junior colleges to become commissioned officers in the armed forces reserves in two years, instead of the usual four. Once commissioned, the Officer is required to complete a Bachelor's degree per ARNG contract entry requirements (normally this is a three-year contract). The program is a major financial incentive for students to receive their commissions early and serve as officers while still attending college and gaining service time for promotions and retirement.

### **What Do I Get?**

- Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in two years.
- Begin earning service time toward promotions and retirement following sophomore year in college.
- Monthly stipends during first and second year while enrolled.
- Paid as a Cadet/ E-5 in the Reserves or National Guard if enrolled in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).
- Uniform allowance and book allowance.

**(Consult your ESO for current rates and benefits)**

### ***Military Junior College Participants in the Early Commissioning Program:***

- **Wentworth Military Academy**, Lexington, Missouri. Wentworth Military Academy and College, founded in 1880, is a Military Junior College and private four-year college preparatory high school in Lexington, Missouri. Wentworth is the oldest military school west of the Mississippi River, and the campus is on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **Valley Forge Military Academy and College**, Wayne, Pennsylvania. Valley Forge Military Academy was founded in 1928 by Lieutenant General Milton G. Baker, who modeled many of the Academy's drills, customs, and ceremonies after a British motif. Valley Forge offers a co-ed 2 year junior college program, as well as a military boarding school for young men grades seven through twelve.
- **New Mexico Military Institute**, Roswell, New Mexico. Founded in 1891 by Col. Robert S. Goss as the Goss Military Institute, and inspired by Virginia Military Institute, NMMI includes a four-year high school and a two-year junior college.
- **Marion Military Institute**, Marion, Alabama. Marion Military Institute is the State military college of Alabama. Founded in 1842 as Howard English & Classical School by the Alabama Baptist Convention, the school reorganized as Marion Military Institute in 1887.
- **Georgia Military College**, Milledgeville, Georgia. Georgia Military College, founded in 1879, includes a liberal arts junior college, a high school, and a middle school.

## **7.4 Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)**

**Overview.** Students attending college and enrolled in the ROTC program may be eligible for the SMP option. SMP is a two or three-year program. ROTC provides SMP cadets with a monthly subsistence allowance. Students may also apply for a Two-Year Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship or a Two-Year Dedicated Army National Guard Scholarship. Scholarships in ROTC programs pay for full tuition and fees and a flat rate for textbooks, classroom supplies, and equipment. Graduates (except Dedicated ARNG scholarship recipients who must serve in the ARNG) may be offered a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army, Army Reserves (USAR), or Army National Guard. SMP cadets are non-deployable and cannot be called to Active Duty. Basic and Advanced Training are deferred pending completion of SMP and commissioning. Prior service and Military Occupational Specialty Qualification (MOSQ) are **not** required. Ask your recruiter for information and a list of colleges offering Army ROTC.

### **How Do I Qualify?**

- Army National Guard Soldiers attending colleges sponsoring ROTC units are eligible to apply for scholarships under the SMP option.
- Contracted advanced course cadets may participate in SMP. Basic course cadets are not eligible.

### **How Do I Apply?**

- ✓ In addition to the necessary contracting forms from Cadet Command and USAR/ARNG, participants must complete DA Form 4824 (SMP Agreement between Cadet Command and the USAR Unit) **or** NGB Form 594-1 (SMP Agreement between Cadet Command and the ARNG Unit).

- ✓ To ensure service in the ARNG/USAR upon commissioning, the SMP cadet must obtain a Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) control number from Cadet Command and complete Cadet Command Form 202-R (Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Non-Scholarship Endorsement) or Cadet Command Form 203-R (Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship Endorsement).

## 7.5 Federal Officer Candidate School (Active Component)

**Overview.** A fourteen-week program conducted at Fort Benning, Georgia. The mission of OCS is to train selected personnel in the fundamentals of leadership; basic military skills; instill professional ethics; evaluate leadership potential; and commission those who qualify as second lieutenants in all sixteen basic branches of the Army. Candidates attend the course with Active Duty Soldiers and Soldiers from the Reserves. This program is steeped with a rich heritage and much tradition. The Federal OCS program is considered by many to be the most challenging and demanding of the OCS programs.

### How Do I Qualify?

- Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and must furnish a copy of their official transcripts or an approved waiver from The Deputy Chief of Staff (per Memorandum date 2 September 2009 from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army [Manpower and Reserve Affairs]).
- Achieve a General Technical Aptitude Test (GT) score of 110 or higher on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- Candidates must be no more than 42 years, 364 days of age at the time of commissioning. Minimum age requirement to enroll is 18. Beyond age 30, exceptions must include a waiver.
- Candidates must have successfully completed Basic Combat Training (BCT) and AIT. Soldiers enlisting under the OCS Option must successfully complete BCT.
- To enroll, Candidates must be a US citizen and sign an Officer Service Agreement.
- For information on testing procedures, contact your State ESO.
- For information on application procedures, contact your chain of command.

## 7.6 State Officer Candidate School (OCS)

**Overview.** The State OCS option is a 16-month course of instruction conducted in four phases. Upon commissioning, each officer will attend an Officer Basic Course (OBC) within 12 months in the branch to which they are assigned.

### How Do I Qualify?

- Candidates must have successfully completed Basic Combat Training (BCT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT). Soldiers enlisting under the OCS Option must successfully complete BCT.
- Candidates must have a minimum of 60 semester hours from an accredited college or university annotated on an official transcript **at the time of entry into the program**. Applicants with a 4-year degree must submit an official transcript (from the Institution's Registrar's Office through the State Education Office) confirming graduation.

- Achieve a General Technical Aptitude Test (GT) score of 110 or higher on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- Candidates must complete 90 semester hours towards a Bachelor's degree or 90 hours on an official transcript, and provide a copy of their approved Bachelor's degree plan **prior to commissioning**.
- Commissioning must occur before 42 years of age.
- Candidates must sign an Officer Service Agreement.
- Candidates must provide proof of citizenship (naturalized or by birth). US citizenship is required for commissioning.
- For information on testing procedures, contact your State ESO.
- For information on application procedures, contact your chain of command.

## 7.7 Accelerated Officer Candidate School (OCS)

**Overview.** National Guard Bureau (NGB) conducts an eight-week accelerated OCS program for qualified personnel, in both winter and summer months. Qualified personnel will be identified by OPM (Office of Personnel Management) or OSM (Officer Strength Manager) and enrolled in the course. The candidates will report for screening and indoctrination sessions during OCS IDT (Inactive Duty for Training) drills in the March-May period each year. The course is conducted over eight weeks, from June to August each year. (The three phases of training are conducted at region-specific locations throughout the continental United States, with Phase 3 at Ft. Lewis, VA and Ft. McClellan, AL.) Candidates are eligible for commissioning upon course completion pending federal recognition.

### **How Do I Qualify? (Eligibility Criteria)**

- Candidates must complete 90 semester hours towards a Bachelor's degree on an official transcript, and provide a copy of their approved Bachelor's degree plan **prior to commissioning**. Applicants with a 4-year degree must submit an official transcript (from the Institution's Registrar's Office through the State Education Office) confirming graduation.
- Achieve a General Technical Aptitude Test (GT) score of 110 or higher on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB).
- Candidates must be no more than 39 years, 364 days of age at the time of commissioning. Minimum age requirement to enroll is 18. Beyond age 30, exceptions must be accompanied by a waiver.
- Candidates must have successfully completed BCT and AIT. Soldiers enlisting under the OCS Option must successfully complete BCT.
- Candidates must sign an Officer Service Agreement.
- For information on testing procedures, contact your State ESO.
- Candidates must be a US citizen to enroll.
- For application information, contact your chain of command or your State ESO.

## 7.8 Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS)

**Overview.** The Reserve Component Warrant Officer Candidate School (RC-WOCS) is conducted at Fort Rucker, AL, over a four-week period and must be completed in order for the Soldier to be appointed. Soldiers may also be appointed following successful completion of OCS.

### **How Do I Qualify? (Eligibility Criteria)**

Basic eligibility requirements vary among military occupation specialties (MOS). You may find this information at <http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/index.shtml> and choose prerequisites which will list each MOS. The items listed below are universal for all applicants or applicable as indicated.

- US Citizenship (No Waivers)
- General Technical (GT) score of 110 or higher (No Waivers)
- High school graduate or have a GED (No Waivers)
- FINAL Secret or Top Secret Security Clearance - **Interim clearances will not satisfy the requirement!**
- Pass the standard 3-event Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT) and meet height/weight standards. **APFT must be current and not older than six months by the time the applicants' packet will be boarded.**
- Pass the commissioning physical for technical specialties or the Class 1 (warrant officer candidate) flight physical for Aviators.
- All applicants must have 12 months remaining on their enlistment contract.
- Active Federal Service (AFS): All applicants must have 12 years of AFS or less prior to their packet being boarded. Applicants must submit an **AFS waiver request with the application** if they have 12 or more years of AFS.
- Age Requirements: For 153A, 33rd birthday or less prior to their packet being boarded. For all other WO MOS', 46th birthday or less prior to their packet being boarded. Applicants must submit an **Age waiver request with the application** if they exceed the age requirements specified.

## 7.9 Direct Commission

The intent of this program is to offer an alternate-commissioning source to exceptionally qualified individuals. An individual will not request a direct appointment; rather, an individual must be nominated and selected for consideration by the chain of command. An applicant must have served a minimum of twenty-four months on Active Duty and twelve months in the National Guard. The nominated soldier must have completed their baccalaureate degree and achieve an ASVAB GT score of 110 or higher. The program does not replace or otherwise affect any commissioning programs. Each respective State Military Personnel Officer (MILPO) is the POC for direct commissioning.

# Appendix A

## STATE/TERRITORY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

State-funded education programs vary from state to state. To learn about the most current description of programs, consult your State ARNG Education Office.

State	State Program	Public/Private	Funded/Waiver/Reimbursement	Amount per Soldier annually *All Subject to Availability of Funding (State and Federal)	Stipulations (All require being a member in good standing)
AK	Yes	The State University only	Funded	Up to 12 Credits	Can only be applied after Federal TA limit has been reached
AL	Yes	Alabama public schools	Funded	\$2,000/Year	Not available to SM with more than 180 days of Title 10 service
AR	Yes	Any Arkansas school	Funded	\$2,500/Semester	15-years or less; TIS/No PT or HT/WT flagging actions; must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0; cannot exceed a 130 semester hours/8 semester limit
AZ	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CA	Yes	College Cal Grant eligible	Funded	Depending on type of school and Cal Grant eligible up to \$12,192 per academic year.	2-years minimum in the CA ARNG or SMR and remain active member; CA resident; enroll in at least 3 units; maintain a 2.0 GPA
CO	Yes	Colorado State Schools – Colorado State University-Global online school included and some vocational schools in CO	Funded	Up to \$475 per credit hour. Up to \$4,250 paid per semester/trimester/quarter.	6 month service in CONG required (IST Transfers may get waived); must be degree seeking; Pell Grant applied first; STA must be applied first; any remaining tuition, up to 100%; in law that combined payments cannot exceed 100% of actual tuition costs; no fees paid; 2.0 cumulative grade point average required for continued eligibility; Air Guard eligible also.
CT	Yes	State-supported schools	Waiver	100% Tuition	
DC	Yes	Public and in-state private	Funded	Up to \$1,500/yr for tuition and \$500.00 for books (\$6,000 for Air)	Must successfully complete course or suffer recoupment; maintain 2.0 GPA; No PT failure or HT/WT failure; must have NLT 1 yr remaining before ETS; Used only up to Master's
DE	Yes	Public and in-state private	Reimbursement	Up to the in-state tuition rate	6-yr obligation; must apply all other applicable benefits first
FL	Yes	Public and in-state private	Funded	Up to 100% of tuition/fees/books for FL Public Schools. Private Schools-up to average cost of public school tuition rate	Use FTA first; must pass; must provide official grades; FLARNG member in good standing

<b>GA</b>	Yes	Public and in-state private	Scholarship	\$2,000/year for 4 years	GA residents only Veterans only
<b>GU</b>	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>HI</b>	Yes	Public (University of Hawaii or Community College)	Stipend	\$2000 (\$1000 cap per semester)	Must be a STEM Course and receive C or better
<b>IA</b>	Yes	Both	Grant	Not less than 50% of Cost of Attendance not to exceed State Regents Average Tuition Rate	Complete IADT; be an IA resident; attend an IA school
<b>ID</b>	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>IL</b>	Yes	State-supported only	Grant	100% tuition	Must have minimum of 1 year of service to use
<b>IN</b>	Yes	State schools only	Grant	Up to 100% (15SH) Tuition and certain fees	IN residents only
<b>KS</b>	Yes	State schools, public and private	Funded	Up to 100% depending on requests and funding levels	Used as "Top-up" for Army; main TA for Air; under 20 years service; up to first Bachelors-level degree
<b>KY</b>	Yes	KY Schools only	Funded	Tuition only up to 12 semester hours at the in-state tuition rate	Must have completed Basic Training or contracted SMP; applied before FTA and cannot exceed 100% of actual cost of tuition rate
<b>LA</b>	Yes	Public only	Waiver	100% tuition	LA residents only
<b>MA</b>	Yes	State-Supported only	Waiver	100% tuition/fees	Must pass courses
<b>MD</b>	Yes	Certain Partner Schools	Waiver/Reimbursement	Up to 50% of Tuition and Fees for waiver and up to \$750 or 50% of remaining balance after applying all other applicable benefits.	For Reimbursement: Must attain a C or better and is limited to E4 and below pursuing first degree
<b>ME</b>	Yes	Maine schools	Funded	Up to \$1,500 for ARNG and \$4,500 for ANG	Can only be applied after FTA limit has been reached and incurs a one-year service obligation
<b>MI</b>	Yes	Schools with campus or HQ in MI	Reimbursement	Up to \$4,500 per year	C or better; all ranks; no service obligation; up to Master's or first professional degree
<b>MN</b>	Yes	Public and in-state private	Reimbursement	up to 100% of tuition only at the University of MN undergrad SEM rate	C grade or better; in combination with Federal TA/Chapter 33; cannot exceed 100% of actual tuition
<b>MO</b>	Yes	Both up to In-State rate	Funded	\$274.00/SH up to 100% (0-10 yrs time in service) or 50% (10-17 yrs time in service)	Must maintain 2.5 GPA; must use Federal TA first; pays only tuition
<b>MS</b>	Yes	State-supported schools only	Funded	\$4500/ NMT \$3000 per semester	Undergraduate only; must have completed basic qualification course (AIT/ BOLC); 10-year delineation period from initial usage date

<b>MT</b>	Yes	State-supported schools only	Reimbursement	\$900/Semester	E1-E7, WO1-CW3, O1-O2; 6 year contract with National Guard (Army or Air); must have completed AIT; working on an undergraduate degree; with less than 16 years of service; and be attending a State School - paid only for passing credits
<b>NC</b>	Yes	Public and private schools - only those approved by the NC State Approving Agency	Reimbursement	Varies: amount set by the NC State Education Assistance Authority each fiscal year	Maintain 2.0 GPA; use FTA first; active drilling member of NCNG prior to start of classes; have 2 years remaining on contract with the Guard at the end of the academic period for which tuition assistance is provided; based on availability of funds; first come, first served basis
<b>ND</b>	Yes	State-supported schools and private schools who will agree to waive 25%	Reimbursement	25% waiver/75% Reimbursement	Must exhaust FTA first; C or better; can be used for tuition and Fees; combined cannot exceed 100% of actual costs; failures are recouped; subject to availability of funding; must be a member in good standing; school must be located in state; available to both ARNG and ANG; must be able to complete course prior to ETS; written into state statute; funded by state legislature; is a reimbursement program; is a waiver program; schools must be physically located in state; available for public and private schools; available only to certain partner/member schools; has a lifetime limit; must obtain a minimum grade or better; can be used to pay all tuition and fees during 1 year wait period for FTA
<b>NE</b>	Yes	Nebraska schools up to in-state rate	Funded	75% of tuition up to in-state rate	Must exhaust Federal TA first; Enlisted personnel only; only to the Bachelor's level; must agree to serve an additional 3 years with NENG
<b>NH</b>	Yes	State-supported schools only	Waiver	Up to 100%	Must use all Federal benefits first, including available Post 9-11 GI Bill benefits first
<b>NJ</b>	Yes	Public only	Waiver	100% tuition only	Only covers tuition, not fees
<b>NM</b>	Yes	Public only	Funded	Up to but not to exceed 100%	In combination with other programs, cannot exceed 100% of actual costs
<b>NV</b>	Yes	State-supported only	Waiver Fall/Spring Reimbursement Summer	100% tuition only	Tuition only, no fees
<b>NY</b>	Yes	Public and private schools	Funded	100% of SUNY Tuition Rate	Up to Bachelor's Level; no certificates
<b>OH</b>	Yes	Public and private schools	Funded	100% for public institutions; max for private is average cost of public schools	Up to Bachelor's degree; tuition includes general and instructional fees
<b>OK</b>	Yes	Public only	Waiver	Up to 18 credits - tuition only - per semester	2.0 GPA; up to Bachelor's Degree only. Tuition only; Associate or Bachelor degree program for in-state 2 or 4 year colleges only
<b>OR</b>	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<b>PA</b>	Yes	Any PA school	Funded	\$3,410/semester	6-yr obligation to PANG; must apply all other applicable benefits first (FTA, GI Bill, etc); in combination with other programs, cannot exceed 100% of actual costs; can be used for ALL costs associated with attending an institution of higher learning (tuition, fees, books, room and board, etc) but cannot exceed 100% of costs
<b>PR</b>	Yes	Public and private schools	Funded	Up to \$1,350/year	Member of the PRNG; contribute \$5.00 per month
<b>RI</b>	Yes	3 state-supported schools only	Waiver	5 classes per semester	Waiver program.
<b>SC</b>	Yes	Public and in-state private	Funded	Up to \$9,000/yr (ANG only) ARNG Soldiers are capped at \$4,500.00 not to exceed \$18,000 total. State TA is applied after FTA.	In combination with other programs cannot exceed 100% of actual costs
<b>SD</b>	Yes	Public only	Funded	50% of tuition only	Available to SDNG members at completion of basic training; Soldier must be in good academic standing with the applicable school they are attending; program covers 128 hour cap for Bachelor's and 32 hour cap for Masters
<b>TN</b>	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TX</b>	Yes	In-state public or private school	Reimbursement	Up to \$9,000 a year; subject to funding availability.	In combination with other programs, cannot exceed 100% of actual costs; 12 semester hour limit; spring/fall only. For E-1s through O-5s
<b>UT</b>	Yes	Public and in-state private	Funded	Up to \$6,000	Used only if Federal TA is exhausted
<b>VA</b>	Yes	Public and non-profit private Virginia schools	Funded	\$2,500 for tuition and \$350 for books	Incur a 2-year service obligation to VANG; applied before Federal TA; when combined cannot exceed 100%.
<b>VI</b>	Yes	University of the Virgin Islands only	Waiver	Up to 32 credits lifetime	Cannot be combined with FTA; Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning (CELL) program offers free tuition at the UVI for Veterans who entered the Armed Forces while residing in the Virgin Islands
<b>VT</b>	Yes	Public and in-state private	Loan	As needed	Interest-free loan
<b>WA</b>	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>WI</b>	Yes	All WI Schools	Reimbursement	Up to \$3,996	Enlisted only use after other benefits are applied; cannot be flagged, must achieve a 2.0 GPA for the semester; cannot exceed 8 full time semesters or equivalent; must be a member of the WING on end date of course to be reimbursed
<b>WV</b>	Yes	Public and in-state private	Funded	Up to \$6,000/year	Limit of 10 semester hours undergraduate and 5 semester hours graduate; must maintain 2.0 GPA

<b>WY</b>	Yes	Both up to In-State rate (Wyoming schools only)	Funded	\$1,230/semester	Agree to serve an additional 2 years in WYNG; maintain 2.0 GPA; cannot exceed 100% of actual cost when combined with other programs
-----------	-----	---	--------	------------------	---

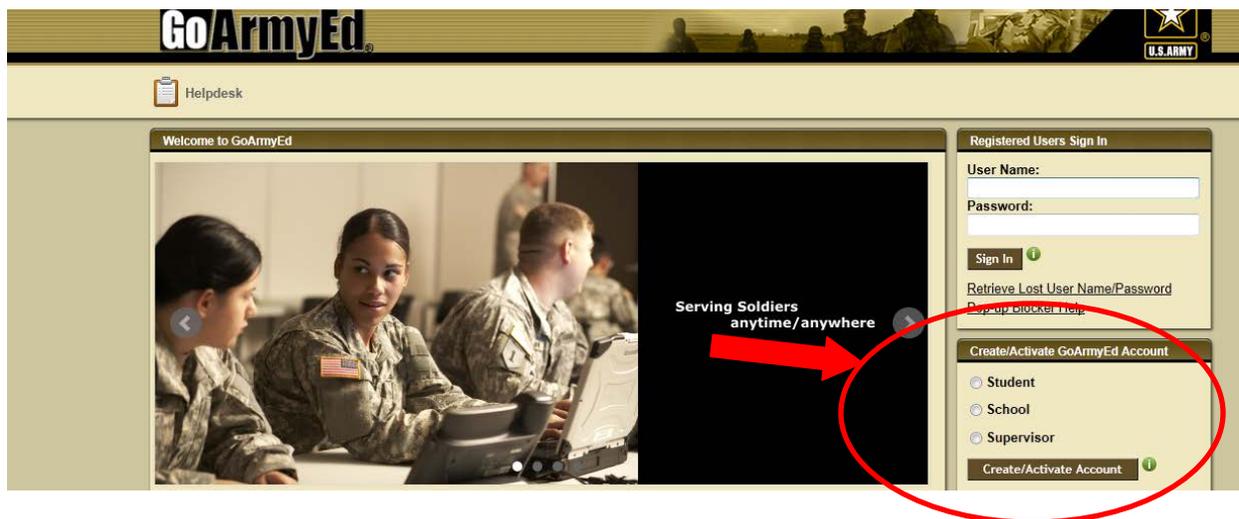
# Appendix B

## New GoArmyEd Account Guide

### New GoArmyEd (GAE) Users

1. Creating or activating your account.

- Go to <https://www.goarmyed.com/login.aspx> and locate “Create/Activate GoArmyEd Account”:



- Select Student and then click “Create/Activate Account”
  - Complete the required information for a base role GAE account. Once this is complete, your GAE username and password will generate. The base role access will allow you access to training, the helpdesk, on-duty classes, and testing.
2. Requesting TA-level access to register for college courses.
- Log in to <https://www.goarmyed.com/login.aspx> using your user name and password.
  - Click the "Request TA Access" Smart Link, where you will be presented with the following steps:
    - Verification of TA Eligibility
    - View and acknowledge training
    - Decide on a home school and educational goal/degree plan
    - Initiate and submit Common Application
    - Acknowledge the Tuition Assistance (TA) Statement of Understanding (SOU)
    - Submit the request for approval
  - After completing the steps listed above, an Army Education Counselor /ESS/ESO will review your application and, upon approval, activate your GAE account. You will receive an email when your application is approved and your access to request TA is granted.

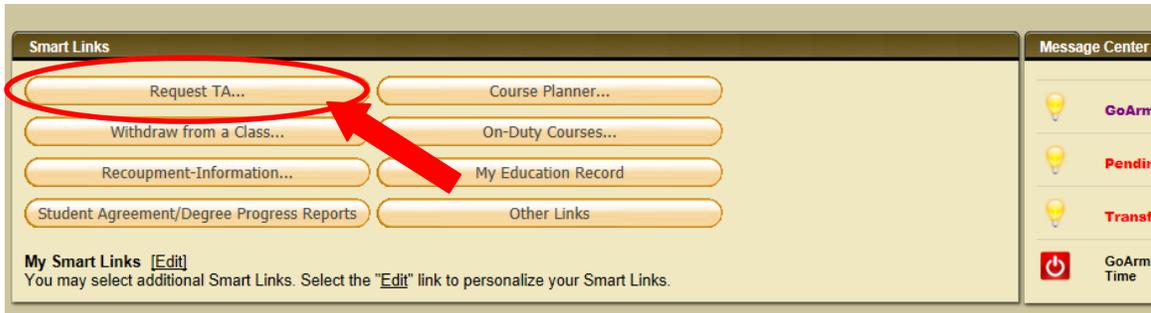
## How to Request TA and Enroll in a Class

All TA Requests MUST be submitted and approved prior to the class start date.

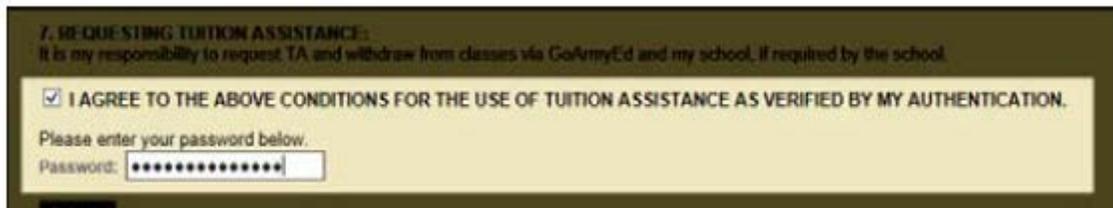
Depending on the school you attend, you will be presented with one of two enrollment paths. GAE will determine your path automatically and all approved TA will be paid directly to your school by the Army upon successful class completion.

### 1. Course Planner.

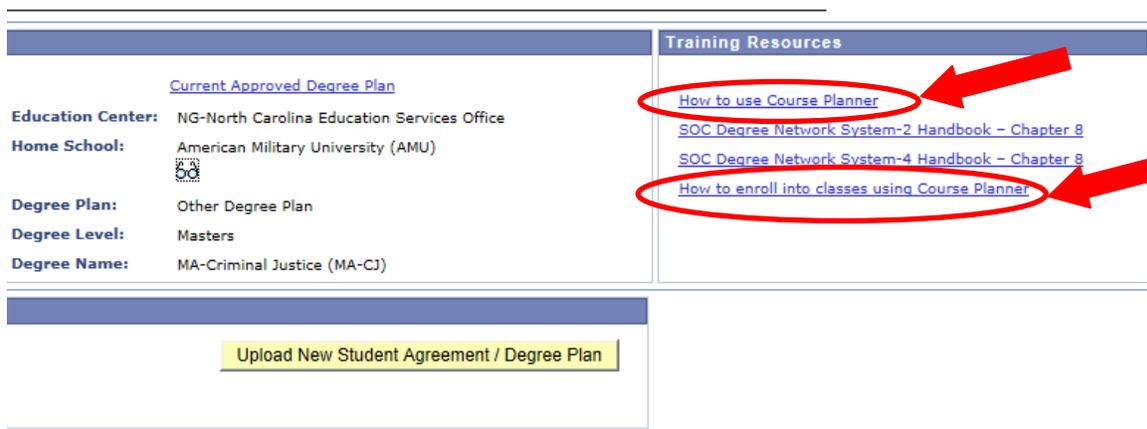
- Log in to <https://www.goarmyed.com/login.aspx>.
- Select the "Request TA" Smart Link.



- If the quarterly "Statement of Understanding" appears, carefully read it and then scroll down to the password box. Enter your password and submit.



- Once the Course Planner screen appears (after completing 6 credit hours with a school), you must complete the Course Planner and submit for approval prior to requesting TA. Select "**How to use the Course Planner**" under the Training Resources link on the right-hand side for more guidance. Once you complete the Course Planner and it has been approved, select "**How to Enroll into Classes using the Course Planner**" link under Training Resources.



2. Requesting TA. There are two ways to request Tuition Assistance in GAE depending on your degree plan; you will automatically be routed to one of the following processes:

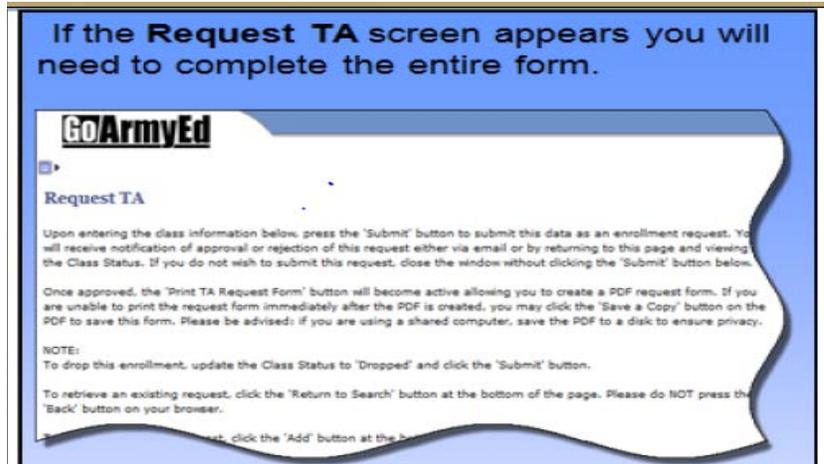
- Schools that do not upload their classes and tuition information into GAE: If all fields are marked with an asterisk (\*) as they are in the snapshot below, that means course and tuition information are **not** uploaded by your school. Follow the instructions below or access instructions located on the GAE Homepage by selecting the **“View Reference Documents”** link in the Training Resources Section. On the Reference Documents page scroll to the resources titled **“How to request tuition assistance through the Tuition Assistance process in GoArmyEd”** to view a video or access a step by step PDF.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Classes' section of the GoArmyEd interface. The form is titled '1. Select classes to add'. It contains the following fields: \*School (Adama State College), \*Subject (empty), \*Catalog Number (empty), and \*Start Date (empty). The 'Next' button is circled in red. Below the form, there is a section for 'Sep 2012 Class Schedule' which states 'You are not registered for classes in this term.' The navigation bar at the top includes 'Search', 'Enroll', and 'My Academics'.

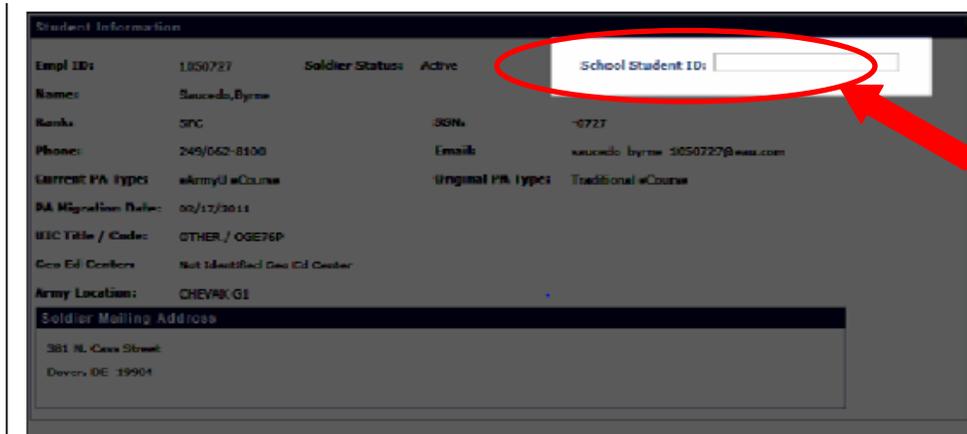
- Enter Subject (i.e. ENG), Catalog Number (i.e. 101), and Start Date and then select “Next”.

The screenshot shows the 'Add Classes' section of the GoArmyEd interface. The form is titled '1. Select classes to add'. It contains the following fields: \*School (Dakota College at Bottineau), \*Subject (MTH), \*Catalog Number (101), and \*Start Date (14). The 'Next' button is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it. Below the form, there is a section for 'View All TA Requests'. The navigation bar at the top includes 'Search', 'Enroll', and 'My Academics'.

- If the bellow message appears, you will need to enter class data.



If your school does not use your SSN as your student ID number enter your student ID number in top right-hand corner.



- Scroll down to Class Information Section and enter End Date, Class Title and Instruction Mode. If you select "Classroom Mode," enter the days and times of the class.

Class Information			
*Subject:	<input type="text" value="HIS"/> <i>EX: HIST</i>	*Start Date:	<input type="text" value="11/01/2014"/> <i>31</i> Fiscal Year:      FY15
*Catalog Nbr:	<input type="text" value="101"/> <i>EX: 225</i>	*End Date:	<input type="text"/> <i>31</i> Control Number:
Class Section:	<input type="text"/>	*Class Title:	<input type="text"/>
*Instruction Mode:	<input type="text"/>		<a href="#">Degree Plan</a>

- Next scroll down to Upload Cost and Course Verification Information. You can access examples of these documents by selecting the '**Cost Verification Information and Example**' on the top right. You need to post your class schedule and a tuition invoice. Place these documents in your efile prior to requesting TA, and use the "**Search efile**" button to upload them. Title each uploaded document, i.e. – "Fall Tuition 2014" or "Class Schedule Fall 2014". You must upload an itemized statement (with tuition and fees separated) provided by your school. Do not use generic tuition costs provided by your school.

**Upload Cost and/or Course Enrollment Verification Information**

\*Title [Cost Verification Information and Example](#)

\*Description



Enter a Title and Description and select "Add Attachment" to upload cost verification and course schedule documents. File size is limited to 4096 KB. Reduce the file size or zip the file.

All Personally Identifiable Information (PII) must be removed. PII is any unique identifier to an individual to include, but not limited to, social security number (SSN), date of birth, place of birth, mother's maiden name and medical records.

If you are having trouble opening an attached document when using Internet Explorer 8, hold the CTRL button down as you select the document link or read the Recommended Browser Settings for IE8 under the Help Resource/General Technology Support pages. This will guide you in updating your computer's security settings to enable the download of documents.

- Scroll down to the Class Cost. If this information is not already posted, you will need to add number of semester hours and tuition costs per semester hour. Place the number of semester hours in the unit boxes. Find this information on your class schedule. Next, divide the number of credit hours you are taking by the amount of tuition to determine the cost per credit hour, i.e. – a Soldier enrolled in 12 credit hours with total tuition of \$1,200 would have a semester hour (unit) cost of \$100. Place this amount in the unit cost box.

**Class Cost**

Select the Unit Type your school uses (semester hours, quarter hours, or clock hours). Enter Unit and Unit Cost and select the calculate cost button. To view the calculation formula select the "i".

Unit Type	Unit	Unit Cost	SH	SH Cost	Residency Status
Semester Hour	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	No Residency

Additional TA Eligible Fees  Additional Soldier Fees

Total Class Cost \$0.00 Original Army Cost \$0.00 Original Soldier Cost \$0.00

I intend to use State/Outside Funding  
 I intend to use Chapter 33 (Post 9/11)

The fields below are for any external funds that Soldiers receive outside of Federal Tuition Assistance. An

- Select the “Calculate Cost” button.

**Class Cost**

Select the Unit Type your school uses (semester hours, quarter hours, or clock hours). Enter Unit and Unit Cost and select the calculate cost button. To view the calculation formula select the “?”

Unit Type	Unit	Unit Cost	SH	SH Cost	Residency Status
Quarter Hour	3.00	\$100.00	1.98	\$151.52	No Residency

Additional TA-eligible Fees: \$0.00  
Additional Soldier Fees: \$0.00

Total Class Cost: \$300.01  
Original Army Cost: \$0.00  
Original Soldier Cost: \$300.01

I intend to use State/Outside Funding  I choose not to use TA and to Self Pay ALL costs for this class.

I intend to use Chapter 33 (Post 9/11)

The fields below are for any external funds that Soldiers receive outside of Federal Tuition Assistance. An example may be state or VA benefits.

State TA Funding: \$0.00  
Outside Funding: \$0.00  
Chapter 33 (Post 9/11): \$0.00

**Calculate Cost**

- If you are receiving State TA or using Chapter 33, check the appropriate box. If you know the amount of State TA and/or Chapter 33 note the amount in the appropriate box.

**Class Cost**

Select the Unit Type your school uses (semester hours, quarter hours, or clock hours). Enter Unit and Unit Cost and select the calculate cost button. To view the calculation formula select the “?”

Unit Type	Unit	Unit Cost	SH	SH Cost	Residency Status
Semester Hour	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$0.00	No Residency

\*Class Level: [Dropdown]  
Additional TA-eligible Fees: \$0.00  
Additional Soldier Fee: \$0.00

Total Class Cost: \$0.00  
Original Army Cost: \$0.00  
Original Soldier Cost: \$0.00

I intend to use State/Outside Funding  I choose not to use TA and to Self Pay ALL costs for this class  Self Pay to TA

I intend to use Chapter 33 (Post 9/11)

The fields below are for any external funds that Soldiers receive outside of Federal Tuition Assistance. An example may be state or VA benefits.

State TA Funding: \$0.00  
Outside Funding: \$0.00  
Chapter 33 (Post 9/11): \$0.00

**Calc**

- You will receive the following message. If you wish to request TA, select Submit.

**TA Request Status**

\*Class Status: Pending [Dropdown]  
Reject Reason: [Dropdown]

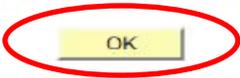
Note: If there are additional comments please include them in the text box below.

**Submit** **Print TA Form**

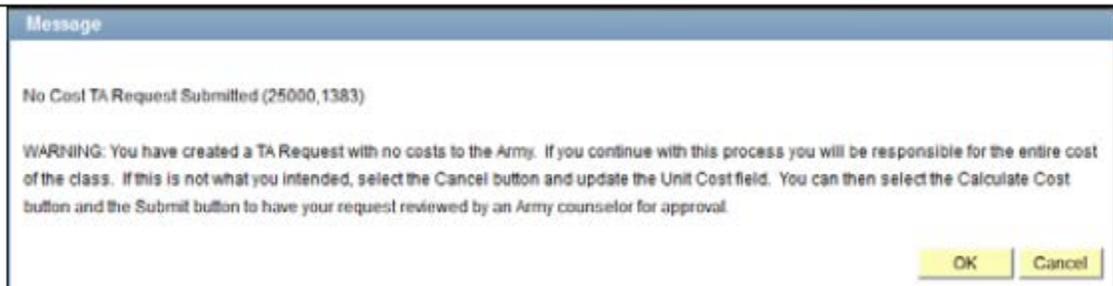
**Grade Information**

Tuition amount may be adjusted based on class level approved. (25000,734)

You must upload cost verification to your GoArmyEd e-File for this class and verify that all information provided on this TA Request Form matches the information in your school's class schedule. Valid cost verification WILL include one or more of the following: an itemized receipt or screenshot from an online account with the school, a current invoice from the school, or a statement of tuition and fees specific to your enrollment or account with the school. Tuition and fees must be listed separately. The course start date and number of credit hours is also required for each request.



- If you entered zero in either the semester hour (units) or cost box, you will receive the message below alerting you to the fact that there are no funds allocated for this TA. You will need to cancel it and start over.

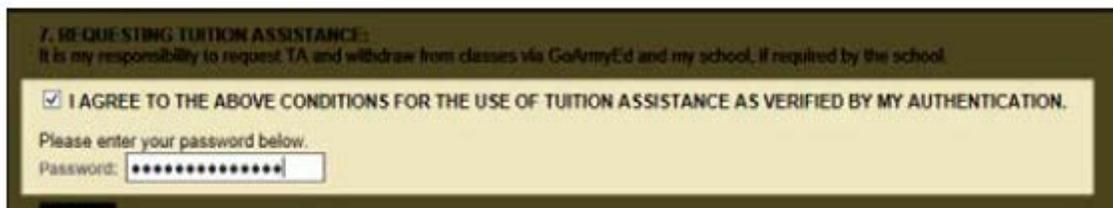


### Schools with Courses, Classes and Costs uploaded directly to GoArmyEd.

- Log in to <https://www.goarmyed.com/login.aspx>.
- Select the "Request TA" Smart Link



- If the quarterly "Statement of Understanding" appears, carefully read it and then scroll down to the password box. Enter your password and submit.



- If the Course Planner screen appears (after competing 6 credit hours with a school), you must complete the Course Planner and submit for approval prior to requesting TA. Select **“How to use the Course Planner”** under the Training Resources link on the right-hand side for more guidance. Once you complete the Course Planner and it has been approved, select **“How to Enroll into Classes using the Course Planner”** link under Training Resources.

The screenshot shows a web interface with a sidebar titled "Training Resources". The sidebar contains the following links:

- [How to use Course Planner](#) (circled in red with a red arrow pointing to it)
- [SOC Degree Network System-2 Handbook - Chapter 8](#)
- [SOC Degree Network System-4 Handbook - Chapter 8](#)
- [How to enroll into classes using Course Planner](#) (circled in red with a red arrow pointing to it)

The main content area on the left shows the following information:

- [Current Approved Degree Plan](#)
- Education Center:** NG-North Carolina Education Services Office
- Home School:** American Military University (AMU)
- Degree Plan:** Other Degree Plan
- Degree Level:** Masters
- Degree Name:** MA-Criminal Justice (MA-CJ)

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a button labeled "Upload New Student Agreement / Degree Plan".

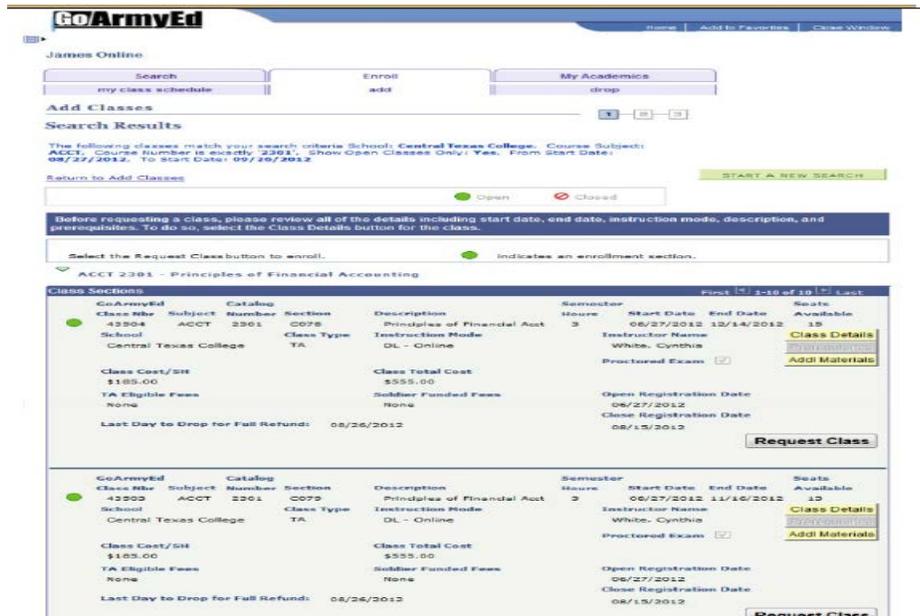
- If the school field is the only field with an asterisk, you can register for a class directly in GAE since your school uploads its course and tuition costs directly into GAE. Enter Subject (i.e. ENG), Catalog Number (i.e. 101). Start Date Between is pre-populated 60-days out. Select **“Next”**

The screenshot shows the "GoArmyEd" interface for adding classes. The main heading is "Add Classes" with a sub-heading "1. Select classes to add". Below this, there is a search form with the following fields:

- \*School:** (circled in red) with a dropdown menu showing "Pine Peak Community College".
- Subject:** (example: BIO)
- Catalog Number:** (example: 101)
- Start Date Between:** 02/18/2014 and 03/17/2014 (MM/DD/YYYY)
- GoArmyEd Class Number:** (example: 1126)

There is a "Next" button below the search form. Below the search form, there is a section titled "Jan - Mar 2014 Class Schedule" with a message: "You are not registered for classes in this term." At the bottom of the page, there are navigation links: "Search", "Enroll", "MyAcademics", "My Class Schedule", "Add", and "Drop".

- The Search Results page will display all classes meeting your search criteria. Carefully review the details specific to each class to determine the correct section.



- Select the **Class Details** button for access class specific information.



- To enroll in a specific class select the **Request Class** button.



- Review the class cost information on the **Confirm Classes** page and pay close attention to the cost covered by Tuition Assistance in the **“GoArmyEd Amount”** field and if there is a class cost in the **“Student Amount”** field.

Search my class schedule | Enroll add | My Academics drop

Add Classes 1 2 3

Confirm classes

Open Closed

GoArmyEd Class Number	School	Subject/Catalog Number	Title	Start/End Date	Semester Hours	Status
01	Excelsior College	BIO 111	Biology Laboratory (1 Credit)	06/30/2014 - 08/24/2014	1.00	Open

Cost per Semester Hour:	250.00	<b>Student Amount</b>	0.00
TA Eligible Fees:	0.00	<b>GoArmyEd Amount</b>	250.00
Soldier Funded Fees:	0.00		
Total Amount:	250.00		

PROCESS REQUEST | CANCEL REQUEST

choose to Self Pay ALL Costs for this Class

Select here for an explanation of tuition calculation

Select here for current Financial and Residency Information

- If all the information is correct and you wish to process the TA request, select **“Process Request”**.

GoArmyEd Home | Add to Favorites | Close Window

James Online

Search my class schedule | Enroll add | My Academics drop

Add Classes 1 2 3

2. Confirm classes

Open Closed

GoArmyEd Class Number	School	Subject/Catalog Number	Title	Start/End Date	Semester Hours	Status
43504	Central Texas College	ACCT 2301	Principles Of Financial Acct	08/27/2012 - 12/14/2012	3.00	Open

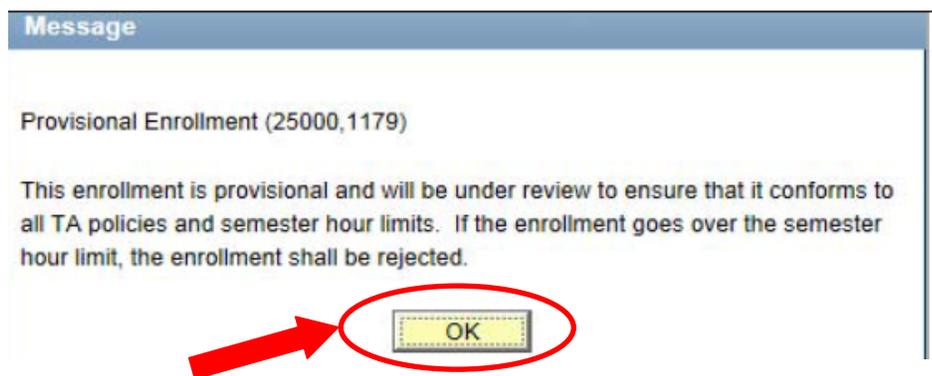
Cost per Semester Hours:	185.00	<b>Student Amount</b>	0.00
TA Eligible Fees:	0.00	<b>GoArmyEd Amount</b>	555.00
Soldier Funded Fees:	0.00		
Total Amount:	555.00		

PROCESS REQUEST | CANCEL REQUEST

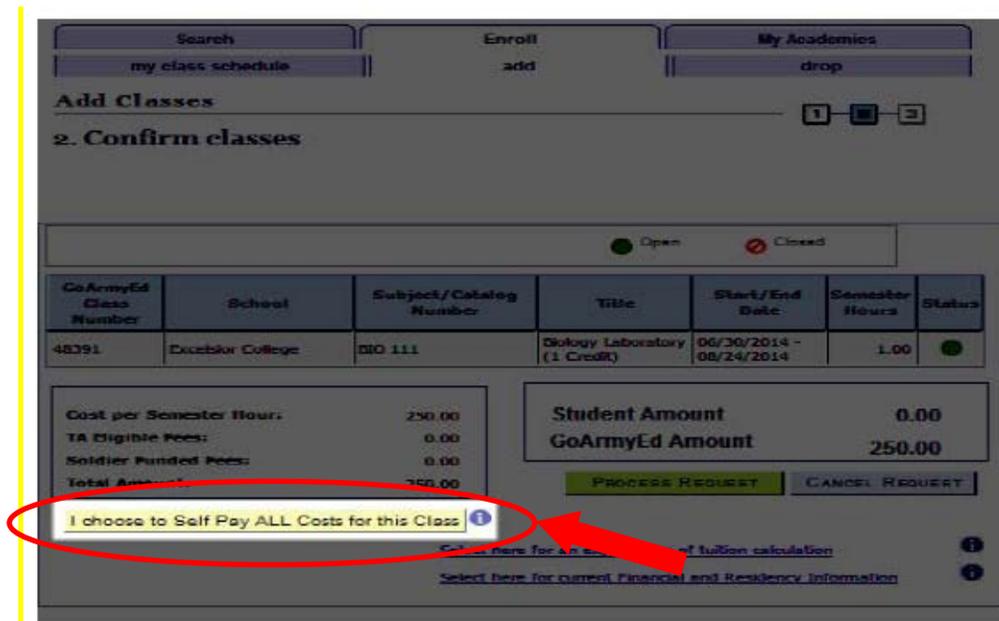
Select here for an explanation of tuition calculation

Select here for current Financial and Residency Information

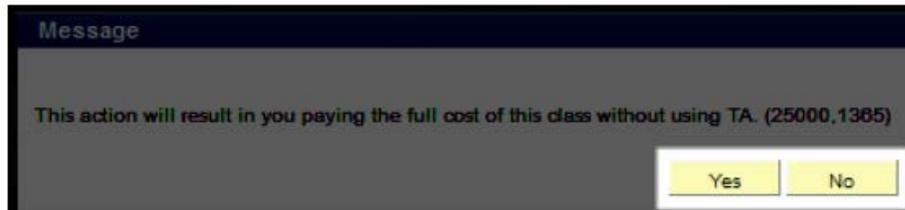
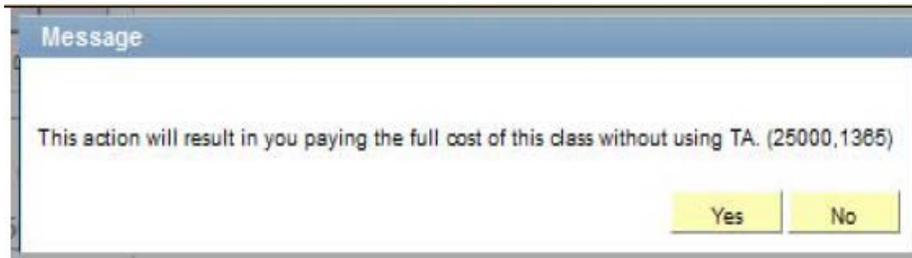
- A message appears stating this enrollment is provisional and will be under review to ensure it conforms to all TA policies and semester hour limits.
- Select the “OK” button.



- Despite the availability of TA funds you may choose to self pay ALL costs for a class by selecting “I chose to Self Pay All Costs for this class”.



- A pop will appear stating “you will pay the full cost of this class without using TA. You can select “Yes” or “No”.
- If you select no, it cancels the request. If you select yes, you will proceed to the confirm class page.



- To proceed to enroll select “I Agree to Pay”.
- If you do not agree to pay, select “Cancel Request”.
- If your class is above the \$250 a semester hour cap, the Confirmation page will show what TA will pay and what “You Must Pay”. You will need to pay your amount directly to your school.

**Add Classes** 1 2 3

**2. Confirm classes**

**WARNING: YOU MUST PAY!**  
 You have chosen to pay 100% cost of this class without using TA.

GoArmyEd Class Number	School	Subject/Catalog Number	Title	Start/End Date	Semester Hours	Status
48391	Excelsior College	BIO 111	Biology Laboratory (1 Credit)	06/30/2014 - 08/24/2014	1.00	Open

Cost per Semester Hour:	250.00
TA Eligible Fees:	0.00
Soldier Funded Fees:	0.00
<b>Total Amount:</b>	<b>250.00</b>

**YOU MUST PAY** 250.00

TA will pay 0.00

You MUST choose "Cancel Request" if you do not agree to pay the amount in red above. TA will not pay this amount. No exceptions will be granted. If you think that there is an error, contact your Education Counselor. You may need a course override.

[Select here for an explanation of tuition calculation](#) ⓘ  
[Select here for current Financial and Residency Information](#) ⓘ

Choose to Self Pay ALL Costs for this Class ⓘ

- After you process your request the account information page will display. Review your mailing information and contact information and ensure it is current, and select **“Account Information Verified”** button.

Contact Information

Note: Do NOT enter DSN for Primary Phone. If OCONUS, use civilian country code format.

\*Primary Telephone Number Phone 1 Phone 2

813/359-8806

Preferred Email Alternate Email

aafjes\_rothlisberger\_946995@eau.com Aafjes\_Rothlisberger\_946995@eau.com

Account Information Verified

- A message will appear stating the class has been added to your schedule and a green checkmark appears in the Status column indicating a successful enrollment. Your enrollment will be submitted to your school for approval. You will receive an automated email from GAE confirming that the enrollment request was successfully submitted.

my class schedule add drop

Add Classes

3. View results

View the following status report for enrollment confirmations and errors. Be sure to print a copy for your records.

Success: enrolled Error: unable to add class

GoArmyEd Class Number	School	Subject/Catalog Number/Section	Title	Start/End Date	Semester Hours	Message	Status
43504	Central Texas College	ACCT 2301 Section: C078	Principles of Financial Acct	08/27/2012 - 12/14/2012	3.00	Success: This class has been added to your schedule. Class added on 08/27/2012 at 04:10pm EST.	✓

PRINT PAGE MY CLASS SCHEDULE ADD ANOTHER CLASS

- To request an additional class select **“Add Another Class”** button. **NOTE:** Soldier may receive a message asking them to wait 15-20 minutes before requesting an additional enrollment during peak enrollment periods.

my class schedule add drop

Add Classes

3. View results

View the following status report for enrollment confirmations and errors. Be sure to print a copy for your records.

Success: enrolled Error: unable to add class

GoArmyEd Class Number	School	Subject/Catalog Number/Section	Title	Start/End Date	Semester Hours	Message	Status
43504	Central Texas College	ACCT 2301 Section: C078	Principles of Financial Acct	08/27/2012 - 12/14/2012	3.00	Success: This class has been added to your schedule. Class added on 08/27/2012 at 04:50pm EST.	✓

PRINT PAGE MY CLASS SCHEDULE ADD ANOTHER CLASS

# Appendix C

## CONTACTS AND LINKS

### Contacts

#### **ARNG Guard Support Center (GSC)**

Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Box 46

North Little Rock, AR 72199-9600

Toll Free: 1-866-628-5999

Commercial: 501-212-4940

Fax: 501-212-4928

Email: [arng.gsc@mail.mil](mailto:arng.gsc@mail.mil)

#### **ARNG GI Bill Support Team (GIBST)**

Camp Joseph T. Robinson

North Little Rock, AR 72199-9600

Toll Free: 1-866-628-5999

Email: [ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx-hrm-o-gi-bill@mail.mil](mailto:ng.robinson.ngb-arng-pec.mbx-hrm-o-gi-bill@mail.mil)

#### **Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)**

6420 Saufley Field Road

Pensacola, FL 32509-5243

Commercial: 850-452-1111

Internet: <http://www.dantes.doded.mil/>

#### **Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges**

1307 New York Avenue, NW

5th Floor

Washington, DC 20005

Toll free: 1-800-368-5622

Commercial: 202-667-0079

Fax: 202-667-0622

Email: [socmail@aascu.org](mailto:socmail@aascu.org)

Internet: <http://www.soc.aascu.org/>

## Links

The following related links are listed to provide reference information:

<b>National Guard Education Programs</b>	<a href="http://www.nationalguard.com/education">http://www.nationalguard.com/education</a>
<b>GoArmyEd</b>	<a href="https://www.goarmyed.com/">https://www.goarmyed.com/</a>
<b>Montgomery GI Bill</b>	<a href="http://www.gibill.va.gov/">http://www.gibill.va.gov/</a>
<b>VA Online Application for Benefits</b>	<a href="https://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp">https://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp</a>
<b>DoD Transferability GIBILL Web site</b>	<a href="https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect">https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect</a>
<b>DANTES, Testing, Certification, Licensing</b>	<a href="http://www.dantes.doded.mil">http://www.dantes.doded.mil</a>
<b>Free Study Materials</b>	<a href="http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/dod/">http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/dod/</a>
<b>National Test Centers</b>	<a href="https://clep.collegeboard.org/search/test-centers">https://clep.collegeboard.org/search/test-centers</a>
<b>Certification and Licensures</b>	<a href="https://www.cool.army.mil/index.htm">https://www.cool.army.mil/index.htm</a>
<b>Free Military Transcripts</b>	<a href="https://jst.doded.mil/">https://jst.doded.mil/</a>
<b>Verification of Military Exp and Trng (VMET)</b>	
	<a href="http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/vmet/owa/vmet_web_display.showpage?p_PageID=FURTHER%20INFO">http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/vmet/owa/vmet_web_display.showpage?p_PageID=FURTHER%20INFO</a>
<b>Registered Apprenticeship</b>	<a href="http://www.doleta.gov/oa/">http://www.doleta.gov/oa/</a>
<b>DoD MOU</b>	<a href="http://www.dodmou.com/">http://www.dodmou.com/</a>
<b>Department of Education</b>	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/">http://www.ed.gov/</a>
<b>Department of Education Accreditation</b>	<a href="http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/">http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/</a>
<b>Student Financial Assistance</b>	
	<a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp">http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/index.jsp</a>
<b>College Net</b>	<a href="http://www.collegenet.com/elect/app/app">http://www.collegenet.com/elect/app/app</a>
<b>Fast Web</b>	<a href="http://www.fastweb.com/">http://www.fastweb.com/</a>
<b>Financial Aide Tips</b>	<a href="http://www.financialaidtips.org/">http://www.financialaidtips.org/</a>
<b>Smart Guide to Financial Aide</b>	<a href="http://www.finaid.org/">http://www.finaid.org/</a>
<b>EStudent Loan</b>	<a href="https://www.estudentloan.com/">https://www.estudentloan.com/</a>
<b>Student Scholarship Search</b>	<a href="http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/">http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/</a>
<b>Adventures in Education</b>	<a href="http://www.aie.org/">http://www.aie.org/</a>
<b>College Board</b>	
	<a href="https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college?affiliateId=rdr&amp;bannerId=paying">https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college?affiliateId=rdr&amp;bannerId=paying</a>