



Army National Guard Education Programs and Services

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GI Bill Programs



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GI Bill Programs



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Recent Changes

- ***Service in Support of COVID-19 Pandemic***
 - Due to recent Presidential Proclamations
 - Presidential Declaration of National Emergency (13 March 2020)
 - Presidential Authority to use Federal Funds (22 March 2020)
 - Service under Title 32, USC, Section 502(f) may be considered as qualifying time for the Post-9/11 GI Bill
 - State must receive an approved Mission Assignment (MA) from FEMA and FRAGO from the NGB Joint Staff
 - Orders must state: project code "X10" and Activation Authority "09994, Presidential Proclamation"

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Recent Changes

- ***Public Law 116-128 (S. 3503) enacted 21 March 2020***
 - Applicable Period: 1 MAR 20 – 21 DEC 20
 - Provides for the payment of monthly housing stipends (CH 33) or Subsistence allowances (Title 38; Chapters 30, 31, 32 & 35 and Title 10; CH 1606 & 1607) for on-site coursework at an education institution that is converted to Distance Learning by reason of emergencies and health related situations.

- ***Southwest Border Mission (Title 32, USC, Sec 502(f))***
 - Applicable Period: Orders beginning on or after 15 February 2019
 - Provides for Post 9/11 GI Bill eligibility for those who responded to the Southwest Border Security Mission declared National Emergency by Presidential Proclamation 9844.

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MGIB-SR (Ch 1606)



- What Is It?
 - GI Bill Program for members of the Selected Reserve

- How Do I Qualify?
 - Have a High School Diploma or Equivalency
 - Sign a six year contract or Officer Service Agreement
 - Complete IADT/BOLC

- What Do I Get?
 - \$392 per month (Paid directly to the Soldier)
 - Up to 36 months of benefits

*Note: Cannot be used simultaneously with FTA for the same course

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ARNG MGIB-SR “Kicker”



- What Is It?
 - An additional monthly payment in addition to your basic GI Bill basic benefit

- How Do I Qualify?
 - Be eligible for MGIB-SR (Chapter 1606) or MGIB-AD (Chapter 30)
 - Agree to serve in a critical skill/critical unit (NPS/PS/Reenlistment), enter an officer commissioning program (ROTC, Officer and Warrant Officer), or commission
 - Sign a six year contract or officer service agreement (enlist or extend)
 - Meet all other criteria as listed in the current ARNG SRIP/Kicker Policy

- What Do I Get?
 - \$350 per month in addition to Chapter 1606 or 30 benefit

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MGIB-Active Duty (Chapter 30)



- What is It?
 - A GI Bill Program for Soldiers who serve on Active Duty

- How Do I Qualify?
 - Have qualifying active duty service on or after 1 July 1985 or AGR service after 29 Nov 89
 - Complete at least two years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32)
 - Contribute \$100/month for 12 months

- What Do I Get?
 - Two-year rate - \$1,664/month (Consecutive service of more than 2 years but less than 3 years)
 - Three-year rate - \$2,050/month (Consecutive service of more than 3 years)

Important!

**Top Up applies if on Active Duty/AGR, Ch30 pays the remaining cost of tuition and fees not covered by FTA*

**Plus Up allows you to pay up to \$600 and increase your monthly benefit by up to \$150 per month*

**For M-day Soldiers, MGIB-AD can be used simultaneously with FTA for the same course*

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Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)



- What Is It?
 - A GI Bill Program for Soldiers who serve on Active Duty

- How Do I Qualify?
 - Serve at least 90 days in a period of qualifying active duty on or after Sep 11, 2001
 - Qualifying Active Duty service is:
 - Service in any active component: Title 10 USC, Sections 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12301(h), 12302, 12304, 12304a, or 12304b
 - Title 10 or 32 AGR
 - Title 32 USC, Section 502(f), between 11 Sep 01 – 31 May 02, in which orders state “In Support of Operation Noble Eagle”
 - Awarded a Purple Heart
 - Serve in a qualifying duty status for more than 30 days and separate due to a service-connected disability or injury

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Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33)



▪ **Non Qualifying Service:**

- Title 32 ADOS/ADSW (Other than 11 Sep 01 – 31 May 02, in which orders state “In Support of Operation Noble Eagle”)
- Service Academy Contract Period
- ROTC Active Duty Contract Period
- Active Duty used for Active Duty Loan Repayment
- Active Duty period receiving less than Honorable discharge

▪ **Basic Training and AIT:**

- Can be added to established qualifying time if:
 - You already completed 24 months of other qualifying active duty time; and
 - Your Basic Training and/or AIT occurred on or after 9/11/2001

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Post-9/11 GI Bill Payment Tiers



| Service Requirements on/after 9/11/01 an individual must serve an aggregate of | Payment Tiers Percentage |
|--|--------------------------|
| At least 36 cumulative months or Purple Heart award | 100% |
| At least 30 continuous days on active duty and discharged due to service-connected disability | 100% |
| At least 30 cumulative months | 90% |
| At least 24 cumulative months | 80% |
| At least 18 cumulative months | 70% |
| At least 12 cumulative months | 60% |
| At least 6 cumulative months | 50% |
| At least 90 aggregate days | 40% |

* Payment Tier applies to Tuition & Fees, Books & Supplies Stipend, and Housing Stipend

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Post-9/11 GI Bill Tuition and Fees



- **What Do I Get?**
 - **Tuition and Fees**
 - Pays up to 100% of in-state tuition and fees at public schools
 - Pays private and out-of state tuition and fees up to the VA cap of \$24,476.79 annually
 - Payments made directly to the school
 - **Pays After**
 - Any scholarship
 - Federal/State Tuition Assistance
 - Employer based aid or other assistance
 - **Yellow Ribbon Program**
 - Must be eligible for 100% payment tier to qualify
 - School must elect to participate
 - VA *may* match up to 50% of the cost that exceeds the VA Tuition Cap
 - Includes private schools & out of state schools
 - Go to benefits.va.gov/gibill/ or contact your school's Veterans' benefits representative for more information

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Post-9/11 GI Bill Housing Stipend



■ What Do I Get?

■ Housing Stipend - Attending Campus:

- Paid directly to the student
- Must be attending more than half-time
- Payment is equivalent to BAH for an E-5 w/dependents
- Payment amount is determined by zip code of campus where attending classes
- Prorate based on training time and payment tier

■ Housing Stipend - Attending Distance Learning/Online Classes:

- Must be attending more than half-time
- The rate is equal to ½ the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents (full time at 100% tier = \$894.50)
- Prorated based on training time and payment tier

Important!

**Service member and spouse not eligible for stipend while on Active Duty*

**Children are eligible regardless of the Service member's duty status*

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Post-9/11 GI Bill

Books and Supplies Stipend



■ What Do I Get?

■ Books and Supplies

- Paid directly to the student
- Up to \$1,000 per academic year
- Computed at \$41.67 per credit hour
- Lump sum payment (each quarter, semester or term attended) paid directly to the student
- Prorated based on the individual's payment tier (40% to 100%) and rate of pursuit
- Eligible regardless of duty status

■ Period of Use

- While on Active Duty or non Active Duty status
- If last date of qualifying duty is before 1 January 2013, eligibility expires 15 years from date of last Active Duty discharge;
- If last date of qualifying duty is on/after 1 January 2013, eligibility does not expire
- Delimiting date can be extended by qualifying service of at least 90 consecutive days

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Transfer of Education Benefit (TEB)



▪ What Is It?

- A GI Bill Incentive Program that allows Soldiers to transfer their Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to spouses/dependents in exchange for continued service.

▪ How Do I Qualify?

- Be currently serving in the Armed Forces, and
- Have completed at least 6 years in the Armed Forces, and
- Have completed fewer than 16 years of service (Effective 12 January 2020), and
- Not have any adverse action flag (including APFT/ABCP failure), and
- Agree to serve 4 years from the transfer request date

Important!

**Must initiate transfer of benefits while serving in the Armed Forces*

**After retiring or separating, can revoke or modify only existing transferred benefits*

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Transfer of Education Benefit (TEB)



■ What Do I Get?

- May transfer remaining months of Post-9/11 benefit or *up to* 36 months of benefits, whichever is less
- DEERs Eligible Dependents;
 - Spouse (no age restrictions)
 - Can use immediately after receiving approved TEB
 - Same payments and delimiting date as transferring Soldier
 - Children
 - Must transfer before child turns 21 (before 23 if a full-time student)
 - Can use after SM has served at least 10 years in the Armed Forces
 - Can use as early as age 18 or receipt of high school completion equivalent cert.
 - Ends at age 26 or when transferred months are exhausted, whichever comes first

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Transfer of Education Benefit (TEB)



- **How Do I Apply?**

- **TEB Process:**

- Step 1: Contact the DVA at 1-888-422-4551 (888-GIBILL-1) to determine how many months are available to be transferred
- Step 2: Complete a DA Form 4836 Extension of Enlistment (if needed) with unit
- Step 3: Ensure extension and current NGB 23 is uploaded into iPERMS
- Step 4: Apply to transfer benefits on-line at: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>
 - Follow instructions sent to Enterprise email (mail.mil) by GI Bill Support Team (GIBST)
- Step 5: Return to milConnect, print approval letter, write down your 'Obligation End Date' (OED)

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How to Apply for VA Benefits

- **Apply On Line at:** www.va.gov
- **Information Needed**
 - School name and course of study
 - Personal Information (Address, Phone, etc...)
 - Bank account routing number and account number
- **Supporting Documents**
 - DD214 and/or Orders (Title 10 Mobilizations, Title 10 AGR/ADOS, Title 32 AGR)
 - Ensure all orders/DD 214s and current NGB 23 are in your iPERMS record
- **For VA Education Support**
 - Call 1-888-442-4551

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Federal Tuition Assistance



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Federal Tuition Assistance



■ What Is it?

- Financial assistance to help Soldiers with off-duty voluntary civilian educational pursuits

■ How Do I Qualify?

- Be actively serving in the ARNG
- Not flagged or pending unfavorable action
- Maintain 2.0 undergraduate or 3.0 for graduate GPA for FTA-funded courses*
- Commit to service obligation:
 - Commissioned Officers/Warrants (2 years/AGR, 4 years/TPU/Mday)
 - Enlisted (complete FTA-funded courses prior to ETS)

Important!

**Soldiers in undergraduate classes receiving F or D grades, and Soldiers in graduate classes receiving C, D, or F grades will be recouped any FTA funds paid*

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Federal Tuition Assistance



▪ How Do I Qualify? – Tiers

▪ 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.

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Federal Tuition Assistance



■ What Do I Get?

- 100% of tuition cost up to \$250 per semester hour (\$167 per quarter hour, or \$5.55 per clock hour)
- Up to 16 semester hours per fiscal year
- May be used towards an Academic Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's, Master's degree, or a Transition Certificate
- Career limits for FTA are:
 - 130 undergraduate semester hours
 - 39 graduate semester hours
 - 21 semester hours for undergraduate/graduate certificate
 - 21 semester hours for Transition Certificate (w/in 3 years of anticipated separation)
 - Must be five or more years since previous FTA-funded certificate

Important!

**FTA will not pay for a second degree at any level, regardless of the funding used for the first degree*

**FTA does not cover fees or books and may not be used with the MGIB-SR (Ch 1606) for the same course*

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Federal Tuition Assistance



■ How Do I Apply?

- Create a GoArmyEd user account
 - Go to www.goarmyed.com and establish a GAE Federal Tuition Assistance account by clicking on the “New User” button and entering all required data.
- All Federal TA requests must be submitted and approved prior to the start date.
 - May apply within 60 days prior of course start date but NLT 5 days prior to course 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.
- New FTA users and anyone who changes their degree plan are required to complete VIA (a planning tool designed to help Soldiers identify their ‘best fit’ school).
- For assistance:
 - Contact your State Education Services Specialist (ESS), Guidance Counselor or State ESO
 - Contact the GoArmyEd Helpdesk at 1-800-817-9990

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State TA (TN SRTONG Act)



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Tennessee STRONG Act



- What is it?
 - The Tennessee STRONG (Support, Training, and Renewing Opportunity for National Guardsmen) Act is a pilot program to provide eligible members of the Tennessee National Guard tuition funding toward a first time bachelor degree through a tuition reimbursement program.

- What do I get?
 - Reimbursement in the amount of up to 100% of the maximum resident undergraduate In-State tuition (currently UT Knoxville rate) charged by the post-secondary institution member attends.
 - May be used towards an Academic Certificate at a TCAT*, Associate degree, Bachelor's degree, or up to 120 credit hours.
 - Payments sent directly to postsecondary institution on behalf of TNNG Member.
 - May be used toward fees not covered by FTA.

Important!

**TN STRONG Act will not pay for a second degree at any level, regardless of the funding used for the first degree*

**TN STRONG Act may be used with the MGIB-SR (Ch 1606) for the same course*

** Eligible for use at Tennessee College's of Applied Technology (TCAT); check campus locations for available courses*

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Tennessee STRONG Act



■ How do I qualify?

- May apply upon enlistment and must be a currently serving member in good standing.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 for courses which STRONG Act is requested; can reapply if member raises GPA.
- Attend regionally accredited community colleges or four (4) year public and private schools or institutions whose primary campus is domiciled in TN.
- Must use in conjunction with Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) if eligible (16 credit hours per FY).
- Degree plans required after nine (9) semester hours or equivalent when TN STRONG Act is used.
- Itemized bill & final grades required before payments made directly to school on behalf of member.
- Apply for reimbursement within 90 days of course completion.

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Tennessee STRONG Act



■ How Do I Apply?

- **Step 1.** Enroll and register with eligible institution.
- **Step 2.** Register classes for FTA through GoArmyEd and provide proof of registration with TN STRONG Act application (if eligible).
- **Step 3.** Fill out TN STRONG Act application at:
 - <https://www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives>
 - TNGG Members responsible for routing application through unit, school, and submission to State TA managers.
- **Step 4.** Degree plan required (first time students after 9 hours of usage.)
- **Step 5.** Submit application once enrolled in classes (or by chosen school's submission deadline*) with required documents at:
 - ng.tn.tnarnq.mbx.ngtn-state-tuition-assistance-army@mail.mil
- **Step 6.** Application acceptance letters provided to TNGG Members and schools.

**Check with school about deferment deadlines*

***Law allows complete application be submitted NLT 90 days of course completion for reimbursement*

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Tennessee STRONG Act Approved Schools



Universities

- Austin Peay State University*
- East Tennessee State University*
- Middle Tennessee State University*
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Technological University
- University of Memphis
- University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville*
- University of Tennessee at Martin

Community Colleges

- Chattanooga State Technical Community College*
- Cleveland State Community College
- Columbia State Community College
- Dyersburg State Community College*
- Jackson State Community College
- Motlow State Community College
- Nashville State Community College*
- Northeast State Community College
- Pellissippi State Community College*
- Roane State Community College
- Southwest Tennessee Community College
- Volunteer State Community College*
- Walters State Community College

Private Post-Secondary Educational Institutions

- Aquinas College
- Belmont University
- Bethel University*
- Bryan College*
- Carson-Newman University
- Cumberland University
- Fisk University
- Freed-Hardeman University
- Huntington College of Health Science
- Johnson University
- King University*
- Lane College
- Lee University*
- LeMoyne-Owen College
- Lincoln Memorial University
- Lipscomb University*
- Martin Methodist College
- Maryville College
- Milligan College
- North Central Institute
- Pentecostal Theological Seminary
- South College
- Southern Adventist University
- Tennessee Wesleyan University
- Trevecca Nazarene University
- Tusculum University*

**LOI Partner Schools that offer Deferment for TN STRONG Act program*

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Credentialing Assistance



Credentials

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Credentialing Assistance



- What Is It?
 - The newest Army education program that provides financial assistance to help pay for a credential or licensure listed on the Army COOL Web site

- How Do I Qualify?
 - Soldiers may begin work on their first credential upon successful completion of IADT, WOBC or BOLC

- What Do I Get?
 - CA will provide Soldiers up to \$4,000 each year to pay for an eligible credential.
 - Soldiers may use both Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and Army Credentialing Assistance (CA); however, the combined usage shall not exceed \$4,000 per FY.
 - Credentials must be listed on the Army COOL web site at: <https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/> but does not have to be related to the Soldier's MOS.
 - CA will pay expenses for classroom, hands-on, online/blended training and associated materials to include: manuals, study guides, textbooks, processing fees, test fees, related fees for continuing education requirements, and recertification of credentials.

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Credentialing Assistance



- How Do I Apply?
 - Contact [your state education team](#) to discuss the CA application process and verify eligibility
 - Ensure your credential is listed on Army COOL at: <https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/>
 - Ensure you have an active GoArmyEd account
 - Ensure your training provider is on the approved list on GoArmyEd (if not, have them submit a request via the Army COOL web site)
 - Open a 'Credential Request' helpdesk case in GoArmyEd
 - Download the Credentialing Plan and Statement of Understanding and fill out the documents
 - Upload the documents to the helpdesk case and submit the helpdesk case (no later than 30 business days prior to training start date)
 - Education office reviews documents for completion and escalates to HQ ACES for action
 - HQ ACES notifies Soldier if approved/disapproved
 - Soldier uploads certificate of completion no later than 10 business days after training end date

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Credentialing Assistance



■ What Are The Most Popular Certifications?

- Associate Professional in HR (aPHR)
- Certified Logistics Technician (CLT)
- Certified Personal Trainer (CPT)
- Certified Welder (CW) Commercial
- Certified Personal Trainer
- Commercial Driver License (CDL)
- CompTIA
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Lean Six Sigma
- Project Mgt Professional (PMP)
- Private Pilot, Airplane Single Engine
- CompTIA A+ CompTIA Security +ce

■ Where Can I Go For Testing?

- There are two major companies that offer certification and licensure exams. You can find local test centers on their websites.
 - Pearson VUE: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/>
 - Prometric: <https://www.prometric.com/en-us/Pages/home.aspx>

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Testing Programs



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Army Personnel Testing - APT



- What Is It?
 - Standardized tests to determine eligibility for specialized training and to support the Army's personnel selection and classification process, including language proficiency testing.

- How Do I Qualify?
 - Be an actively drilling member of the Army National Guard
 - Not have taken the requested test within the last 6 months.

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Army Personnel Testing - APT

- What Do I Get?
 - ***Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)***
 - Take this test to raise GT/Line Scores to change your MOS or qualify for Officer Candidate School
 - ***Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB), Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT), and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)***
 - Take these tests to qualify for Foreign Language Billets and Proficiency Bonuses
 - ***Selection Instrument for Flight Training (SIFT)***
 - Take this test to qualify for Aviation School

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Army Personnel Testing - APT



- Test Preparation (OASC)
 - The Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) is available to Service members, DoD civilians, and family members to help prepare for college, build academic skills, and prepare for exams such as the AFCT.
 - The OASC is self-paced and customized based on your answers on a pre-assessment. Lessons utilize interactive exercises such as drag-and-drop matching, video games style multiple choice, and dynamic flash cards. Quizzes and practice problem sets help gauge mastery of the material.
 - The OASC is available at; www.nelnetsolutions.com/dantesnet/

- How Do I Apply?
 - A DA Form 4187 Request for Personnel Action, signed by the Unit Commander or RNCO, must be submitted to the Test Control Officer (TCO) to schedule any APT exam for Soldiers (can find examples on our website at www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives).

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DANTES Testing

- What Is It?
 - The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education (DANTES) sponsors free college entrance exams as well as high school equivalency exams and college credit equivalency exams to assist Soldiers in their academic pursuits.
- How Do I Qualify?
 - Be an active drilling member of the Army National Guard

Important!
CLEP and DSST
Exams can equate
to college credit
and save time and
money!

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DANTES Testing



- What Do I Get?
 - Below is a list of tests Soldiers may take;
 - College credit equivalency exams (CLEP, DSST)
 - ****General Education Development (GED)****
 - ****Entry level exams to Colleges (ACT, SAT)****
 - ****Entry level exams to Graduate Schools (GMAT, GRE)****
 - ****Teacher certification (Praxis)****

*NOTE: CLEP/DSST are administered without an upfront exam fee however, some schools may charge a nominal sitting fee. ****DANTES reimburses eligible Service members the test administration fee (only) for the exams marked with*****

<https://daims.doded.mil/Reimbursements/ReimbursementRegistration.aspx>

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DANTES Testing



■ Test Preparation

- Free ACT/SAT test prep is available at:
 - ACT: www.actstudent.org
 - SAT: www.sat.collegeboard.org
 - ACT/SAT via eKnowledge at: <https://www.eknowledge.com/>
- Free CLEP/DSST test prep is available at:
 - Nelnetsolutions at: www.nelnetsolutions.com/dantesnet/
 - DANTES: www.dantes.doded.mil/EducationPrograms/get-credit/creditexam.html
 - The College Board/CLEP: www.clep.collegeboard.org
 - Prometric/DSST: www.getcollegetcredit.com

■ How Do I Apply?

- All DANTES sponsored tests are administered at National Test Centers (NTCs). Refer to the web site for the specific test you want to take to find the NTC nearest you that offers that test.
 - The DANTES Reimbursement Form is located at:
<http://www.dantes.doded.mil/examinations/funding-and-reimbursement-eligibility/reimbursement-eligibility.html>

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Grants and Scholarships



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Grants and Scholarships

▪ FAFSA

- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). See how Federal Student Aid can put you on a path to success.
- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

▪ Scholarships for Veterans

- Many veterans scholarships are distributed by the state government as well as through colleges, universities, and local and regional organizations.
- Start applying for veterans scholarships on Fastweb now:
 - <https://www.fastweb.com/directory/scholarships-for-veterans>

▪ College Board's Scholarships

- Find scholarships, other financial aid and internships from more than 2,200 programs, totaling nearly \$6 billion.
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

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Tennessee Grants

- **The Helping Heroes Grant**
 - Must be a veteran with an honorable discharge, and
 - Has been awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal, or
 - Has been awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or
 - After 9/11/2001 received the War on Global Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

- **Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant**
 - Eligible Tennesseans who attend a TCAT are eligible for up to \$2,000 per year to earn a certificate or diploma, even if you gave a previous college degree.

- **Tennessee Reconnect Grant**
 - New program that allows Tennesseans to attend a TCAT or Community College tuition **FREE!!**
 - <http://www.tn.gov/collegepays/>

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Support Programs



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Joint Services Transcript (JST)



■ What is It?

- A record of your military educational experiences, including those for which there are evaluated college credit recommendations.
 - Helps college registrars award college credit for learning experiences gained while in the military.
 - Provides a supplement to a Soldier's resume, and provides employers with a good understanding of the scope of responsibilities and skills acquired while serving in the military.
 - The acceptance of American Council on Education (ACE) credit recommendations varies depending on an institution's policies, procedures, and degree requirements.

■ How Do I Qualify?

- All current and former members of the military are eligible to access their JST

■ What Do I Get?

- To request a transcript visit the JST Web site at <https://jst.doded.mil/>

IMPORTANT! Use the JST to find out how much college credit you may already have!

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Education Counseling Tools

To help you make your education decision



▪ VIA:

www.GoArmyEd.com

- A decision support tool that helps Soldiers identify long term career goals, choose a degree plan and select a “best fit” and “best value” school.

▪ TA DECIDE:

www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE/

- A DoD website designed to help Soldiers select a school, choose the right program in which to enroll, and make decisions that are aligned with unique personal goals.

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Education Counseling Tools

To help you make your education decision

▪ **GI Bill Comparison Tool:**

<http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

- Enables users to calculate benefits and research approved programs of study. Users enter their military status, the GI Bill benefit they plan to use and information about their school or employer.

▪ **College Navigator:**

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

- Provides important data to help refine a college search. Allows you to explore and compare features of different institutions, including programs and majors, degree levels, institution type, admissions considerations, pinpoint school locations with an interactive map, and export search results.

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▪ CollegeRecon:

<https://www.collegerecon.com/search.php>

- A virtual tool providing an unbiased and secure environment for current and former military personnel to connect with over 3,000 not-for-profit colleges and universities from across the country.

▪ Kuder Journey:

<http://dantes.kuder.com>

- A one-stop-shop for Service members as they plan, prepare and transition to civilian employment. Three easy step by step assessments provide a reliable foundation for which military members can build plans for the future.

▪ Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH):

www.bls.gov/ooh

- A resource offering information on the hundreds of occupations that provide the overwhelming majority of jobs in the United States. Includes duties, work environment, education and training, median pay and job outlook.

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- **Army e-Learning:**

 - <https://usarmy.skillport.com/skillportfe/custom/login/usarmy/login.action>

 - Over 5,000 Information Technology, Business Skills, and Interpersonal Skills courses from any location, around the clock (24/7).

- **Khan Academy:**

 - www.khanacademy.org

 - Free courses in Math, Science, Economics and Finance, Humanities, and Computer programming.

- **O*NET OnLine:**

 - <http://www.onetonline.org/>

 - The nation's primary source of occupational information. Central to the project is the O*NET data-base, containing information on hundreds of standardized and occupation-specific descriptors.

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- **Coursera:**

www.coursera.org

- Offers courses online for anyone to take, for free. Coursera offers courses in a wide range of topics, spanning the Humanities, Medicine, Biology, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Business, Computer Science, and many others.

- **Massive Open Online Course (MOOC):**

www.class-central.com

- Online courses that provide traditional course materials such as filmed lectures, readings, and problem sets, as well as providing interactive user forums to support community interactions between students, professors, and teaching assistants.

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- **On Line Academic Skills Course/College Placement Skills Training:**
 - <http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet/>
 - OASC and CPST are available to Service members, DoD civilians, and family members, to help prepare for college, build academic skills, and prepare for exams such as CLEP or DSST.
- **HERC and DegreeQuest:**
 - <http://degreequickly.com/nationalguard.html>
 - Free guidance, degree planning and support to Soldiers, spouses and dependent children of college age, using their patented degree exploration system, DegreeQuest®.

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▪ **Modern States Education Alliance:**

<https://modernstates.org/>

- MSA non-profit organization that offers free college courses to help students prepare for CLEP and Advanced Placement (AP) exams. MSEA offers over 70 high quality CLEP and AP prep courses from top institutions that cover almost all CLEP exams.

▪ **Federal Alliance:**

<https://www.opm.gov/wiki/training/Federal-Governmentwide-Academic-Alliances.ashx>

- Partnerships established by OPM with several colleges and universities to provide reduced tuition rates and additional learning opportunities to the federal workforce (including military personnel, spouses and dependents).

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Recommended Links



- TNARNG website: <https://www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives>
- Federal Tuition Assistance: <http://www.goarmyed.com>
- GI Bill Program: <http://www.gibill.va.gov>
- DANES: <http://www.danes.doded.mil/index.html>
- Credentialing Opportunities Online: <https://www.cool.osd.mil/army>
- TEB Request: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect>
- eBenefits: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov>
- Joint Service Transcripts: <https://jst.doded.mil>
- Army eLearning: <https://www.us.army.mil> (Click on Self Service then My Education for Army eLearning)

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- **Education Team: 615-313-0529/0604/0592**
 - ng.tn.tnarng.list.ngtn-j1-education@mail.mil
- **TN STRONG Act tuition reimbursement program:**
 - Army: 615-313-0737
 - ng.tn.tnarng.mbx.ngtn-state-tuition-asistance-army@mail.mil
 - Air: 615-313-0849
 - ng.tn.tnarng.mbx.ngtn-state-tuition-assistance-air@mail.mil
- Visit our TNARNG Education Webpage:
 - <https://www.tn.gov/military>
 - Click 'Education and Incentives'
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