

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

Receive money towards your college tuition!



What Is It?

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

How Do I Qualify?

- Be currently serving in good standing in the ARNG and have a Common Access Card (CAC)
- Basic and AIT no longer required to qualify
- ALC/CCC no longer a requirement for Grad Courses
- No AWOL or APFT/HW FLAGS (create IPPS-A case to update)
- No blocker(s) on your ArmyIgnitED account
- Maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA for undergraduate courses or a 3.0 or higher GPA for graduate courses

Service Requirement/Obligation:

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

What Do I Get?

- Up to \$250 per semester hour, up to 16 SHs for a total of \$4,000 per fiscal year (Max TA and CA)
- One degree at each of the following levels, Associates, Bachelor's and Master's
- Lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours and 39 graduate semester hours
- CAN be used simultaneously with Chapter 1606/ MGI B-SR for the same course, when attending half-time or more
- REQUIRED to be used to qualify for MING STAP (MIARNG Soldiers)
- Can be used with CH 30 and CH 33 GI Bill (full rate for reserve composites/Top-Up for AD/AGR)

How Do I Apply?

- Go to <https://www.armyignited.army.mil> and establish an account by clicking "Get Started" (CAC ID required)
- Request an Education Goal (select your school and degree program)
- Enroll in courses at your School
- Return to ArmyIgnitED and request TA for the courses you want to use TA for
 - Courses can be requested up to **60 days** prior to the course start date, but **MUST** be requested at least **8 days prior** to the start date of the course
 - Once courses are approved, go back to ArmyIgnitED, print the authorization form and provide it to the school
- An evaluated degree plan/audit will be required after the completion of 6 credit hours using FTA
- Soldier **ETS** must be **14 days** after the course end date to apply

For More Information:

- Contact the Education Services Specialist at: joshua.s.fenner.civ@army.mil
- FTA or ArmyIgnited Assistance: **Create AIED message**
- Visit Us Online: www.nationalguard.com/education



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