



## Federal Tuition Assistance (TA)

Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, 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 is paid directly to the school by the individual services.

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

*Prior to enrolling, speak with your military service or Educational Services Officer (ESO) to ensure you make an informed decision.*

Service	Amount Covered	What is Covered	Where to Apply
<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>	<a href="#">AFVEC</a>
<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>	<a href="#">ArmyIgnitED</a>
<b>Coast Guard</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>	<a href="#">WebTA</a>
<b>Marine Corps</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>	<a href="#">WebTA</a>
<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>	<a href="#">WebTA</a>
<b>TA is invoiced <i>after</i> the Last Day to Drop a Class without a W grade (100% refund)</b>			

**Effective July 7, 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 UG courses and a "B" or higher for GR courses.
- **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.**
  - Air Force Students: TA requests must be submitted **7 DAYS** before the term start date.
  - Army Students: TA requests must be submitted **7 DAYS** before the term start date.
  - Coast Guard, Marine, and Navy Students: TA requests must be submitted **14 DAYS** before the term start date.
- TA **will not** be authorized for any course for which a service member receives reimbursement from any other federal source **when the payment would constitute a duplication of benefits paid to the school.** Federal student aid loans, grants, and work-study programs will not be considered a duplication of benefit.

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