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## *Information Overview*

Serve one weekend per month and two weeks in the summer, and the Florida National Guard will pay **100%** of a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree to any State School in Florida. As a full-time student, you can make up to **\$1117** per month.

▪ Tuition - EDD	100% (Bachelors and Masters)
▪ GI BILL	\$481
▪ GI BILL "KICKER"	\$350 (Score over 50 on ASVAB)
▪ DRILL PAY (E2)	\$301
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<b>\$1,132</b>	

- **Split option program:**

Join at 17 years old and a Junior to attend Basic Training the summer between your Junior/ Senior Year.

- **Recruit Sustainment Program:**

Serve one weekend per month (paid - \$301, E2) prior to shipping to Basic Training. This program will prepare you for Basic Training (Army knowledge, physical fitness, what to expect at Basic Training).

- **Stripes for Buddies:**

Promotion up to E4 when you refer two people to join the National Guard.

- **Basic Training: 10 Weeks**

4 Locations - Fort Jackson, SC - Fort Leonard Wood, MO - Fort Benning, GA - Fort Sill OK

- **Advanced Individual Training (AIT): 8 - 52 Weeks**

Length and location of AIT will vary on selected MOS.

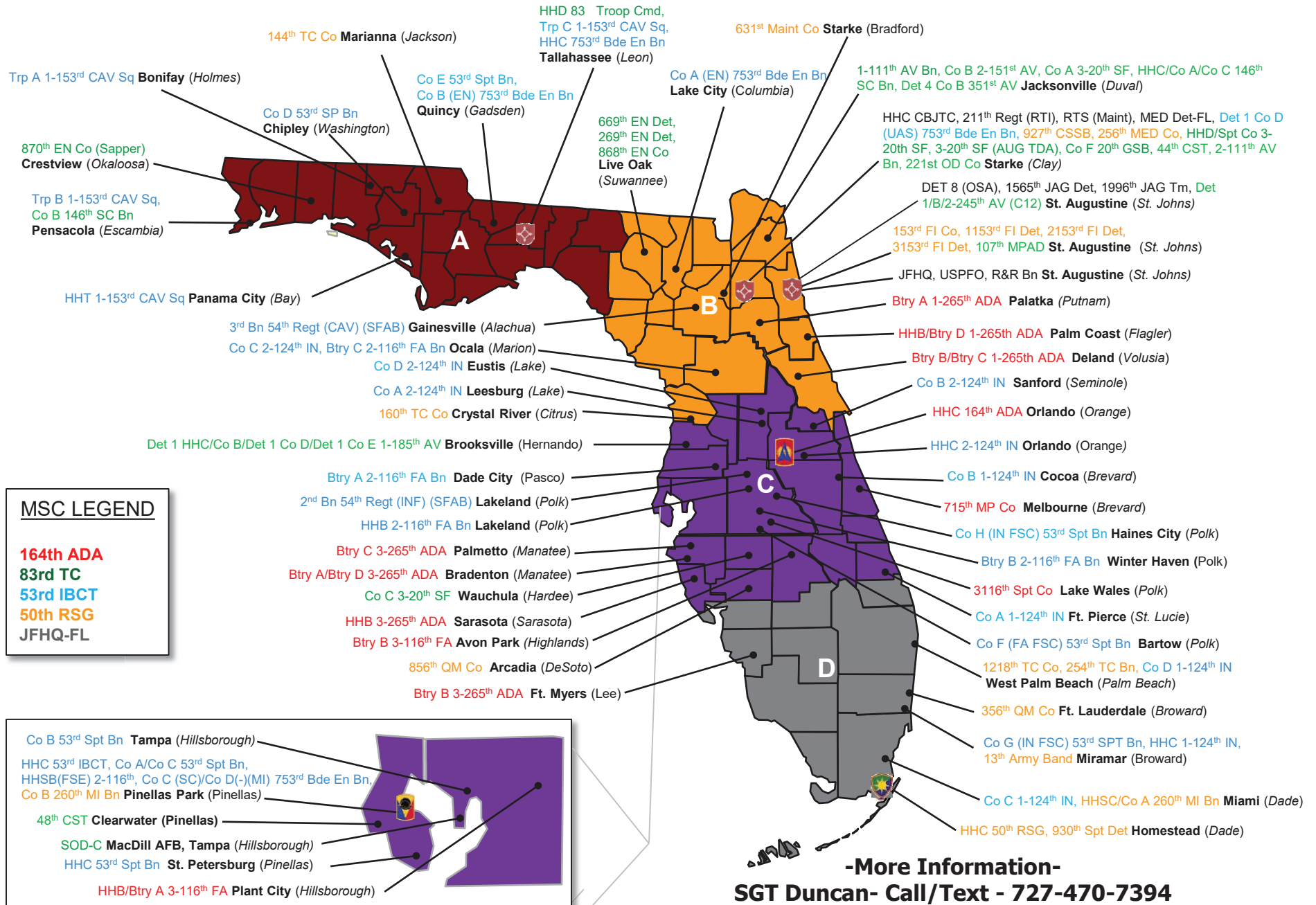
- **Pay for Basic Training:**

E 1 - \$5,043 - E-2 - \$5652 - E-3 - \$5,843

## **Requirements:**

- 17-34 years of age - age exceptions before 40th birthday
- Junior/Senior in HS (on track to graduate)
- High School Graduate or GED
- No Serious Health Issues (within height/weight requirements)
- No Serious Law Violations
- US Citizen/Legal Permanent Resident
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# How long will you serve?

## **Commitment**

Two Days a month (Drill)

2 Weeks a summer (Annual Training)

\*Roughly 45 days of training a year

## **Enlistments**

3x5

6x2

8x0

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## **History of the National Guard**

Civilian in Peace, Soldier in War

Established in 1636 when ordinary citizens formed militias to defend against hostile attacks, the National Guard is the country's oldest military branch. The Guard's citizen-soldiers have served as the nation's first line of defense since America's birth and have fought in every major conflict in America's history, contributing to the organization's expansive history and invaluable legacy.

The Army National Guard exists in all 50 states. At the state level, the governors reserve the ability, under the Constitution of the United States, to call up members of the National Guard in time of domestic emergencies or need. With its dual (Federal and State) mission, the National Guard is a reserve force with both state and federal responsibilities. Service Members of the National Guard hold membership in both the National Guard of its state and United States Army.

Under state law, the National Guard provides protection of life and property and preserves peace, order and public safety. These missions are accomplished through emergency-relief support during natural disasters such as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and forest fires; search and rescue operations; support to civil defense authorities; maintenance of vital public services and counter-drug operations.

The National Guard's federal mission is to maintain well-trained, well-equipped units available for prompt mobilization during war and provide assistance during national emergencies. Since the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the National Guard has transformed from a strategic reserve to a fully integrated operational force. Today more than 50% of our Guardsmen have combat experience.

# ASVAB

## ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY TEST

**The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** test was created to measure developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military.

The ASVAB is administered by computer at the MEPS and at most MET sites. The paper-and-pencil version is given at a handful of MET sites. Testing procedures will vary depending on the mode of administration. You cannot use a calculator when taking the ASVAB.

**Each examinee completes the CAT-ASVAB at his/her own pace.** There are time limits imposed on each subtest in the CAT-ASVAB, but almost all examinees complete the individual subtests before the time expires. On average, it takes about 2 hours to complete the CAT-ASVAB. Your test scores will be available immediately following your testing session at the MEPS or MET site.

Subtest	# of Scored Questions	# of Possible Tryout Questions	Time Limit (in Minutes)	
			When Tryout Questions Are Not Administered	When Tryout Questions Are Administered
General Science (GS)	15	15	8	16
Arithmetic Reasoning (AR)	15	15	39	78
Word Knowledge (WK)	15	15	8	16
Paragraph Comprehension (PC)	10	15	22	55
Mathematics Knowledge (MK)	15	15	20	40
Electronics Information (EI)	15	15	8	16
Auto Information (AI)	10	15	7	18
Shop Information (SI)	10	15	6	15
Mechanical Comprehension (MC)	15	15	20	40
Assembling Objects (AO)	15	15	16	32

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# **RSP**

## **RECRUITMENT AND SUSTAINMENT PROGRAM (RSP)**

**What is it?** The Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) is the formal process for preparing National Guard Soldiers for the successful completion of their Initial Entry Training (IET). National Guard Soldiers are in a PAID drilling status while awaiting their Basic Training ship date. They drill with their state's RSP until they depart for basic combat training (BCT). This is one weekend a month and is located in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The intent of the RSP is to introduce newly enlisted ARNG Soldiers to the military environment, and to ease their adjustment to BCT and advanced individual training (AIT). The RSP incorporates academic, physical readiness, and common-task training. Each Soldier is screened for administrative problems as well as height, weight, and physical fitness.

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### **New Soldiers progress through various phases of Soldier Empowerment and Readiness training while attending the RSP course.**

**Red Phase:** The Soldier's first RSP drill weekend begins with this phase. Soldiers are in-processed, integrated, and provided instruction on Army values, the chain of command, the rank structure, saluting, military time, the phonetic alphabet, and more. They receive their Battle Book and Challenge Coin during this drill. Red Phase is usually conducted monthly to review, reinforce, and expand training.

**White Phase:** This phase varies in length but covers the period between the first and final drill weekends before the Soldier begins the pre-ship (Blue) phase of indoctrination. Among the many topics covered are three major ones: the training community, military history and background, and physical readiness. This phase should be supplemented by tailored state and unit-level instruction.

**Blue Phase:** This phase incorporates the final two 4-hour drills (the last day) before shipment. Provided is an overview and review of what each Soldier should expect at Reception Battalion and BCT.

**Green Phase:** This phase is for Soldiers who enlisted in the Split Training Option (STO) program and have completed Phase 1 thereof (BCT). Green Phase Soldiers may serve as student leaders while they receive additional physical readiness, leadership, and refresher BCT in preparation for STO Phase 2 (AIT) with additional emphasis on BCT skills sustainment.

**Gold Phase, Battle Handoff:** The Soldier's first drill after successful completion of IET is his or her final weekend at the RSP. In this phase, Soldiers learn what to expect at their unit of assignment, as well as what will be expected of them. Most important, they experience the Battle Handoff from the RSP to the new unit/sponsor through a formal rite-of-passage ceremony attended by other RSP Soldiers and the gaining-unit leadership.

# Tricare Reserve Select

**TRICARE Reserve Select** is a premium-based plan that provides comprehensive health coverage worldwide for qualified Selected Reserve members of the Ready Reserve and their families. You are required to pay monthly premiums and cost shares if you decide to enroll in TRICARE Reserve Select. TRICARE Reserve Select premium rates are established annually on a calendar year basis. These are the Current Rates as of March 2021:

## **Tricare Select Reserve Rates**

Service Member- \$47.20

Family Rate- \$238.99

## **Tricare Dental Insurance**

Service Member- \$11.60

Family Rate- \$86.97

**Tricare Website-** <https://tricare.mil/Costs/HealthPlanCosts/TRS.aspx>

# Additional Benefits

**Free Vehicle Registration-** National Guard Soldiers receive one vehicle registration per year.

**Free Busch Gardens /Sea World Tickets-** Each year service members are eligible for one complimentary ticket for themselves and up to 3 complimentary tickets for direct dependents.

**VA Home Loan-** After completing a 6 year contract, Service Members are eligible for the VA Home loan. A VA loan is a mortgage loan in the United States guaranteed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Discounted Hunting and Fishing License-** A Military Sportsman's License is available to National Guard members and can be renewed each year. National Guard Price is \$20, regular price is \$100.

**Discounted Walt Disney World and Universal Studios Tickets-** Currently each theme park has discounted, 3/4 day theme park tickets that are reduced significantly in price.

**Discounts on travel through MWR-** MWR Life is a global travel club that provides members with discount travel rates on hotels, flights, cruises, resorts, car rentals, activities and more.





# GI Bill® Comparison Chart

## FY19 Rates

Updated: 1 October 2022

	Chapter 33 Post-9/11	Chapter 30 MGIB-AD	Chapter 1606 MGIB-SR	Chapter 1607 REAP*
Eligibility Criteria	<p>After Sep 10, 2001, serve at least 90 aggregate days: On active duty;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Title 10 USC Sections 688; 12301(a), (d), (g), (h); 12302; 12304, 12304a, 12304b;</li> <li>Title 32 AGR</li> <li>Title 32 USC Section 502(f) under Operation Noble Eagle through 31 May 2002</li> </ul> <p>Honorable Discharge</p>	<p>On or after Jul 1, 1985, serve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at least 2 continuous years on active duty; or</li> <li>20 months of a 2-year order and released at the convenience of the Government; or</li> </ul> <p>On or after 29 Nov 1989, serve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 2 years AGR</li> </ul> <p>Honorable Discharge</p>	<p>6-year contract in the Selected Reserve</p> <p>High School Diploma or equivalent</p> <p>Complete Basic Training, and AIT or BOLC Phase 1</p> <p>Be actively serving</p>	<p>After Sep 10, 2001, serve on a contingency operation for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At least 90 continuous days, or 30 continuous days with a medical discharge (40% rate)</li> <li>One to Two continuous years (60% rate)</li> <li>Two or more continuous years, or 36 cumulative months (80% rate)</li> </ul> <p>General Discharge or higher</p>
Payments	To school and to Soldier	Monthly, to Soldier	Monthly, to Soldier	Monthly, to Soldier
Tuition Amount	<p>Paid to school each term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Institution: Cost for In-State tuition and fees</li> <li>Private or Foreign Institution: up to \$25,162.14 per yr</li> </ul>	<p>Full-time benefit:</p> <p>3+ yrs service: \$2,122 &lt;3 yrs service: \$1,722</p> <p>Add up to \$150 for Plus-Up</p>	<p>Full-time benefit:</p> <p>\$466</p>	<p>Full-time benefit:</p> <p>40% rate: \$797 60% rate: \$1,196 80% rate: \$1,595</p> <p>Add up to \$150 for Buy-Up</p>

\*Important! REAP program ended for new enrollees on 25 November 2015. Soldiers must have been receiving REAP benefits on or before 25 November 2015 to continue receiving REAP benefits. Contact the VA at 1-888-422-4551 for more information on REAP.

	Post-9/11	MGIB-AD	MGIB-SR	REAP
Book and Supply Stipend	Up to \$1,000 per year (\$41.67 per credit) paid at start of each term	None	None	None
Monthly Housing Allowance	In Residence: BAH rate for E5 with Dependents for the zip code of the campus Online: Up to \$916	None	None	None
Cost to Soldier	None	Basic Benefit: \$1,200 Plus-Up: Up to \$600	None	Basic Benefit: None Buy-Up: Up to \$600
Eligibility Duration	No expiration if last period of qualifying service was on or after 1 Jan 2013*	Up to 10 years after last date of active duty	While serving in an active drilling status in the Selected Reserve	Until 25 Nov 2019
Transferability	Transferrable to eligible dependents -Completed at least 6 years of service, -Completed fewer than 16 years of service (effective 12 July 2019) -Commit to serve 4 additional years	None	None	None
Other Programs	Also available for apprenticeship, OJT, cooperative, correspondence, independent study, and flight training			

\*Eligibility expires after 15 years if last period of qualifying service was before 1 Jan 2013.

**For More Information:**

- ❖ Go the VA Web Site: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)
- ❖ Visit us On-Line: [www.nationalguard.com/education](http://www.nationalguard.com/education)
- ❖ Contact your State Education Office at: [www.nationalguard.com/contacts/es0](http://www.nationalguard.com/contacts/es0)



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## **EDUCATIONAL DOLLARS FOR DUTY (EDD)**

**100% of a Bachelors and Masters Degree**

**- All Florida State Schools -**

### **1. What is it?**

- Educational Dollars for Duty (EDD) program is a State of Florida, legislatively directed and funded, education tuition assistance resource, that is exclusively available to the Florida National Guard Soldiers for pursuing postsecondary educational opportunities that include vocational/technical, certificates, associate, bachelor, and master degree programs. Additionally, the EDD program may pay for authorized licensing and industry certification exams and refund textbook and instructional material costs.

### **2. How Do I Qualify?**

- Be actively serving in the Florida National Guard
- Meet all Army National Guard service requirements (Fitness and Height/Weight standard, no positive drug test, not under UCMJ legal proceedings)
- Maintaining Academic Responsibilities (passing classes with a 'C')

### **3. What Schools/Programs Qualify?**

- All Public Florida State Institutions
- Regional/National Accreditation
- Department of Education approved Industry Certifications
- Department of Education approved Licensing & Certification Exams
- Continuing Education Licensing/Certification

### **4. What Do I Get?**

- **100%** Tuition, Fees and Books to any state school in Florida for a Bachelors Degree
- **100%** Tuition, Fees and Books to any state school in Florida for a Masters Degree

### **5. How Do I Apply?**

- Submit educational program materials through our Online Education Center <https://edd.dma.myflorida.com>

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## Montgomery GI Bill®: Selected Reserve Chapter 1606 (MGIB-SR)

### 1. What is it?

- The MGIB-SR is a benefit administered by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) that provides basic educational assistance for traditional/M-day Soldiers actively serving in the Selected Reserve (Reference: Title 10 USC Chapter 1606; DoDI 1322.17).

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Sign a six-year enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement to serve in the ARNG.
- Have a High school diploma or equivalent.
- Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC).
- Be actively serving in the ARNG (cannot be in the Inactive National Guard-ING or Individual Ready Reserve-IRR).
- Not be AGR or on Active Duty.
- Not be flagged for unsatisfactory participation.
- Not be using a Dedicated Army National Guard ROTC Scholarship (Ref: Title 10 USC 2107).

### 3. What Do I Get?

- \$407 per month for full-time enrollment (Effective 1 October 2019).
- Payment made directly to the Soldier each month from the DVA.
- In most cases your eligibility begins immediately after you complete IADT/BOLC.
- CANNOT be combined with Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) for the same course.
- May be combined with State Tuition Assistance (Subject to State law/rules).

### 4. How Do I Apply?

- Contact your State Education Office and ask to verify eligibility.
- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov)
- Notify the VA Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)

### **For More Information:**

- Visit the VA Web Site: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)
- Visit us On-Line: [www.nationalguard.com/education](http://www.nationalguard.com/education)
- Contact State Education Services Office: [www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state](http://www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state)

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## Montgomery GI Bill<sup>®</sup> "Kicker"

### 1. What is it?

- The Kicker is an incentive given upon enlistment/reenlistment that adds an additional education payment to attract Soldiers to specific units, skills, or positions to meet and sustain ARNG readiness requirements.

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- **Categories:**
  - Non-prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB (CAT IIIA or higher), agree to serve in a critical skill/critical unit.
  - Prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB (CAT IIIA or higher), MOS qualified, E-7 or below, and enlist in an MTOE or medical unit.
  - Currently serving enlisted Soldiers; served between 3 and 14 years in the ARNG, SFC or below.
  - Officer commissioning program; ROTC/SMP, OCS, WOC, must contract prior to commissioning.
  - Currently serving officers up to one year after commissioning
- **Basic Criteria:**
  - Be eligible for the MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606 or MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
  - Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC).
  - Sign a six-year enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement (OSA) or extend to have six years on their contract and meet all other relevant criteria in the current SRIP policy.
- **Additional Criteria:**
  - Have an Honorable discharge from all previous periods of service.
  - Be actively serving in the ARNG, not assigned to the Inactive National Guard (ING) or Individual Ready Reserve (IRR).
  - Not be in Military Technician, AGR, or Active Duty Status.
  - Not be flagged for unsatisfactory participation.
  - Not on a Dedicated ARNG ROTC Scholarship (Reference: Title 10 USC 2107).

### 3. What Do I Get?

- \$350 per month (tax free) in addition to your basic GI Bill payment (paid directly to the Soldier).

### 4. How Do I Apply?

- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at: [www.gibill.va.gov/wave](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave)

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# Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

## 1. What Is It?

- FTA is financial assistance provided for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals.  
(Reference: AR 621-5, RAR, 6 September 2009, Army Continuing Education System)

## 2. How Do I Qualify?

- **Tier 1:**
  - Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed either Advanced Individual Training (AIT), Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC), or Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC).
  - Have not attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue an undergraduate academic certificate, associate's or bachelor's degree or
  - Have attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue a graduate academic certificate or
  - Have attained a bachelor's degree without the use of FTA and wish to pursue a master's degree.
- **Tier 2:**
  - Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed either Advanced Leader's Course (ALC), Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC), Captain's Career Course (CCC), or equivalent.
  - Have attained a bachelor's degree with the use of FTA and wish to pursue a master's degree.
- **Service Requirement/Obligation:**
  - Have an ETS or MRD after completion of FTA funded course(s).
  - Officers and Commissioned Warrant Officers are subject to a four year Reserve Duty Service Obligation (RDSO) OR a two year Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO).
- **Additional Criteria:**
  - The college is regionally or nationally accredited AND is a participant in GoArmyEd (GAE).
  - The funded course(s) meets a requirement listed in your personalized degree plan provided by the school (this can include prerequisite courses).
  - You maintain an undergraduate GPA of 2.0 or a graduate GPA of 3.0 for FTA-funded courses.
  - You must submit your FTA request at least 5 business days prior to course start date.

## 3. What Do I Get?

- FTA will pay up to **\$250** per semester hour and up to **16 SHs** per fiscal year.
- Lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours and 39 graduate semester hours.
- Up to 21 additional semester hours for a certificate.
- FTA will pay toward one credential at each of the following levels:
  - Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Master Degree, Undergraduate/Graduate Certificate
  - First Professional degrees are NOT eligible (i.e. doctorate degrees, Juris doctorates)

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## 4. Programs NOT Approved For FTA

- Courses leading to a credential that are lower or lateral to the highest credential you have already earned.
  - Example: if you have a bachelor's degree (even if you came in the ARNG with one), you cannot use FTA to pursue a second bachelor's or associate's degree.
- Any program that bundles tuition and fees together into a lump sum charge.
- Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or courses that do not meet degree requirement.
- FTA is also NOT authorized simultaneously with Chapter 1606/MGIB-SR for the SAME course.

## 5. How Do I Apply?

- **Create a user account in GoArmyEd.com:**
  - Go to [www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com) and establish a GAE Federal Tuition Assistance account by clicking on the "New User" button and entering all required data.
- **Tips to remember when applying:**
  - Apply for FTA up to 60 days **prior** to the class start date, but no later than 5 business days prior to the class start date (all FTA **MUST** be approved prior to the class start date).
  - You must submit an FTA request for each individual course that you want FTA to fund.
  - If your school charges by quarter hour or clock hour, GAE will automatically convert them into semester hours on the FTA request.
  - If your school's courses are not listed in GAE (i.e. you have to physically enter your courses into each FTA request), you must upload the following documentation into your GAE "Education Record" eFile:
    - Cost Verification Statement: individualized document such as a billing statement/invoice specific that breaks out the cost of tuition and fees separately.
    - Class Schedule: individualized document that shows all courses to include class name, start date, end date, course number, and number of credit hours.
    - All of these documents **MUST** have your name and the name of the school on them or a screenshot from your online student account, and cannot be in an editable format.
  - After you complete six semester hours of FTA-funded coursework, you must provide an individualized degree plan/student agreement to GAE.
  - This document should list the courses required for completion of your degree, as well as the existing credits already applied toward your degree.
  - New FTA users and anyone who changes their degree plan are required to complete VIA (VIA is a planning tool in GAE designed to help Soldiers identify their 'best fit' school).

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