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Dear Soldiers and Families,

Our goal in the Tennessee National Guard Education and Incentives Office is to make all of our Soldiers GUARD SMART. The GUARD SMART (Service Members Achieving Relevant Training) campaign was created to enlighten our Soldiers and their families to the multiple benefits available to them through continued military service with the Tennessee National Guard. In order to complete this task, we need you to be proactive in managing your career. Learning to manage your career will set you up for success in both your military progression and in civilian life.

There are many ways to be proactive in managing your career; the first and most important way is to read and understand your contract and any addendum in your iPERMS record. This is where you will find any of the incentives and benefits which you enlisted for and what is required of you in order to receive and keep those incentives and benefits. You can print and review your documents any time at https://iperms.hrc.army.mil/rms/.

Other benefits and incentives include Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), Credentialing Assistance (CA), GI Bills, State Tuition Assistance (STRONG Act), Testing, Student Loan Repayment, and Enlistment/Reenlistment Bonuses. The TN National Guard Education and Incentives Office assists Soldiers and their units in utilizing these benefits to the maximum amounts allowable. We have attached informational sheets to better assist you in understanding these programs.

Contact us to find out more information about our programs and benefits:

Incentives e-mail: ng.tn.tnarng.list.ngtn-j1-incentive-managers@mail.mil
Education e-mail: ng.tn.tnarng.list.ngtn-j1-education@mail.mil
State TA e-mail: ng.tn.tnarng.mbx.ngtn-state-tuition-assistance-army@mail.mil

You can gather more information from our webpage:
https://www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

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Sincerely,

Your TN National Guard Education and Incentives Team

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Tennessee National Guard Education & Incentives Team…

The 'GuardSMART' initiative was launched to increase awareness among our TNNG members of their military benefits earned, and how to maximize usage which enhances their military and civilian careers as they continue to serve.

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Education Team: 615-313-0529/0604/0592

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TN STRONG Act tuition reimbursement program

Army: SFC Stephen Biase (615) 313-0737 stephen.b.biase.mil@mail.mil

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Visit the updated TNARNG Education Webpage at:

https://www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

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Or

Download the ***'Tennessee National Guard App'***

click on ***'Info'*** & ***'TN Strong Act'***

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ARNG Education Programs and Services

Contact your State Education Office to learn more!

For More Information:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-276-4338
- Visit Us On-line: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

- 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 towards an academic certificate
- Apply online at: www.goarmyed.com

State Tuition Assistance (STA)

- Up to 100% tuition assistance, programs vary by state
- To find out what your state offers go to: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

Credentialing Assistance (CA)

- Pays tuition, fees, books, and exam costs for any credential listed on the Army COOL web site
- May be combined with FTA not to exceed $4,000/year
- Apply online at www.armyignited.com

GI Bill® Programs (www.va.gov)

- MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606 and Kicker
- MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
- Post-9/11 GI Bill/Chapter 33 and TEB

Army Personnel Testing (APT)

- Free testing opportunities including; AFCT, SIFT, DLAB, DLPT, DLRPT and OPI
- Offered at selected ARNG and Active Army locations

DANTES (www.dantes.doded.mil)

- Access to your Joint Services Transcript (JST) available at: www.jst.doded.mil
- College credit through CLEP and DSST and free exams including: GED, ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, and PRAXIS
- Free college planning resources including; TA Decide, CA Decide and Kuder Journey
- Free college and test prep resources available at: www.dantes.petersons.com
- Troops to Teachers at: www.proudtoserveagain.com

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College Planning and Assistance

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- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

Step 1: Contact your State ESO

To get started on your college/career journey, contact your state education office to obtain personal education counseling and assistance. Contact your state education office by going to the following link:

- ***www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives***

Step 2: Download Your JST

Find out how much college credit you may be eligible for from your military training and experience by downloading your Joint Services Transcript (JST) at:

- ***www.jst.doded.mil***

Step 3: Choose Your Major/School

Choosing a field of study and school can be challenging, try these free resources to help make your choice:

- ***Kuder Journey: https://journey.kuder.com/account/adult-login-register***
- ***TA Decide: www.dodmou.com/tadecide***
- ***College Navigator: www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator***
- ***GI Bill Comparison Tool: www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool***

Step 4: Get Financial Assistance

There are numerous programs and services available to ARNG Soldiers. Use the links below to access some of these resources:

- ***Federal Tuition Assistance: www.goarmyed.com***
- ***State Tuition Assistance: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives***
- ***Credentialing Assistance: www.armyignited.com***
- ***GI Bill Benefits: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill***
- ***DANTES Programs: www.dantes.doded.mil***
- ***FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov***

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PASS YOUR PT TEST?

If NOT, you may lose...

- Eligibility to re-enlist/extend
- Use of Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)
- Payment of current bonus or incentive (possible recoupment)
- Promotion opportunity

Physical Readiness is every Soldier's responsibility!!
That means YOU!!

Know the standards...
Meet the standards...
Keep your benefits!

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STOP, CHECK BEFORE YOU TRANSFER!!

THINKING ABOUT CHANGING MOS'S OR UIC'S?

- Review the bonus addendum for your current enlistment/reenlistment contract to ensure you don't jeopardize your bonus.
- Changing your MOS or Unit may be needed, but work with your Unit Leadership to ensure you don't lose an incentive.

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GET SMART

WITH FREE MONEY!!

Did you know you have 'free' money for your continuing education?

- Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)
- Credentialing Assistance (CA)
- TN STRONG Act (State TA)
- GI Bill (three types)
- Student Loan Repayment (SLRP)

Talk with your Unit Retention NCO for more details today!!

Working harder to make you smarter!

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ONE LESS BILL YOU HAVE TO PAY!

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

- Sign a six-year enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement
- Have a High school diploma or equivalent
- Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC)

Chapter 30 Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty (MGIB-AD)

- On or after July 1, 1985
  - minimum 2 continuous years on active duty; or
  - 20 months of a 2 year order and released at the convenience of the Government
- On or after 29 November 1989
  - minimum 2 years AGR status
- Paid $1200 to enroll
- Honorable Discharge

Chapter 33 Post-9/11GI Bill®

- Serve at least 90 days in a period of qualifying active duty on or after September 11, 2001. Qualifying Active Duty service is:
  - Service in any component
  - Title 10 U.S.C. Sections 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12301(h), 12302, 12304, 12304a,or 12304b
  - Title 32 AGR
  - Title 32 U.S.C., Section 502(f) under a Declaration of National Emergency as follows:
    - Between Sep 11, 2001 – May 31, 2002 under Operation Noble Eagle
    - Effective February 15, 2019 – in support of the Southwest Border Mission under Operation Guardian Shield
    - Effective March 22, 2020 – in support of the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Honorable Discharge

Which GI Bill do you qualify for?

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GI Bill® Comparison Chart

For More Information:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338)
- Visit Us On-line: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

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	Chapter 33 Post-9/11	Chapter 30 MGIB-AD	Chapter 1606 MGIB-SR
Eligibility Criteria	After 10 Sep 01, serve at least 90 aggregate days: ♦ Title 10 USC Sections 688; 12301(a), (d), (g), (h); 12302; 12304, 12304a, 12304b; ♦ Title 32 AGR ♦ Title 32 USC Section 502(f) Operation Noble Eagle Sep 11, 2001 – May 31, 2002 ♦ Title 32 USC Section 502(f) Operation Guardian Shield (Southwest Border) Feb 15, 2019-Pres ♦ Title 32 USC Section 502(f) COVID-19 March 22, 2020-Present ♦ Honorable Discharge	On or after Jul 1, 1985, serve: ♦ At least 2 continuous yrs on active duty or ♦ 20 months of a 2-year order and released at the convenience of the Government; or On or after Nov 29, 1989, serve: ♦ At least 2 years AGR Honorable Discharge	♦ 6-year contract in the Selected Reserve on or after Jul 1, 1985 ♦ High School Diploma or equivalent ♦ Complete AIT or BOLC Phase 1 ♦ Be actively serving
Payments	To school and to Soldier	Monthly, to Soldier	Monthly, to Soldier
Tuition Amount	Paid to school each term ♦ Public Institution: 100% of in-State tuition/fees ♦ Private/Foreign Institution: Up to $25,162 per yr	Full-time benefit: 3+ yrs service: $2,122 <3 yrs service: $1,722 Add up to $150 for Plus-Up	Full-time benefit: $397
Book and Supply Stipend	Up to $1,000 per year ($41.67 per credit) paid at start of each term	None	None
Monthly Housing Allowance	Resident: Equal to BAH rate for E5 w/Dep's Online: Up to $916.50	None	None
Cost to Soldier	None	Basic Benefit: $1,200 Plus-Up: Up to $600	None
Expiration	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	Upon separation from Selected Reserve
Transferability	Transferrable to eligible dependents	None	None

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GOT N.O.B.E.?

WHAT?
- Notification of Basic Eligibility for Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR).

WHEN?
- Ready to pursue your next level of continuing education.

WHERE?
- Your iPERMS: Search for 'notice' or '2384'

HOW?
- Turn your N.O.B.E into the VA representative at the school you wish to attend.

WHY?
- Promotion points
- Pay raise at your work
- Possible Officer/ Warrant Officer career path
- Sense of accomplishment- You can do this!!

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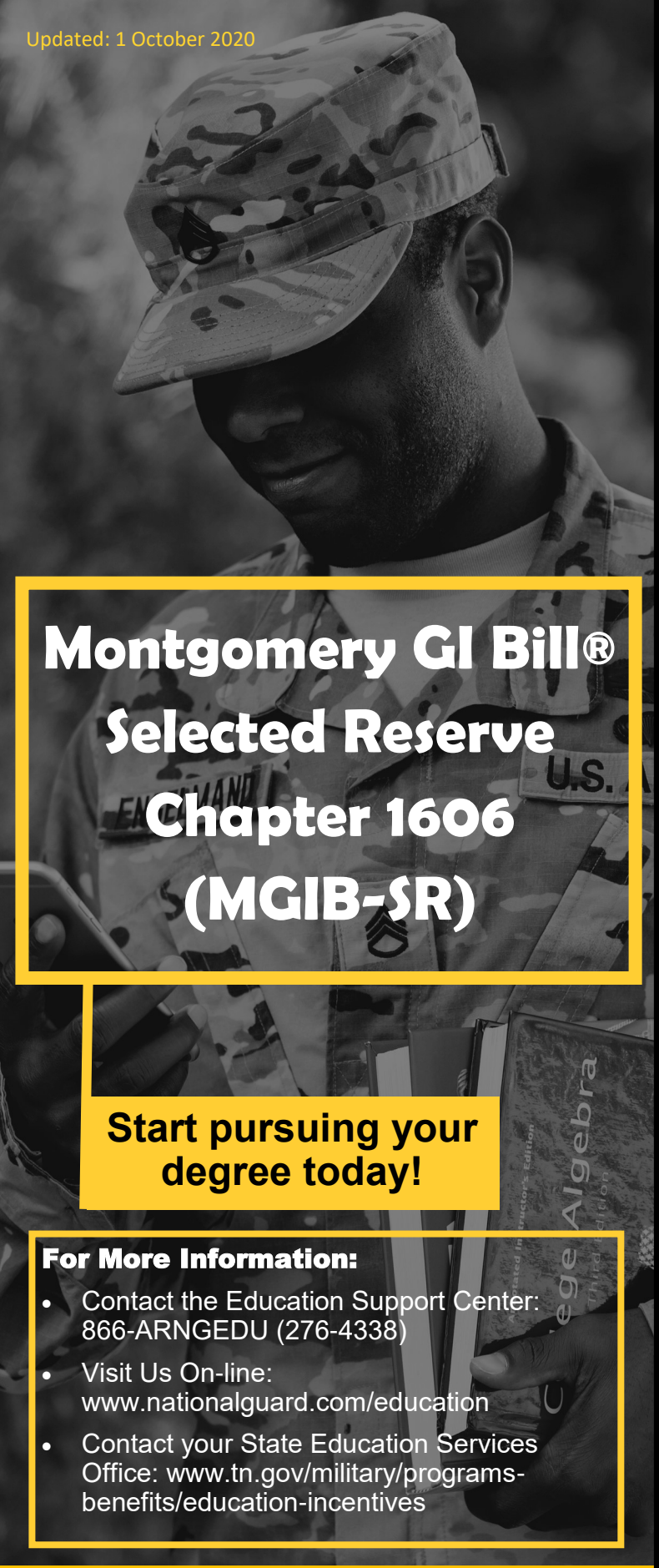

Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve Chapter 1606 (MGIB-SR)

Start pursuing your degree today!

For More Information:

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- Visit Us On-line: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

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.

How Do I Qualify?

- Sign a six-year enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement
- Have a High school diploma or equivalent
- Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC)

What Do I Get?

- **$397** per month for full-time enrollment
- Payment is tax free and is made directly to the Soldier each month from the DVA

How Do I Apply?

- Contact your State Education Office to verify eligibility.
- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: www.va.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.gibill.va.gov/wave

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Montgomery GI Bill® "Kicker"

Receive an additional $200 or $350 a month!

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- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

What Is It?

An incentive given upon enlistment/reenlistment to attract Soldiers to specific units, skills, or positions to meet and sustain ARNG readiness requirements.

How Do I Qualify?

- **Categories:**
  - Non-prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB, enlist in a critical skill/unit
  - Prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB, MOS qualified, E-7 or below, and enlist in an MTOE or medical unit
  - Currently serving enlisted Soldiers; served between 3-14 years in the ARNG, SFC or below
  - Officer commissioning programs; ROTC/SMP, OCS and WOCS
  - 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 MOS or Branch Qualification
  - Sign a six-year service obligation (Extension/Enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement)

What Do I Get?

- Depending on your category, **$200** or **$350** per month **in addition** to your basic GI Bill Payment

How Do I Apply?

- After completing a Kicker contract, submit the Veterans Online Application at: www.va.gov
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.

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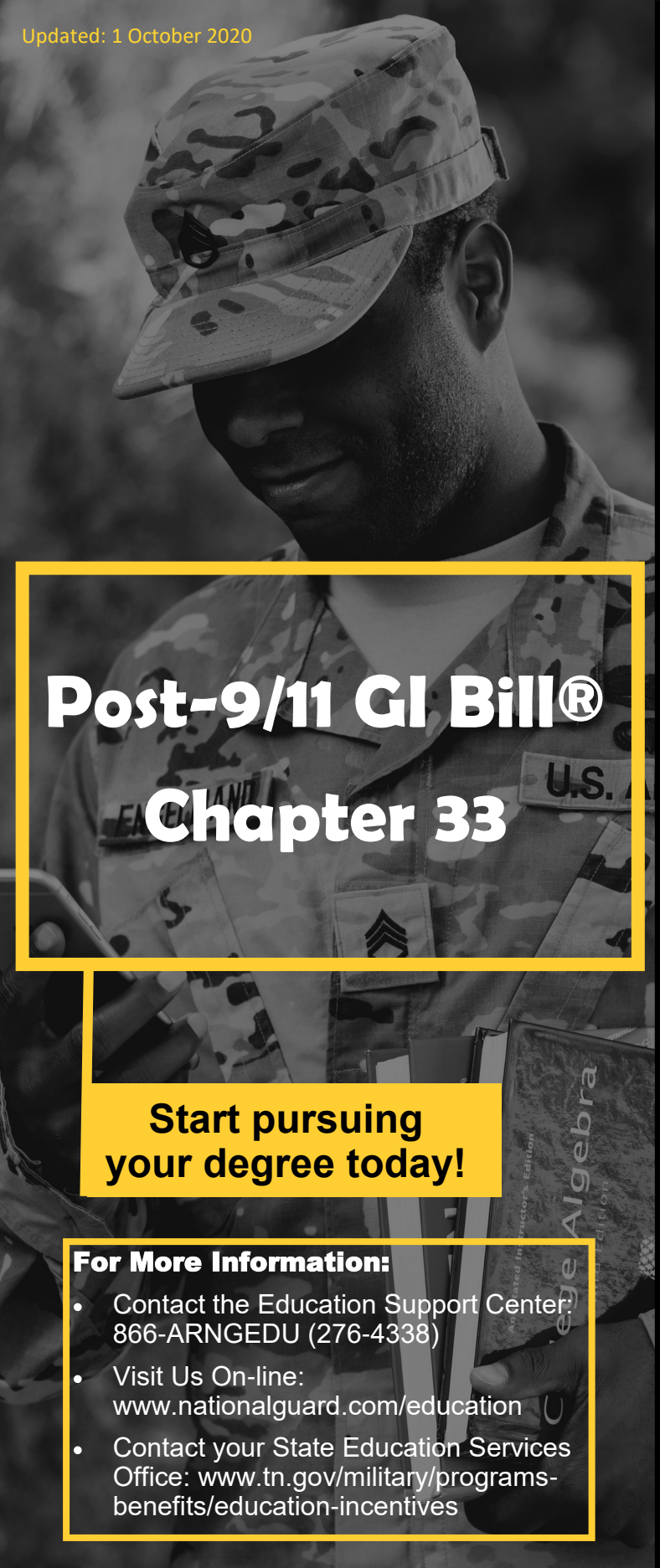

Post-9/11 GI Bill®
Chapter 33

Start pursuing your degree today!

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- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

What Is It?

An education program for Service Members who serve on active duty after September 10, 2001.

How Do I Qualify?

- Serve at least 90 days in a period of qualifying active duty on or after September 11, 2001:
  - Title 10 USC Sec's 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301 (g), 12301(h), 12302, 12304, 12304a, or 12304b
  - Title 10 AGR or Title 32 AGR
  - Title 32 USC, Section 502(f) under a Declaration of National Emergency as follows:
    - Between Sep 11, 2001 – May 31, 2002 under Operation Noble Eagle
    - Effective February 15, 2019 – in support of the Southwest Border under Operation Guardian Shield
    - Effective March 22, 2020 – in support of the COVID-19 Pandemic (Project Code X-10)
  - Serve for 30 continuous days and separate due to a service-connected disability or injury.

What Do I Get?

- Tuition and Fees:
  - Up to 100% of in-state tuition at public schools
  - Up to $25,162.14/year at private or foreign schools
- Books and Supply Stipend:
  - Up to $1,000/academic year ($41.67/ credit hour)
- Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA):
  - Equal to BAH rate—E5 with dependents
  - $916.50 if attending only online classes
- Payments pro-rated based on your percentage tier:
  - 36 Months or purple heart recipient = 100%
  - 30 Months = 90%; 24 Months = 80%
  - 18 Months = 70%; 6 Months = 60%
  - 90 Days = 50%

How Do I Apply?

- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: www.va.gov
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.

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TRANSFER NOW; USE LATER!!

ELIGIBLE FOR Chapter 33 Post-9/11GI Bill®?!

- If you are eligible for Chapter 33 Post-9/11GI Bill®, you should transfer it to your DEERS enrolled family members today!
- **SAFEGUARD** this valuable benefit now; you can still use it yourself even if your family does not!

THIS IS ONE BILL THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID; DON'T WASTE IT!

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Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) Post-9/11 GI Bill®

Transfer your benefits today!

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- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

What Is It?

An incentive for continued service offered to Service Members who qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

How Do I Qualify?

- Be currently serving in the Uniformed Services, with at least six years completed
- Qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at any payment tier
- NOT be flagged for adverse action, APFT/ABCP failure, or as Unsatisfactory Participant
- Agree to a **four-year** service obligation from the date of your transfer request

NOTE: IF YOU VOLUNTARILY SEPARATE FROM THE ARNG PRIOR TO COMPLETING YOUR OED, YOUR TEB WILL BE TERMINATED AND ANY FUNDS PAID TO YOUR DEPENDENTS WILL BE RECOUPED!

What Do I Get?

- Dependents receive same payment tier as the Soldier
- Spouses may use transferred benefits immediately
- Child/Children:
  - Cannot use the benefit until transferring Soldier has completed 10 years in the Armed Forces
  - Can begin using the benefit on their 18th birthday or upon high school graduation, whichever comes first
  - Eligibility ends on their 26th birthday unless an earlier date is specified
- You can modify and/or revoke months between any dependent you originally transferred months to – even after you separate from service
- **IMPORTANT! You must be currently serving to add a new dependent**

How Do I Apply?

- Step 1: Contact the VA at 1-888-GIBILL-1 to determine the number of months of benefits you have remaining
- Step 2: Complete extension (If required)
- Step 3: Got to Milconnect and complete your TEB application at: https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/
- Step 4: Access your Enterprise Email and follow email instructions
- Step 5: Apply for benefits
  - When ready to attend school, your approved dependent(s) apply at: www.va.gov
  - Notify the VA Certifying Official at your school to certify your enrollment

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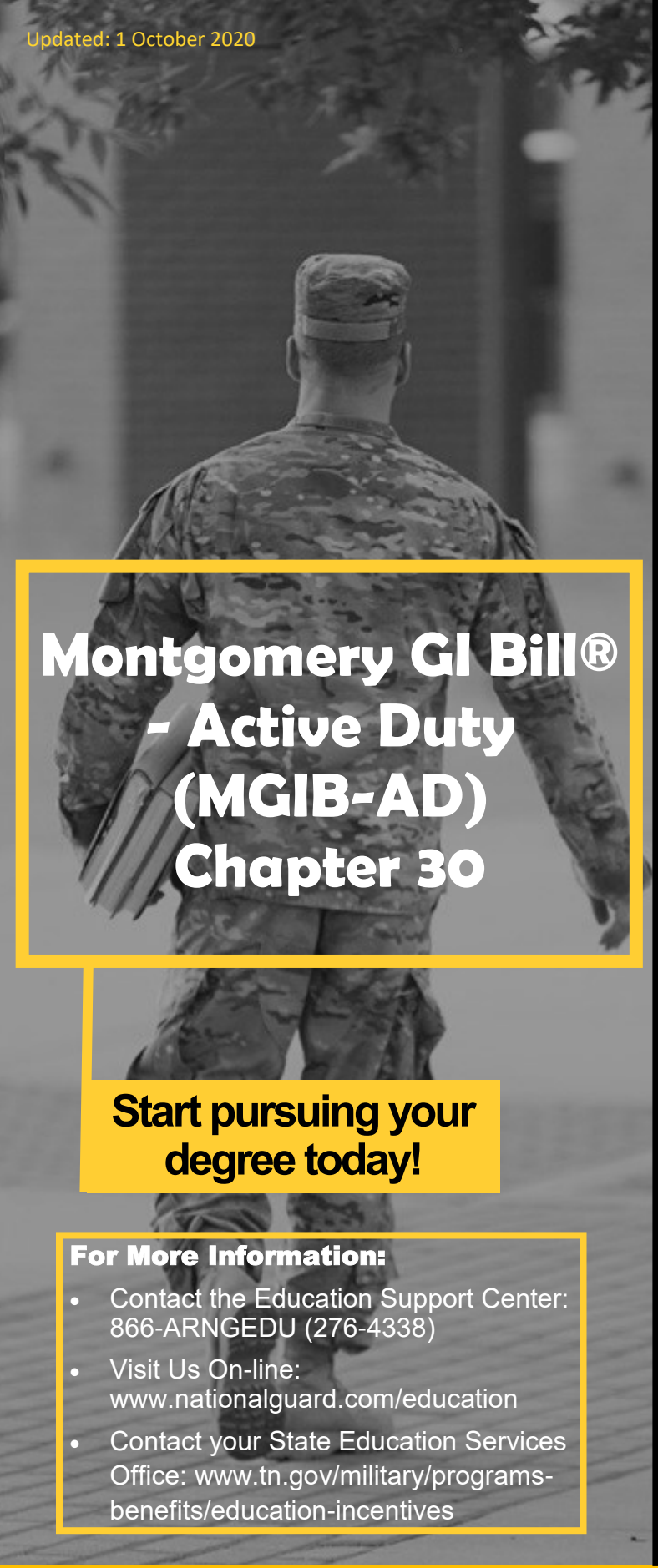

Montgomery GI Bill® - Active Duty (MGIB-AD) Chapter 30

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What Is It?

An education program that applies to veterans who served on active duty or AGR.

How Do I Qualify?

- Have qualifying active duty service on or after July 1, 1985, or AGR service after Nov 29, 1989
  - Complete two years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 80% rate
  - Complete three years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 100% rate

    - Must Complete 24 months before use
  - Complete a mobilization of at least two continuous years (730 days), or complete 20 months of a 730 day mobilization and be discharged at the convenience of the government
- Have pay reduced by $1,200

What Do I Get?

- A monthly payment paid directly to the Soldier based on amount of active duty served.
  - 3+ yrs of service = $2,122 per month
  - 2-3 yrs of service = $1,722 per month
- Top Up Program: If on active duty, you can use the MGIB-AD to pay tuition expenses not paid by TA
- Optional Plus-Up Program: Allows Soldiers to contribute up to an additional $600 which will increase your monthly benefit up to $150 per month

How Do I Apply?

- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: www.va.gov
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- Verify your enrollment each month online at: www.gibill.va.gov/wave

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How to Apply for GI Bill® Benefits

Take these steps to start earning your degree!

For More Information:

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- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

Step 1: Apply for your Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)

- Have all of the required information before you start. You must complete the form in one session – there is no option to save and come back later
- Go to www.va.gov , click "Apply for Education Benefits" and then "Find Your Education Benefits"
- Answer the questions by clicking the appropriate bubble until you reach "Apply Now"
- The VA will process your application within approx. 30 days and you will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) in the mail
- Call 888-GIBILL-1 to check the status of your application.

Step 2: Register for Classes

- Register for classes as soon as your school's registration period opens
- Contact your School Certifying Official (SCO) and provide a copy of your CoE

Step 3: Verify Attendance

- While in school, you must verify your enrollment **EVERY MONTH** to receive your next monthly deposit (Except for Post-9/11 GI Bill)
- Complete your monthly verification either way:
  - Call: 1-877-823-2378
  - Go online at: www.gibill.va.gov/wave and verify attendance through the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE)

Step 4: Next Semester

- Do not repeat the application on va.gov unless changing schools or degree plans
- As soon as registration for the next term opens, register for classes early and make another appointment with your SCO

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Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) is available today!

New Users:

www.GoArmyEd.com

- **"Student"**
- **"Create/ Activate Account"**

  Complete the required information & your ***'GoArmyEd'*** user name & password will be generated.

Use your 'GoArmyEd' user name & password…

- **"Request TA Access"**
- **"Welcome to VIA"**

1. The new VIA tool is self-guided and can provide Soldiers with career, degree and school selections.
2. Outlines study plans to keep you on track to meet course completion and education goals.
3. After completion of VIA, it will be reviewed. Upon approval you will be notified to start using FTA.

Important tips for returning users…

1. TA request must be approved **14 days prior** to course start date.
2. TA paid directly to school when the course is 2/3's complete.
3. Documentation must be specific to you & your degree plan, courses & billing.
4. Documents should be in PDF format or screenshots.
5. Must make A, B or C for undergraduate level; otherwise recouped.
6. Must make A & B for graduate level; otherwise recouped.
7. **"My Education"** section shows your semester hours balance.

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50 COLLEGES!

THERE ARE OVER 50 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS TENNESSEE THAT ARE APPROVED FOR USE OF YOUR FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.

THERE ARE OVER 3,000 ON-LINE PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT ARE APPROVED AS WELL!

For a complete list visit 'GoArmyEd' to see which would be best for you or your family members.

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There are several valuable tools on the website to help you maximize your military training and plan a career path that fits your future.

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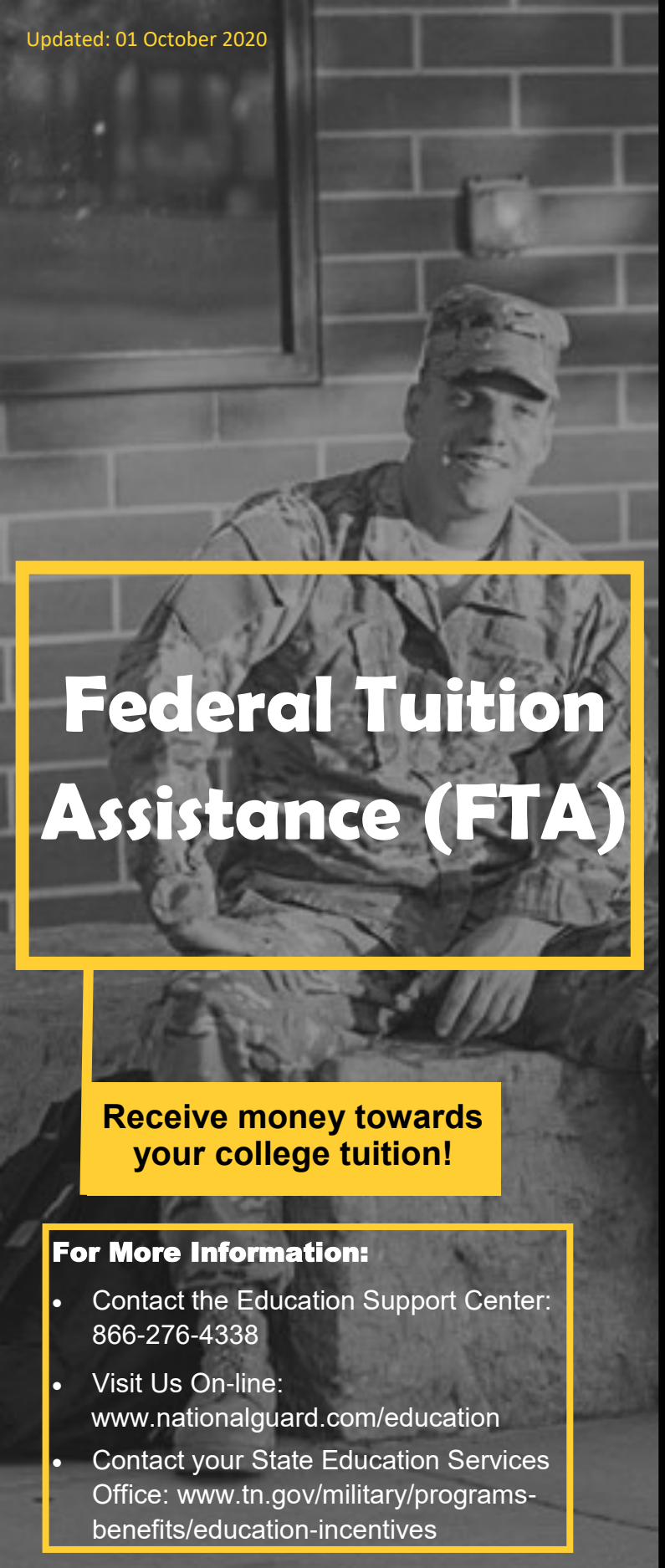

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

Receive money towards your college tuition!

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- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

What Is It?

Financial assistance provided for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals.

How Do I Qualify?

- **Tier 1:**
  - Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed AIT, WOBC, or 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 or undergraduate academic certificate **or**
  - Have attained a bachelor's degree **w/out FTA** and wish to pursue a master's degree
- **Tier 2:**
  - Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed either ALC, WOAC, CCC, or equivalent
  - Have attained a bachelor's degree w/ FTA and wish to pursue a master's degree
- **Service Requirement/Obligation:**
  - Enlisted: Have an ETS or MRD **after** completion of FTA funded course(s)
  - Officers and Warrant Officers: Subject to a two-year ADSO or four-year RDSO

What Do I Get?

- Up to **$250** per semester hour, up to **16 SHs** per fiscal year
- Lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours and 39 graduate semester hours
- Up to 21 additional SHs towards an academic certificate

How Do I Apply?

- Go to www.goarmyed.com and establish an account by clicking on the "New User" button

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COMPTIA A+
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JAVASCRIPT SPECAILIST
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Effective 1 Jan 2020, Soldiers can receive up to $4,000/year to obtain a credential or license!

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What Is It?

The Army's Credentialing Assistance (CA) Program provides Soldiers with funding for more than 1,600 credentials listed on www.cool.osd.mil/army

How Do I Qualify?

- Complete AIT, WOBC, or BOLC
- Not be flagged
- Military Service Obligation (MSO):
  - Enlisted: Complete credential prior to sep/ETS
  - Officers/Warrant Officers: Incur a 2 Yr-ADSO or 4 Yr-RDSO after last day of course
  - Officers/Warrant Officers do not incur a service obligation for Testing or Recertification (capped at $2,000 on their last year of service)

What Do I Get?

- Up to $4,000/year to pay for a new credential or recertification (combined use of FTA and CA cannot exceed $4,000 per FY)
- CA pays expenses for course materials/supplies, textbooks, and exam fees.
- CA can be used for any credential listed on www.cool.osd.mil/army and does not have to be related to the Soldier's MOS
- All expenses are paid prior to course/exam start date. Soldiers who pay out of pocket will not be reimbursed
- Popular Certifications:
  - Project Management Professional (PMP)
  - Private Pilot, Airplane Single Engine
  - Certified Personal Trainer (CPT)
  - Commercial Driver License (CDL)
  - Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
  - CompTIA A+, CompTIA Security +ce

How Do I Apply?

- Contact your State ESO/ESS to discuss the CA application process and verify eligibility.
- Ensure your credential is listed on Army COOL at: www.cool.osd.mil/army
- Apply online at: www.armyignited.com

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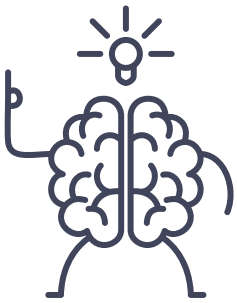

TN STRONG Act is the TN National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program!!

Eligible applicants may apply for tuition reimbursement…

- **Up to 120 credits hours, 8 semesters or equivalent towards an Associate's and or first Bachelor's Degree.**
- **When attending a 2 year or 4 year program from an eligible public or private institution domiciled within Tennessee.**
- **Paid directly to education institution in an amount of up to 100% of public school maximum resident undergraduate in-state tuition.**
- **Must use in conjunction with Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), if eligible. Failure to do so WILL result in a reduced reimbursement.**

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TN STRONG ACT

BENEFITS

Available to all members of the Tennessee National Guard

Reimbursed, I00% of the highest in-state public institution

Pays up to 120 Semester hours for first Bachelor's degree

QUALIFICATIONS

•Be admitted to and enrolll in an eligible institution {any Tcnncssce public community college, public univc,sity, or private college or university, all of which muse be regionally accrcdit<!:d) Individuals attending private. **institutions** will **be reimbursed for the average cost at a** public institution.

•Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0. An individual who loses efigibilicy for failing to maintain a 2.0 grade point average may regain eligibility upon maintaining a 2.0 grade point average in a subsequent semester.

·Apply for and use federal tuition assistance
•Be in good st,;nding with the Tennessee N;:.tional Guard and currently serving
•Appfy for the reimbursement within 90 days of course completion

As a Jase.dollar reimbursement, the- amount of scace tuftion reimbursement is offset by any othor funds received. The tuition reimbursement will be made to the educational institution on behalf of an eligible member for **no more th:m 120 credit hours or eight semesters toward** a first time bachelor's degree.

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The Gove,-nor's message about the STRONG Ac.t and ou,- Soldiers.

MIve had the privilege c,f witnesslng Tennessee'$ National Guard in action, both in Afghanis.tan and here in Tennessee helping communities recover from devastating tragedies. Through the Tennessee STRONG Act, we can help ou,- $Oldiers and a.1men **who** protect vs at home and abroad by providing cuicion free attendance **(or** these men and women at our public univen.ities and colleges," Haslam said. "t thank Senate Majority leader Mark Norris and Rep. Tilman Goins for carrying this bill and the legislature for their overwheJming support and partnership in hetping our National Guardsmen eam collece degrees."

The Tennes,ee STRONG Act creates a fc,ur•yeat plJot program for members of the Tennessee National Guard. Eligible members will qualify for tuition reimbursement toward a first time bachelor'.s degree. The bill **is** part of Haslam's NextTenneu:ee legislative plan aimed at building and sustaining ec.onomic growth and che state·s competitiveness for the next generation **of** TeMesseans.

- GOV Bill Haslam

NEW STATE T'UITIION REIMBURSEMENT Bl,,N1:,f,IIT

TN STRONG Act 2017 Tuition Reimbursement Program

Tennessee Public Chatper 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 and 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 succesfully **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 reiumbursement 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.

NGTN-PER-B 01 September 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Processing College Transcripts for Soldiers of the Tennessee Army National Guard

1. References: AR 601-210, AR 600-8-19, AR 601-100, and NGR 600-100.

2. The Tennessee Army National Guard (TNARNG) Education Services Office (ESO) is the only verifying official for post-secondary education transcripts for all members when it is for the purpose of making the transcripts part of their Official Military Personnel File (OMPF).

3. To ensure transcripts are properly verified and added to a member's OMPF, transcripts must be received directly from the post-secondary education institution. When submitting transcript requests to an institution, members should provide the ESO's mailing address or e-mail address to the institution and request the transcripts be sent directly to one of these.

ESO Mailing Address: Joint Forces Headquarters
Tennessee Army National Guard
ATTN: NGTN-PER-ED
3041 Sidco Drive
Nashville, TN. 37204

ESO E-mail Address: **ng.tn.tnarng.list.ngtn-j1-education@mail.mil**

4. Any transcripts received marked *'Issued to Student'* will not be accepted.

5. The Education Office will ensure transcripts are validated, verified, uploaded into iPERMS and keyed into SIDPERS as part of the Soldier's permanent military service record.

6. POC is CW4 C. Scarlett Bernier, ESO at (615) 313-0625 or clarisse.s.bernier.mil@mail.mil.

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G1, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel

SLRP

"Show Me the Money!"

Do you know...

- **WHAT?: Student Loan Repayment Program**
- **WHEN?: On the anniversary date of your enlistment or reenlistment**
- **WHERE?: Unit Readiness NCO can print DD 2475 from GIMS <u>60 days</u> from entitlement date**
- **HOW?: Go to the NSLDS website at <u>https://www.nslds.ed.gov/</u> Soldier must print summary & detailed loans sheets within <u>30 days</u> of entitlement**
- **WHY?: Soldier MUST request payment annually to receive incentive Entitlement you earned by maintaining required standards**

Not sure you have SLRP? Read your enlistement contract and bonus addendum found in your iPERMS.

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MILITARY TRAINING = COLLEGE CREDIT

JST Joint Services Transcript

- One source document that provides a roll up of all your military training that has been evaluated by ACE's (American Council on Education).
- Presents credit recommendations for formal courses and occupations offered by all branches of the military.
- Review your JST several times during your military career; important document when you decide to attend college.
- Your college will translate your military experience into possible college credits.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) ....
Performed by your chosen college

Documents required vary by college & may include tests, evaluations, or portfolios. Possible Documentation examples:

- DD-214's
- JST
- Prior college transcripts

Visit...https://jst.doded.mil to generate your JST today!

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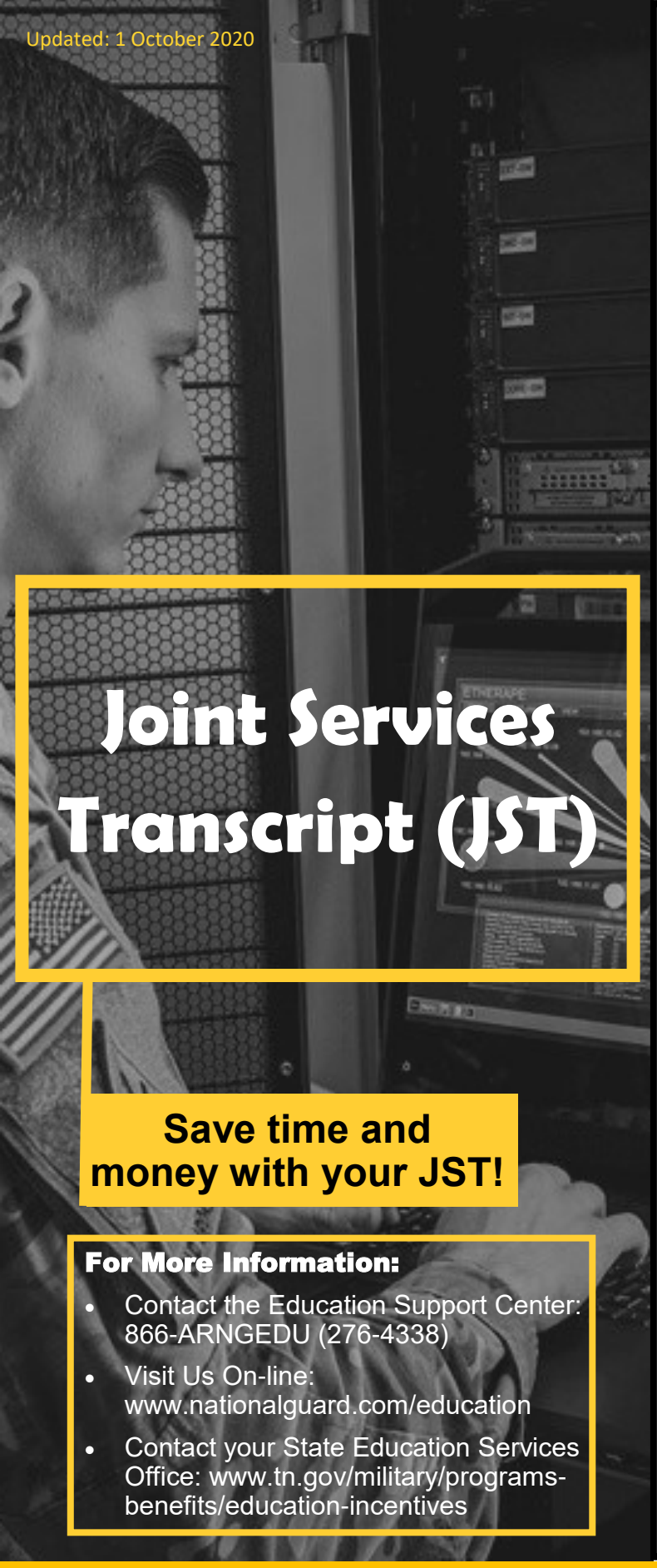

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Joint Services Transcript (JST)

Save time and money with your JST!

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- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.tn.gov/military/programs-benefits/education-incentives

What Is It?

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.

How Do I Qualify?

- All Military Members, current or former are eligible to receive a JST

What Do I Get?

- The JST helps college registrars award college credit for learning gained in the military.
- The JST provides a description of military schooling and work history in civilian language and serves as a counseling tool for academic and career counselors in advising Service members and veterans.
- The JST saves time and money by recommending the award of college credits, which means less tuition to pay and less time spent in the classroom.
- The acceptance of ACE credit recommendations varies depending on an institution's policies, procedures, and degree requirements.

How Do I Apply?

- Request your JST at: https://jst.doded.mil/jst/
- Submit your official JST to any institution located on the "Official Transcript Request" page
- If you are missing an ACE accredited course you completed more than two months ago and it is an ACE accredited course, send a copy of all training certificate documentation (DA-1059) and justification through the JST website.

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Army Personnel Testing (APT)

Enhance your military career!

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What Is It?

APT encompasses standardized tests used 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 active drilling member of the Army National Guard (ARNG)

What Do I Get?

With APT, Soldiers can take the following tests at no charge to enhance your military career:

- **Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT):**
  - Raise GT/Line Scores to Re-class MOS or qualify for Officer Candidate School
- **Selection Instrument Flight Training (SIFT):**
  - Qualify for Aviation School
- **Language Tests (DLPT, DLRPT, DLAB and OPI):**
  - Qualify for Foreign Language Billets and Proficiency bonuses

How Do I Apply?

To schedule an APT exam, contact your unit and submit a DA Form 4187 (Request for Personnel Action), signed by the Unit Commander to your state Test Control Officer (TCO).

Helpful Links for Test Prep:

- Online Academic Skills Course (OASC): https://dantes.petersons.com
- MWR Library Online Resources (EBSCO): http://mylibraryus.armybiznet.com/
- Defense Language Institute: http://www.dliflc.edu/resources/products/
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ARMY PERSONNEL TESTING (APT)

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APT encompasses standardized tests to determine eligibility for specialized training and to support the Army's personnel selection and classification process, including language proficiency testing. (Reference: AR 611-5)

How Do I Qualify?
Be an actively drilling member of the Army National Guard.

What Tests Are Available?
APT offers career-enhancing exam options, such as:

- Armed Forces Classification Test **(AFCT)**
- Selection Instrument Flight Training **(SIFT)**
- Defense Language Proficiency Test **(DLPT)**
- Defense Language Aptitude Battery **(DLAB)**
- Oral Proficiency Interview **(OPI)**

What Are The Benefits of These Tests?
AFCT: Raise GT/Line Scores to Re-class MOS or Qualify for Officer Candidate School
SIFT: Qualify for Aviation School
DLPT /DLAB/OPI: Qualify for Foreign Language Billets and Proficiency Bonuses

How Do I Apply?
Application for APT is through the Education Office with a DA 4187 from your unit (sample DA 4187 found on our website).

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TEST YOURSELF

FOR FREE with Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (Dantes) Testing

What Is It?
DANTES offers free college entrance exams as well as high school & college equivalency exams to assist TNNG members in their academic pursuits.

How Do I Qualify?
Be an active drilling member of the Tennessee National Guard.

What Do I Get?
Below are the tests TNNG members may take:

- Entry level exams for Colleges (ACT,SAT)
- Entry level exams for Graduate Schools (GMAT,GRE)

How Do I Apply?
Most DANTES sponsored tests are administered at National Test Centers (NTCs) Soldiers should locate a local NTC and contact them to schedule your exam https://apps.collegeboard.org/cb-search_clep/searchCLEPTestCenter.jsp

ACT and SAT Tests are administered free to military personnel only at Active Duty Education Centers or your State Education Offices (active DANTES Test Sites only)

Helpful Links:
CLEP Exams: http://clep.collegeboard.org/military
DANTES: http://www.dantes.doded.mil/
Study Materials: http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/dod/

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What Is It?

DANTES provides numerous programs and services to assist service members seeking to further their education goals and objectives.

How Do I Qualify?

Be an actively drilling member of the ARNG.

What Do I Get?

- Free High School (GED) and college credit equivalency exams (CLEP and DSST)
- Free entry level exams to colleges (ACT, SAT)
- Free graduate school entry exams (GMAT, GRE)
- Free teacher certification exams (Praxis)
- Other Services:
  - OASC/CPST: Test/college prep materials https://dantes.petersons.com/
  - Joint Services Transcript: Provides ACE recommended college credit for military trng/experience https://jst.doded.mil
  - TA Decide: Online college comparison tool www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE/
  - Kuder Journey: Interest/skills assessment tool, www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE/
  - Troops To Teachers: Assistance to become a qualified teacher, www.proudtoserveagain.com

How Do I Apply?

- Locate a test center to schedule an exam at: https://www.dantes.doded.mil/TestSiteLookup/index.html
- Submit for reimbursement (NLT 90 days after): https://daims.doded.mil/Reimbursements/ReimbursementRegistration.aspx
- For further info visit the DANTES website: www.dantes.doded.mil/index.html or download their MIIEd Benefits App from the app store

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College Scholarships

Save Money!

For More Information:

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.ORG Websites Hosting Scholarships

.ORG websites are typically nonprofits, foundations, philanthropic and cultural institutions, religious, civic, arts, social and fraternal organizations, health and legal services, clubs and community volunteer groups. Use all scholarship search engines only after reviewing their terms of agreement.

- **Fisher House**
- **Enlisted Associated of the National Guard**
- **National Guard Association of the United States**
- **25 Great Scholarships for Members of the Military and Their Families**
- **The American Legion**
- **Veterans of Foreign Wars**
- **Student Veterans of America**
- **College Scholarships.org**

.COM Websites Hosting Scholarships

.COM websites are typically for profit organizations. Use .com search engines cautiously and be aware you may receive numerous unsolicited emails if you submit an inquiry.

- **U.S. Veterans Magazine**
- **Scholarships.com**
- **Fastweb.com**
- **College Recon.com**

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Registered Apprenticeship & On-the-Job Training Programs

Earn while you learn!

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What Is It?

A combination of on-the-job training and related class-room instruction provided under the supervision of a journey-level craft person or trade professional in which workers learn practical and theoretical aspects of a highly skilled occupation.

How Do I Qualify?

- Apprenticeship training programs require a mini-mum of 2,000 hours of OJT per year, supplement-ed by a minimum of 144 hours related classroom instruction.
- Instruction may be given in a classroom, through correspondence courses, self-study, or other means of approved instruction.

What Do I Get?

- As an apprentice, you will receive training, educa-tion and wages from your employer.
- If you qualify for a GI Bill® program, you can also collect a monthly benefit payment 'in addition' to your regular full-time wages, for the duration of the apprentice training period. The amount of the GI Bill entitlement depends on your GI Bill eligibility.
- Total GI Bill benefits SMs can receive range from $10-50K over a five year period.

How do I Apply?

- **Step 1:** Find an "Apprenticeable" occupation at: https://www.doleta.gov/OA/occupations.cfm
- **Step 2:** Find an employer who sponsors an RA training program at: https://www.apprenticeship.gov/employers/registered-apprenticeship-program
- **Step 3:** Search for an RA program approved for GI Bill use at: https://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weamspub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do
- **Step 4:** Find an RA job vacancy at: https://www.apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-finder

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Troops to Teachers

1. What Is It?

Troops to Teachers (TTT) helps current and former military personnel begin teaching careers and find teaching positions in secondary schools, K-12.

2. How Do I Qualify?

All current and former members of the Armed Forces with an "honorable" discharge are eligible to receive counseling and employment facilitation services.

3. What Do I Get?

Counseling and Referral Assistance:

- Individual counseling to assist the participant in exploring and selecting the best pathway to teaching based on their unique needs, goals, and skills, (NOTE: As of August 2018, local TTT assistance is provided in 31 states via grant funding).
- Guidance on how to meet state teaching certification regulations and choose a certification program.
- Transcript evaluation for state certification.
- Insight on licensing options, to include substitute teaching licenses.

Employment Assistance:

- Conduct resume reviews.
- Connect qualified participants with hiring officials.
- Financial assistance in the form of a $5K stipend or $10K bonus may be available to participants who meet military service, education, and application requirements. For more information, visit https://www.proudtoserveagain.com/Participants/financialassistance
- Application must be submitted within 3 years of retirement/separation/release from the Armed Forces.

4. How Do I apply?

- Go to the TTT web site and click 'apply': www.proudtoserveagain.com

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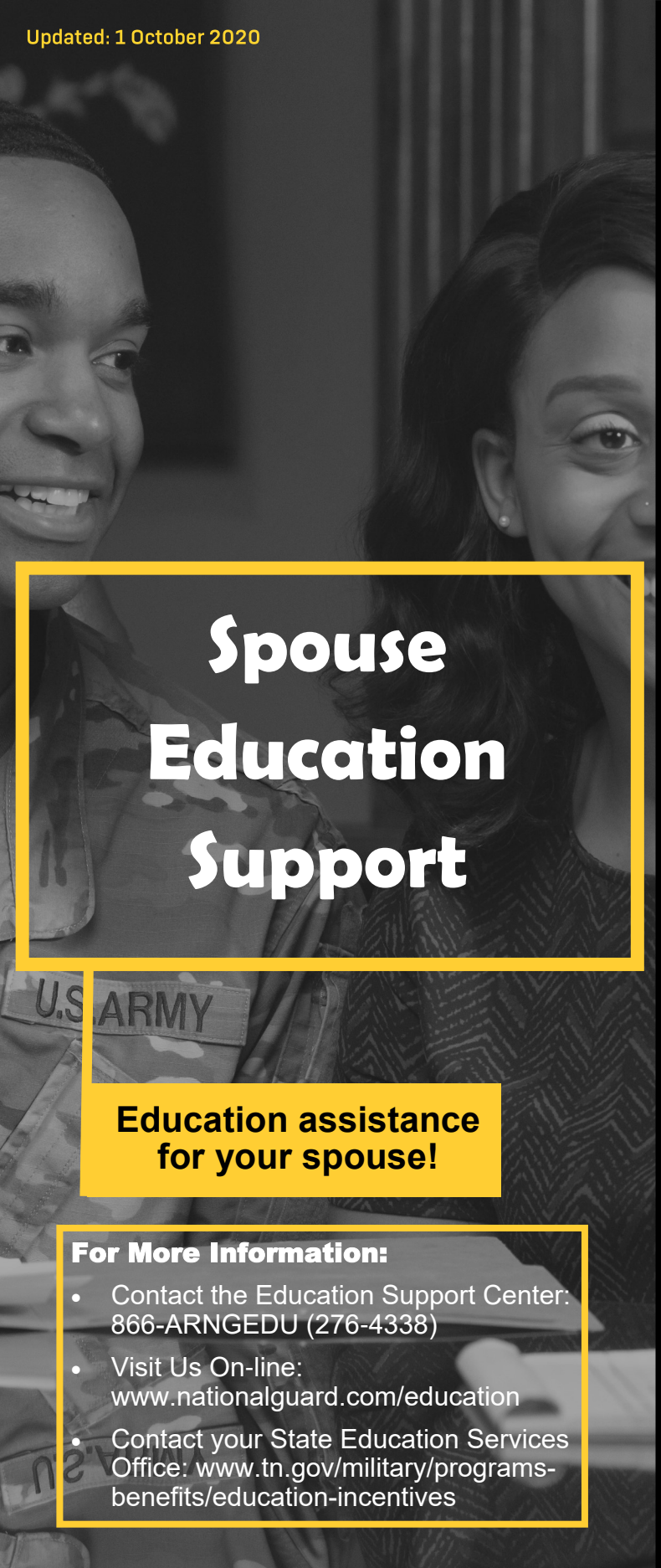

Spouse Education Support

Education assistance for your spouse!

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Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)

- If your actively participating service member has qualifying active duty, at least six years of service, and at least four years of service remaining, he/she may qualify to transfer some or all of their education benefits to their eligible dependents.
- The transfer is requested by the Service Member at:

  https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/

State Licensure Reimbursement

- Spouses of ARNG Soldiers that were reassigned from a duty station in one state to another on or after 12 December 2017, and movement of the Soldier's dependents is authorized, qualify for up to $500 reimbursement in qualified relicensing costs with each reassignment.
- Only applies to Title 10/32 AGR/AD (IDT not authorized).
- Visit https://myseco.militaryonesource.mil/portal/

Military Spouse Scholarships

- Fisher House
- The National Military Family Association (NMFA)
- ThanksUSA
- The U.S. Veterans Magazine

MyCAA

- The My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship program helps military spouses pursue licenses, credentials, or associate degrees with a specific concentration or major to pursue an occupation or career with transferable and portable skills.
- My CAA provides up to $2k per year up to $4k max.
- Soldiers must be on Title 10 active duty/AGR in the grades of E1 - E5, W1 - W2, or O1 - O2
- To apply or obtain more information, go to:

  https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/

Tutor.com

- Dependent children and spouses of military members are eligible to use Tutor.com
- Program provides free online tutoring for all different grade levels and subjects including college and professional subjects!
- Available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week!
- https://military.tutor.com/home

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What's in your Military Education TOOLBOX?

Post-9/11 GI Bill - Chapter 33 (Most valuable)

- Department of VA funded
- Only benefit that you can use once you leave the military
- Only one you can share with your family

Montgomery GI Bill- Chapter 1606

- Department of VA funded
- Payment directly to military student
- May have a 'Kicker'
- Cannot be used with FTA for same course

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) (Use this one first)

- DoD funded; used only while serving
- May obtain certificates, Associates, Bachelor's, and Master's Degrees

TN STRONG Act (Use this one with FTA)

- State of Tennessee funded
- Qualify immediately upon enlistment
- 120 credit hours, 8 full semesters or first Bachelor's degree

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Incentive & SLRP Team: 615-313-0577/2697/2692/0646
GI Bill: 615-313-0529
FTA/GoArmyEd: 615-313-0604/0592
Testing Team: 615-313-0604/0529
State TA Team: 615-313-0737/0849

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Education Support Programs

Tools to help you be Successful!

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What Is It?

The following programs are available to help your college/career journey be successful. ARNG Soldiers are encouraged to review the various programs available and to contact your state education office for additional education counseling and support.

How Do I Qualify?

Be an actively drilling member of the ARNG

What Do I Get?

Resources to Help Make Decisions:

- VIA
- TA DECIDE
- Career Path DECIDE
- College Navigator
- College Scorecard
- GI Bill Comparison Tool
- Kuder Journey
- Coalition for College
- Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH)
- O*NET On-Line

Resources to Help While in School:

- Army e-Learning
- Khan Academy
- OASC and CPST
- Federal Academic Alliance
- Coursera
- Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)
- Modern States Education Alliance (MSEA)
- MWR Library/EBSCO Learning Express
- Veteran's Upward Bound

How Do I Apply?

Use your internet browser to find the web site for the program you're interested in and follow the instructions provided to use the services. Contact your State education office if you have any access issues.

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