

Federal Tuition Assistance (TA)

Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy. **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 is authorized for one certificate or diploma. Service members 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
Air Force	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 per Semester Credit Hour • \$4500 per Fiscal Year 	The actual cost of tuition. No fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Duty • Reserves • ANG on Active Duty 	AFVEC
Army	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 per Semester Credit Hour • 16 Semester Hours per Fiscal Year 	The actual cost of tuition. No fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Duty • Reserves • ARNG on Active Duty 	GoArmyEd
Coast Guard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 per Semester Credit Hour • \$2,250 per Fiscal Year 	The actual cost of tuition. No fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Duty • Reserves in Active Duty status 	WebTA or CG-4147 <i>Contact the Coast Guard ESO for Academic Program TA Approval</i>
Marines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 per Semester Credit Hour • \$4500 per Fiscal Year 	The actual cost of tuition. No fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Duty • Reserves in Active Duty status 	WebTA <i>Contact the Education Center for Academic Program TA Approval</i>
Navy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$250 per Semester Credit Hour • 16 Semester Hours per Fiscal Year 	The actual cost of tuition. No fees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Duty • Reserves in Active Duty status 	WebTA <i>Contact the Navy College Office or a Virtual Education Center Counselor for Academic Program TA Approval</i>

GoArmyEd is invoiced from the 16th-end of 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.
- **TA must be requested PRIOR to the start date of the course. Login to your Portal for TA Restrictions.**
 - GoArmyEd Users: TA requests must be submitted one day before the start date of the course. Army Policy: Army National Guard Soldiers who have enlisted and completed Basic Training (BT) but have not yet completed Advanced Individual Training (AIT) or who have not yet completed one year of service to be eligible for Federal TA may apply for tuition assistance through the **NMNGTSP-State TA**.
 - All of the other Services: TA requests must be submitted within 7-45 days prior to the start of the course.
- **TA will not** be authorized for any course for which a Service member receives reimbursement in whole or in part from any other Federal source such as veterans' education benefits (GI Bill and other programs) and Service-funded programs (ROTC scholarship, education-related incentive or bonus, and advanced civil schooling) **when the payment would constitute a duplication of benefits paid to that educational institution.** Federal student aid loan, grant, and work-study programs will not be considered a duplication of benefit. Please contact your VA School Certifying Official for more information on duplication of benefits.