

## Federal Tuition Assistance (TA)

Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard. The Department of Defense (DoD) has given each service the ability to pay up to \$250 per semester credit hour of the actual cost of tuition (no fees) during the fiscal year (1 October – 30 September). TA will pay for up to 130 semester hours of a bachelor's degree and up to 39 semester hours of a master's degree. TA is authorized for one certificate or diploma. Soldiers cannot use TA for a second equivalent or lower degree, i.e., no second bachelor's or master's degree. TA cannot be used for first-professional degrees, e.g., PhD, MD, or JD. TA is paid directly to the school by the individual services.

**Each service has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application process' and restrictions:**

Service	Amount Covered	What is Covered	Who is Eligible	Where to Apply
<b>Army</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$250 per Semester Credit Hour</li> <li>16 Semester Hours per Fiscal Year</li> </ul>	The actual cost of tuition. <b>No fees.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Duty</li> <li>Reserves</li> <li>ARNG on Active Duty</li> </ul>	<a href="#">GoArmyEd</a>
<b>Marines</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$250 per Semester Credit Hour</li> <li>\$4500 per Fiscal Year</li> </ul>	The actual cost of tuition. <b>No fees.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Duty</li> <li>Reserves in Active Duty status</li> </ul>	<a href="#">WebTA</a> <i>Contact the Education Center for Academic Program TA Approval</i>
<b>Navy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$250 per Semester Credit Hour</li> <li>16 Semester Hours per Fiscal Year</li> </ul>	The actual cost of tuition. <b>No fees.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Duty</li> <li>Reserves in Active Duty status</li> </ul>	<a href="#">WebTA</a> <i>Contact the Navy College Office or a Virtual Education Center Counselor for Academic Program TA Approval</i>
<b>Air Force</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$250 per Semester Credit Hour</li> <li>\$4500 per Fiscal Year</li> </ul>	The actual cost of tuition. <b>No fees.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Duty</li> <li>Reserves</li> <li>ANG on Active Duty</li> </ul>	<a href="#">AFVEC</a>
<b>Coast Guard</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$250 per Semester Credit Hour</li> <li>\$4,000 per Fiscal Year</li> </ul>	The actual cost of tuition. <b>No fees.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Duty</li> <li>Reserves in Active Duty status</li> </ul>	<a href="#">WebTA or CG-4147</a> <i>Contact the Coast Guard ESO for Academic Program TA Approval</i>

***GoArmyEd is invoiced on the 16th of the Month. All other Services are invoiced after the Last Day to Drop a Class.***

**Effective September 5, 2014, the DoD implemented the following policy:**

- Reimbursement criteria for non-successful course completion. For the purpose of reimbursement, a successful course completion is defined as a grade of "C" or higher for undergraduate courses, a "B" or higher for graduate courses, and a "Pass" for "Pass/Fail" grades.
- **No fees**, to include supporting instructional fees will be paid using TA. Only the actual cost of tuition not to exceed \$250 per semester hour will be funded.
- **TA must be requested and approved PRIOR to the start date of the course.** TA Requests submitted after the start date of the course will not be considered for a TA exception to policy.
- TA is no longer authorized for classes for which a member is also receiving VA benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606) or Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP/Chapter 1607). TA and VA benefits may be used during the semester, but cannot be used to pay for the same class. Each member should be aware of the limitation on concurrent receipt and choose which benefit he or she would prefer to use.