

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ★



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ARNG Education Programs and Services

Below is a summary of all ARNG Education Programs and Services. ARNG Soldiers should contact their State Education Services Officer (ESO) to learn more about the programs and services they may qualify for.

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

- Available to currently serving ARNG Soldiers.
- Must complete IADT, BOLC or WOBC.
- Pays tuition costs up to \$250 per semester hour, up to 16 semester hours per fiscal year.
- May be used up to a master's degree and for an academic certificate.
- Apply through GoArmyEd: www.goarmyed.com and click on "New User" to begin.

Credentialing Assistance (CA) Program

- Must qualify for FTA; may be combined with FTA not to exceed \$4,000 per fiscal year.
- Pays tuition, fees, books, and examination cost.
- Available to Soldiers assigned to the following states (including TX and KY);
 - Effective 1 Oct 2019: CO, KS, NY and WA
 - Effective 1 Nov 2019: GA and NC
 - Effective 1 Dec 2019: AZ, CA, LA, PA, SC and VA
 - Effective 1 Jan 2020: All States/Territories

GI Bill® Programs

- Multiple programs are available depending on your previous military service.
 - MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606
 - \$392/month for members of the Selected Reserve.
 - Must sign six-year contract, have a high school diploma or GED, and complete IADT or BOLC
 - MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
 - \$2,050.00/month for three or more years of active duty.
 - \$1,664.00/month for two-three years of consecutive active duty.
 - Post-9/11 GI Bill/Chapter 33
 - Payments based on qualifying active duty served/tier percentage.
 - Pays up to 100% tuition and fees at public schools.
 - Pays up to \$24,476.79 per academic year at for private/foreign schools.
 - Pays a housing stipend equal to BAH at E-5 rate with dependents.
 - Pays a book and supply stipend up to \$1,000 per academic year.
 - Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)
 - Option to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to dependents.
 - Must have served six years and commit to serve four more years in the ARNG.
 - Have completed fewer than 16 years of service (effective 12 January 2020)
 - \$350 GI Bill 'Kicker'
 - Available to Non-prior service, prior service, currently serving enlisted Soldiers, Soldiers in an officer commissioning program, and officers up to one year after commissioning.
 - Must sign a six-year contract or extend to have six years on their contract and meet all other criteria in the current SRIP policy.

DANTES Programs

- The Defense Activity for Non Traditional Education Support (DANTES) offers numerous programs and services to ARNG Soldiers including
 - Free testing opportunities offered at National Test Centers (NTCs)
 - High school completion and college entrance exams GED, ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT
 - College credit exams including CLEP and DSST
 - Teacher certification exams (Praxis)
 - For more information visit <https://clep.collegeboard.org/test-center-search> and www.getcollegecredit.com
 - College planning resources: Kuder® Journey www.dantes.kuder.com
 - College prep resources: Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) and College Placement Skills Training (CPST) available at www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet
 - Troops to Teachers, (TTT) available at www.proudtoserveagain.com
- For more information on DANTES programs and services visit www.dantes.doded.mil

Army Personnel Testing (APT)

- Free testing opportunities that may qualify Soldiers for career advancement, specialized training, foreign language pay, and proficiency bonuses.
- Exams include; AFCT, SIFT, DLAB, DLPT, DLRPT and OPI.
- Offered at selected ARNG and Active Army testing locations.
- AFCT prep resources: Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) available at www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet
- For more information on APT, contact your State ESO or nearest Army education center.

Joint Services Transcript (JST)

- The JST is an academically accepted document approved by the American Council on Education (ACE) to validate a service member's military occupational experience and training along with the corresponding ACE college credit recommendations.
- The JST provides Soldiers with an opportunity to earn college credit based on their military training and experience. ARNG Soldiers can download their JST at: www.jst.doded.mil

College and Career Planning:

- TA Decide; www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE
- College Navigator; www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
- GI Bill Comparison Tool; www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool
- Army e-Learning; www.atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/eLearningWelcome.aspx

For More Information:

- Visit us On-Line at: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State ESO <https://www.tn.gov/military/section/education-incentives>
- GI Bill Rates https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp
- GI Bill Program Handouts https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/handouts_forms.asp

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