FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE (FTA)

WHAT IS IT?
Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) is 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?
- Be currently serving in good standing in the ARNG and have a Common Access Card (CAC)
- Not be flagged
- Not have a hold on your ArmyIgnitED account (once created)
- Maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA for undergraduate courses or a 3.0 or higher GPA for graduate courses

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 active duty service obligation (ADSO) or four-year reserve duty obligation (RDSO)

WHAT DO I GET?
- Up to $250 per semester hour, up to 16 SHs for a total of $4,000 per fiscal year (Max TA and CA)
- One degree at each of the following levels, Associates, Bachelor's and Master's
- Lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours and 39 graduate semester hours
- CAN be used simultaneously with Chapter 1606/ MGIB-SR for the same course, when attending half-time or more

HOW DO I APPLY?
- Go to https://www.armyignited.army.mil and establish an account by clicking “Get Started” (CAC ID required)
- Request an Education Goal (select your school and degree program)
- Enroll in courses at your School
- Return to ArmyIgnitED and request TA for the courses you want to use TA for
  o Courses can be requested up to 60 days prior to the course start date, but MUST be requested at least 7 days prior to the start date of the course
  o Once courses are approved, go back to ArmyIgnitED, print the authorization form and provide it to the school
- An evaluated degree plan/audit will be required after the completion of 6 credit hours using FTA

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338)
- Visit Us Online: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state

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