

MICHIGAN **NATIONAL GUARD**

Education and Incentives

STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MING STAP)

1. What Is the MING STAP Program?

- Provides financial assistance for voluntary off-duty education programs to support a Michigan National Guard (MING) Service Members (SM) and Family Members (FM) in their professional and personal self-development goals

2. How Do Service Members Qualify?

- Is a current active drilling member of MING (Inactive National Guard not eligible)
- Is not under UCMJ (Uniformed Code of Military Justice) disciplinary action and no FLAG
- Must have a passing APFT within the last 12 Mo (6 AGR) or have a physical profile exemption
- Eligible immediately upon enlistment (Basic Training not required)
- Eligible schools must have physical location in MI and be eligible to receive FTA

3. What Do Service Members Get?

- Yearly Caps: \$600 per Semester Hour (SH)/\$6,000 Grad and Cert/\$14,400 Undergrad courses
- Lifetime cap: \$86,400 undergrad/ \$25,200 grad and certificate
- Must obtain a 2.0 undergrad/ 3.0 grad on 4.0 scale or must have passing grade
- All payments reimbursed directly to the SM AFTER the course has completed
- Eligible degrees: **FIRST** associates, bachelors, masters, training
- Can combine with FTA (not to exceed 100% tuition and fee charges), GI Bill & FAFSA

4. Duplication of Benefits: ARNG ONLY (ANG and FM exempt)

- Must use Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) first with the following exceptions:
 - SM working on a degree higher than a Master's (Doctorate or Professional)
 - APFT/HT/WT information is not correct due to the lag time between IPPS-A and AIED
 - SM used the max 16 credits or \$4000 of FTA for the fiscal year
 - ROTC SMP Scholarship cadets (tuition or room & board)

5. Can MING STAP Be Used by Family Members?

- SMs and FMs can use MING STAP alone or combined, not to exceed the SM's year and lifetime caps.
- FMs located in DEERs will qualify; Spouse, Dependent Child/Stepchild (Must have completed Highschool/equivalent or reached 18th birthday. Ends at age 26)

6. How Do Soldiers and Family Members Apply?

- Create a user account: Go to <https://www.dmva.state.mi.us/mingstap>
- Tips Applications for Fiscal year must be submitted NLT 14 days after Fall course start date
- Grade, billing & FTA AUTH must be submitted NLT 60 days from end date each term

For More Information:

- Contact your State Office: mingstap@michigan.gov
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