



TN STRONG Act 2017 Tuition Reimbursement Program



Tennessee Public Chapter No. 229.

This is a **tuition assistance program** that provides **reimbursement to an educational institution** on behalf of eligible members of the Tennessee National Guard. The reimbursement will be in the **amount equal to 100% of the maximum resident undergraduate In-State tuition** charged by the post-secondary institution member attends.

This program will fund **no more than 120 credit hours or 8 full time semesters or equivalent towards an associate's or first bachelor's degree** when attending a regionally accredited postsecondary institution within Tennessee.

TN National Guard members can apply for this program but must have not missed a ship date to successfully **complete basic military training** prior to course start date.

Regionally accredited community colleges, 4 year public and private schools that are THEC and FTA approved are authorized. School's primary campus must be domiciled in the state of Tennessee.

Must maintain satisfactory academic progress with **2.0 GPA minimum** for the academic term for which STRONG Act tuition reimbursement is being sought. A failing grade 'F' will not be paid if only one course is taken.

Application packets are required to **be completed within (90) days of course completion.**

Application packets consist of several items; once prepared the initial application packet is submitted for **Commander's Review and Recommendation.**

Course/ degree plans from the chosen postsecondary institution will be required as part of the application packet after the completion of nine (9) credit hours or equivalent using the STRONG Act tuition reimbursement.

Member's will sign a **release statement** to authorize communication between State TA Managers and chosen postsecondary institution on member's behalf.

Students are responsible to **ensure final grades** are forwarded to the State TA Manager. This constitutes a **complete application packet.**

Only **complete packets** will be considered for TN STRONG Act tuition reimbursement.

Payments will be made directly to postsecondary institutions on behalf of member.