Making it Easy to Get an Education

Tuition Assistance Overview

Tuition assistance is used to provide financial assistance to active duty Army personnel for off-duty education programs, in support of a soldier’s professional and personal self-developmental goals. Tuition assistance is directly related to retaining quality soldiers, enhancing their career progression, increasing the combat readiness of the Army, and ultimately returning soldiers to civilian careers.

Tuition Assistance Amounts

TA Rates and Restrictions:
Army TA will be authorized on a course-by-course basis only for courses that are part of a soldier’s educational goal.

Tuition assistance may be used to defray tuition costs, instructional fees, and laboratory or shop fees up to the following limits established by law.

100 percent of tuition assistance is paid for qualified service members, not to exceed $250 per semester hour or $4500 total/year.
Commissioned officers must agree to remain on active duty for at least 2 years after completion of the course for which TA is provided unless involuntarily separated by the Army before that time.

**TA May Be Utilized for:**

- A non-duplicating degree or credential, whether at the diploma, certificate, associate, baccalaureate, or graduate level
- Courses required for MOS-related licensure or certification
- Off-duty courses leading to a state education credential
- Host-nation, college-credited language courses, while stationed overseas
- Undergraduate prerequisite courses when required for enrollment in a Bachelor’s or Masters degree program, or when required by a career advancement program, such as Officer Candidate School, USMA, and the Army Medical Department Enlisted Commissioning Program.
- College preparatory courses for qualifying soldiers

**Guidelines for TA Use:**

- Post-secondary schools must be either regionally or nationally accredited.
- Soldiers must have a degree goal and plan in place by the time they have completed 9 semester hours.
- TA requests must be completed prior to the start date of the course.
- First-time students/users must see an education counselor prior to enrollment; all others with a valid SOCAD or degree plan may request tuition assistance online at www.goarmyed.com.
- Ranks PVT through SSG must get a commander’s signature on an annual Statement of Understanding.
- Only certain types of fees can be paid with TA.

**TA TRIVIA:**

- You must declare an educational goal before you may receive TA.
- All TA must be requested online at www.goarmyed.com. See Guidelines for TA Use for first-time students/users.
- College preparatory courses for qualifying soldiers