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ARNG Education Programs and Services

Below is a summary of ARNG Education Programs and Services. ARNG Soldiers should contact their State Education Services Officer (ESO) to learn more about the various benefits, entitlements, and programs they may qualify for.

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

- Available to currently serving ARNG Soldiers.
- Must complete IADT or BOLC.
- Pays tuition costs up to \$250 per semester hour, up to 16 semester hours per fiscal year.
- May be used up to a master's degree and for an academic certificate.
- Apply through GoArmyEd: www.goarmyed.com and click on "New User" to begin.

Credentialing Assistance (CA) Program

- Must qualify for FTA; may be combined with FTA not to exceed \$4000 per fiscal year.
- Pays tuition, books, fees, and examination cost.
- Conducting a limited user test in FY19 at select States, projected to go Army-wide in FY20.

GI Bill Programs

- Multiple programs are available depending on your military service.
 - MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606
 - \$375/month for members of the Selected Reserve.
 - Must sign six-year contract, have a high school diploma or GED, and complete IADT or BOLC.
 - REAP/Chapter 1607 **NOTE: This program ended for NEW enrollees on 25 Nov 2015**
 - 80% Rate: \$1,542 for two years or more of consecutive active duty.
 - 60% Rate: \$1,156 for one-two years of consecutive active duty.
 - 40% Rate: \$ 771 for 90 days - one year of consecutive active duty.
 - MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
 - \$1,928/month for three or more years of active duty.
 - \$1,566/month for two-three years of consecutive active duty.
 - Post-9/11 GI Bill/Chapter 33
 - Payments based on qualifying active duty served/tier percentage.
 - Pays up to 100% tuition and fees at public schools.
 - Pays up to \$23,671 per academic year at for private/foreign schools.
 - Pays a housing stipend equal to BAH at E-5 rate with dependents.
 - Pays a book and supply stipend up to \$1,000 per academic year.
 - Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB)
 - Option to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to dependents.
 - Must have served six years and commit to serve four more in the ARNG.
 - Have completed fewer than 16 years of service (effective 12 Jul 2019)
 - GI Bill Kicker
 - Supplements your GI Bill payments.
 - Must sign a six-year contract and meet relevant criteria in current kicker policy.
 - \$350 or \$200 Enlisted Kicker and \$350 Officer Commissioning Kicker.
- For more information on GI Bill programs go to: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

- The Defense Activity for Non Traditional Education Support (DANTES) offers numerous programs and services to ARNG Soldiers including
 - Free testing opportunities offered at National Test Centers (NTCs)
 - High school completion and college entrance exams GED, ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT
 - College credit exams including CLEP and DSST
 - Teacher certification exams (Praxis)
 - For more information visit; <https://clep.collegeboard.org/test-center-search> and www.getcollegecredit.com
 - College planning resources: Kuder® Journey; www.dantes.kuder.com
 - College prep resources: Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) and College Placement Skills Training (CPST) available at: www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet
 - Service members Opportunity College (SOC) available at; www.soc.aascu.org
 - Troops to Teachers, (TTT) available at; www.proudtoserveagain.com
- For more information on DANTES programs and services visit; www.dantes.doded.mil

Army Personnel Testing (APT)

- Free testing opportunities that may qualify Soldiers for career advancement, specialized training, foreign language pay, and proficiency bonuses.
- Exams include; AFCT, SIFT, DLAB, DLPT, DLRPT and OPI.
- Offered at selected ARNG and Active Army testing locations.
- AFCT prep resources: Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) available at; www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet.
- For more information on APT, contact your State ESO or nearest Army education center.

Military Transcripts and Planning

- The Joint Services Transcript (JST) is an academically accepted document approved by the American Council on Education (ACE) to validate a service member's military occupational experience and training along with the corresponding ACE college credit recommendations.
- ARNG Soldiers can download JSTs at; www.jst.doded.mil
- The following web sites can help Soldiers with college and career planning:
 - TA Decide; www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE
 - College Navigator; www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
 - GI Bill Comparison Tool; www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool
 - Army e-Learning; www.atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/eLearningWelcome.aspx

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- Visit us On-Line; www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.nationalguard.com/contacts/eso



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