FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE (FTA)

Brief

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Authorized Uses for FTA

- Pursuit of the first Associate, Bachelor's, Certificate Program or Master's Degree. FTA will <u>NOT</u> pay for a second degree or credential in any of these categories, regardless of the funding used for the first degree or credential.

Federal Tuition Assistance

Up to 100% of Tuition

- Available to all M-DAY and AGR Soldiers
- Semester Hour Cap: **$250.00**
- Annual Cap: **$4000.00**
- Limit of **16** credit hours per Soldier per FY
- Fees are not authorized for payment
  (Registration, parking or books)

• Can be used for any of the following:

- Associate Degree/ First Associates
- Certificate Level/ Transitioning SM **(21 credit limit)**
- Bachelors Degree   **(130 credit limit)**
- Masters Degree   **(39 credit limit)**

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FTA Criteria

- **<u>Undergraduate Degree</u>:** 1 Year after completion of IADT

- **<u>Masters Degree</u>:** Must have completed 10 years of service (If used FTA for undergrad)

- ARNG member in a drilling status

- In good standing with unit – NO flags

- Enrolled in an institution that is accredited and participating in GoArmyEd.

- Must be approved by the Education Service Office (ESO) first

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FTA Criteria (continued)

- MUST have a degree plan uploaded in GoArmyEd

- Officers incur a service obligation (4 yrs for RC)

FTA Criteria (continued)

• Effective 1 October 2014, ALL FTA requests MUST BE submitted and approved PRIOR to the start date of your class(s)

• Effective 1 October 2014:

    - Soldiers in undergraduate classes receiving D+ or lower will pay back the FTA used for that class(s)

    - Soldiers in Graduate classes receiving C+ or lower will pay back the FTA used for that class(s)

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FTA Request for schools in GoArmyEd

- School loads catalog into GoArmyEd

- Soldier selects courses from Portal
  - -Selection causes registration into classes
  - -Approval via AKO e-mail within 24-72 hrs

- GoArmyEd sends TA Authorization to school

- School invoices GoArmyEd for payment

- School sends grades within 30 days after course

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FTA Request for schools NOT in GoArmyEd

- No catalog loaded into GoArmyEd portal

- Soldier registers for classes with college

- Soldier requests FTA in GoArmyEd Portal to upload:

  - Course Schedule
  - Billing Statement

- GoArmyEd sends TA Authorization to SOLDIER

- Soldier sends TA Authorization to Finance Office

- School invoices GoArmyEd for payment

- School sends grades within 30 days after course

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FTA Combined Funding

• FTA and the GI Bill- SR (Chapter 1606 and 1607) <u>CANNOT</u> be used for the same course.

-(i.e. Cannot use both for Algebra II)

• FTA and the GI Bill- SR (Chapter 1606 and 1607) <u>CAN</u> be used for the same semester.

-(i.e. can use FTA for Algebra II and CH 1606 for Intro to Psychology)

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How to apply for FTA

- Go to www.goarmyed.com

- Select student at the create/Activate GoArmyEd account log in

- Upload SOU and Degree Plan

- Requests MUST be submitted no earlier than 60 days from start of class and NLT 1 day before course start date

- For help contract HRM-E Staff, Army Education Center, State ESO or State ESS from the GoArmyEd site

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QUESTIONS?