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## KSARNG Education Programs and Services

Below is a summary of KSARNG Education Programs and Services. Soldiers should contact their State Education Services Office to learn more about the programs and services they may qualify for.

### Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

- Available to currently serving ARNG Soldiers.
- Must complete IADT, BOLC or WOBC.
- 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](http://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 \$4,000 per fiscal year.
- Pays tuition, fees, books, and examination cost.
- Available to Kansas Soldiers effective 01 October 2019

### State Tuition Assistance (STA)

- Available to currently serving KSNG - Officer and Enlisted
- Must be enrolled in a Kansas Educational Institution - spring and fall semesters only (no summer courses)
- Pays 100% of tuition & required fees, up to 15 credit hours a semester (capped at highest public in-state rate)
- May be used up to a bachelor's degree (no Master's Degree)
- Apply through Kansas Board of Regents at <https://kansasregents.org>

### GI Bill® Programs

- Multiple programs are available depending on your previous military service.
  - MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606
    - \$392/month for qualifying members of the Selected Reserve.
    - Must sign six-year contract, have a high school diploma or GED, and complete IADT or BOLC
  - MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
    - \$2,050.00/month for three or more years of active duty.
    - \$1,664.00/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 \$24,476.79 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 years in the ARNG.
    - Have completed fewer than 16 years of service (effective 12 January 2020)
  - \$350 GI Bill 'Kicker'
    - Available to Non-prior service, prior service, currently serving enlisted Soldiers, Soldiers in an officer commissioning program, and officers up to one year after commissioning.
    - Must sign a six-year contract or extend to have six years on their contract and meet all other criteria in the current SRIP policy.

## DANTES Programs

- 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](http://www.getcollegecredit.com)
  - College planning resources: Kuder® Journey [www.dantes.kuder.com](http://www.dantes.kuder.com)
  - College prep resources: Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) and College Placement Skills Training (CPST) available at [www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet](http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet)
  - Troops to Teachers, (TTT) available at [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com)
- For more information on DANTES programs and services visit [www.dantes.doded.mil](http://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 TABE.
- Offered at selected ARNG and Active Army testing locations.
- AFCT prep resources: Online Academic Skills Course (OASC) available at [www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet](http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/DantesNet)
- For more information on APT, contact your State ESO or nearest Army education center.

## Joint Services Transcript (JST)

- The 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.
- The JST provides Soldiers with an opportunity to earn college credit based on their military training and experience. ARNG Soldiers can download their JST at: [www.jst.doded.mil](http://www.jst.doded.mil)

## College and Career Planning:

- TA Decide; [www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE](http://www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE)
- College Navigator; [www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)
- GI Bill Comparison Tool; [www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool](http://www.vets.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool)
- Army e-Learning; [www.atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/eLearningWelcome.aspx](http://www.atrrs.army.mil/selfdevctr/eLearningWelcome.aspx)

### **For More Information:**

Contact the Kansas Education Services Office at: 785-646-0155

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## State Tuition Assistance (STA)

### 1" What Is It?

- STA is a college tuition assistance program for members of the Kansas National Guard which will help make college education more accessible and affordable for service members. (Reference: House Bill No. 2541; 2018 legislative session)

### 2" How Do I Qualify?

- Must be a member of the Kansas National Guard (Officer or Enlisted)
- Must attend an accredited Kansas Educational Institution, part-time or full-time
- Must pursue a Certificate, Associates or Bachelor's Degree (no Master's Degree)
- Must apply for FAFSA and provide proof to Education Office annually (receipt of STA is required)
- Must apply for Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), if eligible
- Must not be flagged
- Must have a passing APFT within 14 months (8 months for AGR)
- **Service Requirement/Obligation:**
  - Service members are subject to a 24 month service obligation from last course end date
- **Additional Criteria:**
  - Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0"
  - Must submit "unofficial" transcript to Education Office each semester.

### 3" What Do I Get?

- STA will pay 100% tuition and "required" fees (capped at the highest public in-state rate).
- 15 credit hours each semester - spring and fall (no summer courses)
- Lifetime limit of 180 undergraduate semester hours

### 4" How Do I Apply?

- Create an account on the Kansas Board of Regents website: <https://kansasregents.org>
- Complete the online application for the KS National Guard Educational Assistance scholarship (under students; financial aid; scholarships and grants)
- **When to apply:**
  - Fall semester - apply between 15 July and 31 August
  - Spring semester - apply between 15 December and 31 January

### **For More Information:**

Contact the Kansas Education Services Office at: 785-646-0155

Email us at: [nq.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil](mailto:nq.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil)



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## Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

### 1. What Is It?

- FTA is financial assistance provided for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals.  
(Reference: AR 621-5, RAR, 6 September 2009, Army Continuing Education System)

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

#### ➤ Tier 1:

- Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed either Advanced Individual Training (AIT), Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC), or Basic Officer Leaders Course (BOLC).
- Have not attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue an undergraduate academic certificate, associate's or bachelor's degree or
- Have attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue a graduate academic certificate or
- Have attained a bachelor's degree without the use of FTA and wish to pursue a master's degree.

#### ➤ Tier 2:

- Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed either Advanced Leader's Course (ALC), Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC), Captain's Career Course (CCC), or equivalent.
- Have attained a bachelor's degree with the use of FTA and wish to pursue a master's degree.

#### ➤ Service Requirement/Obligation:

- Have an ETS or MRD after completion of FTA funded course(s).
- Officers and Commissioned Warrant Officers are subject to a four year Reserve Duty Service Obligation (RDSO) OR a two year Active Duty Service Obligation (ADSO).

#### ➤ Additional Criteria:

- The college is regionally or nationally accredited AND is a participant in GoArmyEd (GAE).
- The funded course(s) meets a requirement listed in your personalized degree plan provided by the school (this can include prerequisite courses).
- You maintain an undergraduate GPA of 2.0 or a graduate GPA of 3.0 for FTA-funded courses.
- You must submit your FTA request at least 5 business days prior to course start date.

#### ➤ What Do I Get?

- FTA will pay up to **\$250** per semester hour and up to **16 semester hours** per fiscal year.
- Lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours and 39 graduate semester hours.
- Up to 21 additional semester hours for a certificate.
- FTA will pay toward one credential at each of the following levels:
  - Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Master Degree, Undergraduate/Graduate Certificate
  - First Professional degrees are NOT eligible (i.e. doctorate degrees, Juris doctorates)

## 4. Programs NOT Approved For FTA

- Courses leading to a credential that are lower or lateral to the highest credential you have already earned.
  - Example: if you have a bachelor's degree (even if you came in the ARNG with one), you cannot use FTA to pursue a second bachelor's or associate's degree.
- Any program that bundles tuition and fees together into a lump sum charge.
- Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or courses that do not meet degree requirement.
- FTA is also NOT authorized simultaneously with Chapter 1606/MGIB-SR for the SAME course.

## 5. How Do I Apply?

- **Create a user account in GoArmyEd.com:**
  - Go to [www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com) and establish a GAE Federal Tuition Assistance account by clicking on the "New User" button and entering all required data.
- **Tips to remember when applying:**
  - Apply for FTA up to 60 days **prior** to the class start date, but no later than 5 business days prior to the class start date (all FTA **MUST** be approved prior to the class start date).
  - You must submit an FTA request for each individual course that you want FTA to fund.
  - If your school charges by quarter hour or clock hour, GAE will automatically convert them into semester hours on the FTA request.
  - If your school's courses are not listed in GAE (i.e. you have to physically enter your courses into each FTA request), you must upload the following documentation into your GAE "Education Record" eFile:
    - Cost Verification Statement: individualized document such as a billing statement/invoice specific that breaks out the cost of tuition and fees separately.
    - Class Schedule: individualized document that shows all courses to include class name, start date, end date, course number, and number of credit hours.
    - All of these documents **MUST** have your name and the name of the school on them or a screenshot from your online student account, and cannot be in an editable format.
  - After you complete six semester hours of FTA-funded coursework, you must provide an individualized degree plan/student agreement to GAE.
  - This document should list the courses required for completion of your degree, as well as the existing credits already applied toward your degree.
  - New FTA users and anyone who changes their degree plan are required to complete VIA (VIA is a planning tool in GAE designed to help Soldiers identify their 'best fit' school).

### **For More Information:**

Apply On Line: [www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com)

Contact FTA/GoArmyEd Counselor: Mr. Bryan Steele at: 573-638-9500 x 37053

Contact the Kansas Education Services Office at: 785-646-0155

Email us at: [ng.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil](mailto:ng.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil)



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## Credentialing Assistance (CA)

### 1. What Is It?

- The Army's Credentialing Assistance (CA) Program provides Soldiers with funding for more than 1,600 credentials listed on <https://www.cool.army.mil/>

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Soldiers may begin work on their **first** 'credential pathway' upon successful completion of AIT, WOBC or BOLC (Tier 1).
- Soldiers establish eligibility for a **second** 'credential pathway' upon successful completion of ALC, WOAC or CCC or equivalent (Tier 2).
- Soldiers assigned to the following states (including TX and KY) are eligible for the CA program;
  - Effective 1 Oct 2019: CO, KS, NY and WA
  - Effective 1 Nov 2019: GA, HI and NC
  - Effective 1 Dec 2019: AZ, CA, LA, PA, SC and VA
  - Effective 1 Jan 2020: All States/Territories

### 3. What Do I Get?

- CA will provide Soldiers up to \$4,000 each year to pay for an eligible credential.
- Soldiers may use both Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and Army Credentialing Assistance (CA); however, the combined usage shall not exceed \$4,000 per FY.
- CA can be used for any credential listed on <https://www.cool.army.mil/> but does not have to be related to the Soldier's MOS.
- CA will pay expenses for classroom, hands-on, online/blended training and associated materials to include: manuals, study guides, textbooks, processing fees, test fees, related fees for continuing education requirements, and recertification of credentials.

### 4. What Are The Most Popular Certifications?

- Associate Professional in HR (aPHR)
- Certified Logistics Technician (CLT)
- Certified Personal Trainer (CPT)
- Certified Welder (CW) Commercial
- Commercial Driver License (CDL)
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
- Lean Six Sigma
- Project Mgt Professional (PMP)
- Private Pilot, Airplane Single Engine
- CompTIA A+ CompTIA Security +ce



## 5. How Do I Apply?

- Contact your State ESO/ESS to discuss the CA application process and verify eligibility.
- Ensure your credential is listed on Army Cool at <https://www.cool.army.mil/>.
- Identify your school/training facility/credentialing agency.
- Establish your GoArmyEd account at: [www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com)
  - New Users: Click "Request TA Access" OR For reactivations: Click "Change Degree/School"
  - Establish your degree plan by selecting "Credentialing Pathway"
  - Establish your school by selecting "Credential School" (click on green search button to enter these selections)
- Open a GoArmyEd Helpdesk case and select "Credentialing Request" as case type.
- Download and save the Credentialing Plan (CP) and Statement of Understanding (SOU).
  - You may close the case/window if you are not able to upload the CP and SOU.
- Complete the Credential Plan for each training course and exam.
  - The CP has 3 tabs
    - Pathway Plan (list all required training courses and exam)
    - Main Tab (all yellow shaded blocks must be completed)
    - \*\*\*Start date must be 30 business days from submission.\*\*\*
    - Cost Details Tab (all yellow shaded blocks must be completed)
- Using your CAC, sign your Statement of Understanding.
- Open a GoArmyEd helpdesk again and upload the CP and SOU. Select "add a note" to attach the digitally signed SOU.
  - You can add any supporting documentation such as an invoice, prerequisite info, etc., by selecting "add note".
- Monitor the status of your request via the helpdesk case. You will also receive email updates to your default email address you provided GoArmyEd. (Military or Civilian)

## 6. Where Can I Go For Testing?

- There are two major companies that offer certification and licensure exams. You can find local test centers on their websites:
  - Pearson VUE: <https://home.pearsonvue.com/>
  - Prometric: <https://www.prometric.com/en-us/Pages/home.aspx>

### **For More Information:**

Visit Army Cool: [www.cool.army.mil](http://www.cool.army.mil)

Apply On Line: [www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com)

Contact the Kansas Education Services Officer: Mr. Carl Alexander

Email: [carl.e.alexander4.civ@mail.mil](mailto:carl.e.alexander4.civ@mail.mil) or phone: 785-646-0156

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## Montgomery GI Bill®: Selected Reserve Chapter 1606 (MGIB-SR)

### 1. What is it?

- The MGIB-SR is a benefit administered by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) that provides basic educational assistance for traditional/M-day Soldiers actively serving in the Selected Reserve (Reference: Title 10 USC Chapter 1606; DoDI 1322.17).

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Sign a six-year enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement to serve in the ARNG.
- Have a High school diploma or equivalent.
- Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC).
- Be actively serving in the ARNG (cannot be in the Inactive National Guard-ING or Individual Ready Reserve-IRR).
- Not be AGR or on Active Duty
- Not be flagged for unsatisfactory participation.
- Not be using a Dedicated Army National Guard ROTC Scholarship (Ref: Title 10 USC 2107).

### 3. What Do I Get?

- \$392 per month for full-time enrollment (Effective 1 October 2019).
- Payment made directly to the Soldier each month from the DVA.
- In most cases your eligibility begins immediately after you complete IADT/BOLC.
- CANNOT be combined with Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) for the same course.
- May be combined with State Tuition Assistance.

### 4. How Do I Apply?

- Contact your State Education Office and ask to verify eligibility.
- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- Notify the VA Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at: [www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave/index.do)

### **For More Information:**

Visit the VA Web Site: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)

Contact the Kansas Education Services Office at: 785-646-0155

Email us at: [nq.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil](mailto:nq.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil)



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## Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty (MGIB-AD) Chapter 30

### 1. What is it?

- Chapter 30 is an education program that applies to veterans who served on active duty or AGR, served two or three years, had pay reduced by \$1,200, and received an honorable discharge (Reference: Title 38 USC Chapter 30; DoDD 1322.16).

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Have qualifying active duty service on or after July 1, 1985, or AGR service after November 29, 1989.
  - Complete two years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 80% rate.
  - Complete three years on Active Duty or AGR (Title 10/32) for 100% rate.
    - Must complete 24 months before use
  - Complete a mobilization of at least two continuous years (730 days), or complete 20 months of a 730 day mobilization and be discharged at the convenience of the gov't.
- Have pay reduced by \$1,200
  - If you are AGR, you can choose to pay in a lump sum or set up deductions from your paycheck of \$100/month for 12 months.
  - If you are eligible due to a mobilization, you must pay the \$1,200 in a lump sum.
  - To Buy-In, contact the GI Bill Support team via email at: [arng.esc.ch30@mail.mil](mailto:arng.esc.ch30@mail.mil)

### 3. What Do I Get?

- A monthly payment paid directly to the Soldier based on amount of active duty served.
- Effective October 1, 2019:
  - 3+ yrs of service = \$2,050.00 per month
  - 2-3 yrs of service = \$1,664.00 per month
- Payments are limited by several factors, including:
  - Payment Tier
  - Rate of Pursuit (if you are going to school full time, half time, etc.)
  - Active Duty/Drilling Status

- You have ten years from your last day of qualifying active duty time to use this benefit.
  - Your 10-year window can be reset if you complete a new period of qualifying time.
  - Submit a VA Form 21-4138 and your DD214 to your VA Regional Processing Center.
- If on active duty, you can use the MGIB-AD as a “Top-Up” to your Federal Tuition Assistance.
  - Under the Top-Up program, FTA will pay first then Ch 30 will pay the cost of tuition and fees that were not covered by FTA, not to exceed your monthly Ch 30 rate.
    - Example of Top-Up:
    - Your total tuition is \$1,000 for three semester hours and you are at the 100% tier:
      - Federal Tuition Assistance will pay \$750.
      - Ch 30 will pay the \$250 balance (tuition and fees only).
- **OPTIONAL Plus-Up program**
  - You may contribute up to an additional \$600 ONLY while on Active Duty orders.
  - The contribution will increase your monthly benefit up to \$150 per month (\$5 per month for every \$20 contributed).
  - Soldiers using Ch 30 while on Active Duty or AGR are NOT eligible to receive the Plus-Up payment.
  - To elect the Plus Up option, contact the GI Bill Support Team via email at: **arng.esc.ch30@mail.mil**
- **How Do I Apply?**
- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- Verify your enrollment each month online at: [www.gibill.va.gov/wave](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave)

***For More Information:***

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## Post-9/11 GI Bill<sup>®</sup>, CH 33

### 1. What is it?

- The Post 9/11 GI Bill is an education program for Service Members who serve on active duty after September 10, 2001 and receive an honorable discharge. (Reference: Title 38 USC Chapter 33, DoDI 1341.13)

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Serve at least 90 days in a period of qualifying active duty on or after September 11, 2001. Qualifying Active Duty service is:
  - Service in any active component
  - Title 10 U.S.C. Sections 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g), 12301(h), 12302, 12304, 12304a, or 12304b
  - Title 10 AGR or Title 32 AGR
  - Title 32 U.S.C., Section 502(f), between Sep 11, 2001 – May 31, 2002 under Operation Noble Eagle
  - Serve in a qualifying duty status for 30 continuous days and separate due to a service-connected disability or injury.
  - Purple Heart recipients eligible at 100% payment tier.
- Basic Training and AIT can be added to qualifying time if:
  - You have completed 24 months of other qualifying active duty; and
  - Your Basic Training and/or IADT occurred on or after September 11, 2001
- The following service time does NOT qualify for Post-9/11:
  - Title 32 ADOS/ADSW/FTNGD (Except Operation Noble Eagle)
  - The Service Obligation from a Service Academy Contract
  - The Service Obligation from a ROTC Active Duty Contract (Dedicated Guard only)
  - Active Duty used for Active Duty Loan Repayment (Title 10 Sec. 109)
  - Active Duty period receiving less than Honorable discharge

### 3. What Do I Get?

- Tuition and Fees
  - Up to 100% of in-state tuition if you are attending a public school
  - Max payment of \$24,476.79 per year for private or foreign school

- **Book and Supply Stipend**
  - Up to \$1,000 per academic year (\$41.67/credit hour)
- **Monthly Housing Allowance**
  - Equal to BAH rate - E-5 with dependents
  - Based on zip code of campus where attending class
  - MUST be attending more than half-time to qualify
  - If attending only online classes: \$894.50
  - AGR and Active Duty Soldiers are NOT eligible for the Housing Stipend
- **Payment Tiers**
  - Payments for all three benefits are pro-rated based on your percentage tier. The book and supply stipend and MHA are also adjusted based on your enrollment (number of credit hrs).

Qualifying Service	Percentage Tier
<b>At least 36 cumulative months, or Purple Heart recipients</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>At least 30 cumulative months</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>At least 24 cumulative months</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>At least 18 cumulative months</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>At least 12 cumulative months</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>At least 6 cumulative months</b>	<b>50%</b>
<b>At least 90 cumulative days</b>	<b>40%</b>

### Timeline/Expiration of Benefits:

- If your last day of qualifying Active Duty is on or after 1 Jan 13, your benefits never expire
- If your last day of qualifying Active Duty is before 1 Jan 13, your benefits expire 15 years from your last day of Active Duty
  - You can reset your expiration date by completing another qualifying period of service of at least 90 consecutive days
  - Submit VA Form 21-4138 with your new DD214 to the VA Regional Processing Center

### How Do I Apply?

- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.

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## GI Bill® Comparison Chart FY20 Rates

	Chapter 33 Post-9/11	Chapter 30 MGIB-AD	Chapter 1606 MGIB-SR
Eligibility Criteria	<p>After Sep 10, 2001, serve at least 90 aggregate days on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title 10 USC Sections 688; 12301(a), (d), (g), (h); 12302; 12304, 12304a, 12304b;</li> <li>• Title 32 AGR</li> <li>• Title 32 USC Section 502(f) Operation Noble Eagle Sep 11, 2001 – May 31, 2002</li> </ul> <p>Honorable Discharge</p>	<p>On or after Jul 1, 1985, serve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• at least 2 continuous years on active duty; or</li> <li>• 20 months of a 2-year order and released at the convenience of the Government; or</li> </ul> <p>On or after Nov 29, 1989, serve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 2 years AGR</li> </ul> <p>Honorable Discharge</p>	<p>6-year contract in the Selected Reserve on or after Jul 1, 1985</p> <p>High School Diploma or equivalent</p> <p>Complete Basic Training, and AIT or BOLC Phase 1</p> <p>Be actively serving</p>
Payments	To school and to Soldier	Monthly, to Soldier	Monthly, to Soldier
Tuition Amount*	<p>Paid to school each term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Institution: Cost for In-State tuition and fees</li> <li>• Private or Foreign Institution: up to \$24,476 per academic yr</li> </ul>	<p>Full-time benefit:</p> <p>3+ yrs service: \$2,050</p> <p>&lt;3 yrs service: \$1,664.00</p> <p>Add up to \$150 for Plus-Up</p>	<p>Full-time benefit:</p> <p>\$392</p>
Book and Supply Stipend	Up to \$1,000 per year (\$41.67 per credit) paid at start of each term	None	None

	<b>Chapter 33 Post-9/11</b>	<b>Chapter 30 MGIB-AD</b>	<b>Chapter 1606 MGIB-SR</b>
Monthly Housing Allowance	In Residence: BAH rate for E5 with Dependents for the zip code of the campus Online: Up to \$894.50	None	None
Cost to Soldier	None	Basic Benefit: \$1,200 Plus-Up: Up to \$600	None
Eligibility Duration	No expiration if last period of qualifying service was on or after 1 Jan 2013**	Up to 10 years after last date of active duty	While serving in an active drilling status in the Selected Reserve
Transferability	Transferrable to eligible dependents: -Completed at least 6 years of service, -Completed fewer than 16 years of service (effective 12 Jan 2020) -Commit to serve 4 additional years	None	None

\*Rates for Post-9/11 GI Bill change every year on August 1. All other program rates change on Oct 1.

\*\*Eligibility expires after 15 years if last period of qualifying service was before 1 Jan 2013.

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## How to Apply for GI Bill® Benefits

### Step 1: Apply for your Certificate of Eligibility (CoE)

- ✓ Be sure you have all of the required information before you start. You must complete the form in one session – there is no option to save and come back later.  
Required information:
  - Applicant's Social Security Number
  - Military history (Service Members only)
  - Sponsor's Social Security number (Dependents only)
  - Information about the school you wish to attend
  - Bank account and direct deposit information
  - Education history
- ✓ Go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and click on "Apply for Education Benefits".
- ✓ Click on "Find Your Education Benefits Form".
- ✓ Answer the questions in this section by clicking the appropriate bubble until you reach a point where you can select "Apply Now."
  - Section 1: Applicant Information
  - Section 2: Eligibility
    - In general, dependents will select 'Post-9/11'.
    - Service Members select the program you are eligible for and wish to use.
  - Section 3: Service Members - Military History
    - If you are currently on Title 32 ADOS, select 'No' for "Are you on active duty now".
    - ROTC Cadets: Confirm whether your scholarship is Section 2107 or Section 2107a. If 2107a, select no for both questions.
  - Section 4: Student Loan: Do not check this box if your Student Loan Repayment contract was from the Guard/Reserves.
  - Section 5: Education History
  - Section 6: Employment History
  - Section 7: School Selection
  - Section 8: Contact and Direct Deposit Information
  - Section 9: Review information and click "Submit Application".
- ✓ Normally, the VA will process your application within 30 days. You will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (CoE) in the mail. *Call (888) GIBILL-1 to check the status of an application.*

## Step 2: Register for Classes

- ✓ Register for classes as soon as your school's registration period opens.
- ✓ Visit your School Certifying Official (SCO). This is a school employee who typically works in the financial aid, admissions or Veterans affairs office.
  - The SCO will certify your registration. This tells the VA how many hours you are taking and the cost of tuition & fees and reports your rate of pursuit (1/2 time, 3/4 time, full time).
  - If a tuition payment is due before you receive your CoE from the VA, your SCO may be able to place your school account on hold to wait for payment from VA. Check with your school's Finance Office for their policies
- ✓ When you receive your CoE from the VA, give a copy to your SCO.

## Step 3: Verify Attendance

- ✓ While you are in school, you must verify EVERY MONTH with the VA that you are still attending courses to receive your next monthly deposit. (Monthly verification is not required if you are using the Post-9/11 GI Bill.)
- ✓ You can complete your monthly verification in one of two ways:
  - Call 1-877-823-2378
  - Go online at: [www.gibill.va.gov/wave](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave) and verify attendance through the Web Automated Verification of Enrollment (WAVE).

## Step 4: Next Semester

- ✓ Do not repeat the application on [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) unless changing schools or degree plans.
  - If you changed your school or degree plan, repeat the process in Step 1 and file a Form 22-1995.
- ✓ As soon as registration for the next term opens, register for classes early and make another appointment with your SCO.

### **For More Information:**

Visit the VA Web Site: [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)

GI Bill Rates: [https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits\\_resources/rate\\_tables.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp)

GI Bill Program Handouts: [https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/handouts\\_forms.asp](https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/handouts_forms.asp)

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## Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) Post-9/11 GI Bill®

### 1. What Is It?

- TEB is an incentive for continued service offered to Service Members who qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. All ARNG Soldiers considering TEB should initiate the TEB process as soon as they meet the requirements (Ref: Title 38 USC Section 3319; DoDI 1341.13).

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Qualify for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at any payment tier
- Be currently serving in the Uniformed Services, with at least six years completed
- NOT be flagged for adverse action, APFT/ABCP failure, or as Unsatisfactory Participant
- Agree to a **four-year** service obligation from the date of your transfer request
- Transfer to an eligible dependent
  - Spouse and/or dependents must be listed under you in DEERS
  - Transfers to children must be completed before each child's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday (23<sup>rd</sup> birthday if they are enrolled full-time at an Educational Institution)

### ➤ What Do I Get?

- Dependents receive the same payment eligibility tier as the Soldier
- Spouse:
  - May use transferred benefits immediately
    - If your last day of qualifying service is before January 1, 2013, your spouse's eligibility ends 15 years from the last day of that qualifying duty
    - If your last day of qualifying service is on or after January 1, 2013, your spouse's eligibility never ends
  - The spouse of a Soldier on Active Duty/AGR is NOT eligible for the Housing Stipend
- Child/Children:
  - Cannot use the benefit until transferring Soldier has completed 10 years in the Armed Forces
  - Is always paid as if Soldier is in a Non-Active Duty Status
  - Can begin using the benefit on their 18th birthday or upon high school graduation, whichever comes first
  - A child's eligibility ends on their 26th birthday unless you specify an earlier end date.
- You can modify and/or revoke months between any dependent you originally transferred months to – even after you separate from service
- **Important! You must be currently serving to ADD a new dependent**

## 4. How Do I Apply?

### Step 1: Contact the VA

- Call 1-888-GIBILL-1, ask how many months you have remaining in each GI Bill program.
  - Contact your State Education office to find out how to best transfer your remaining months and which benefit to relinquish.
  - Note: If you do this incorrectly you can lose out on thousands of dollars of lost GI Bill benefits for yourself and your dependents.

### Step 2: Complete Extension (If required)

- Enlisted Soldiers MUST have an ETS date that is four or more years after the TEB request date. If you do not have four years remaining, you need to extend before your TEB will be approved.
- Officers' MRD MUST be four or more years after the request date
- IMPORTANT! Your TEB request cannot be approved until the ETS/MRD is updated in GIMS.

### Step 3: Complete Application for Transfer

- Log into milConnect <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>
- Verify your dependents are listed as eligible to receive the transfer.
  - Your dependents will be listed in the List of Family Members chart.
  - If your dependent(s) is under 23 years old and is identified as ineligible, contact your DEERS office to enroll that dependent into DEERS.
- Enter the number of months you wish to transfer to each dependent
- Entering a Transfer End Date is optional, and **not recommended**. If left blank, the dependent will receive the longest period of eligibility allowed by law.
- Click the "OK" button and repeat for each dependent.
- Read every statement, select EVERY check box and **click the SUBMIT button.**

### Step 4: Access your Enterprise Email and follow TEB email instructions

- The ARNG GI Bill Support Team will review your application and send approval instructions to your military email (mail.mil account).
- Once you have met all the requirements, you will receive a "TEB APPROVED" email from the GI Bill Support Team.
- Login to milConnect, review your obligation end date (OED), print your approval form.
- **NOTE: IF YOU VOLUNTARILY SEPARATE FROM THE ARNG PRIOR TO COMPLETING YOUR OED, YOUR TEB WILL BE TERMINATED AND ANY FUNDS PAID TO YOUR DEPENDENTS WILL BE RECOUPED!**

### Step 5: Dependent Application to VA

- When ready to attend school, your approved dependent(s) apply at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- Notify the VA Certifying Official at your school to certify your enrollment.

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## Montgomery GI Bill® "Kicker"

### 1. What is it?

- The Kicker is an incentive given upon enlistment/reenlistment that adds an additional education payment to attract Soldiers to specific units, skills, or positions to meet and sustain ARNG readiness requirements.

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- **Categories:**
  - Non-prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB (CAT IIIA or higher), agree to serve in a critical skill/critical unit.
  - Prior service applicants (enlisted only); 50 or higher on ASVAB (CAT IIIA or higher), MOS qualified, E-7 or below, and enlist in an MTOE or medical unit.
  - Currently serving enlisted Soldiers; served between 3 and 14 years in the ARNG, SFC or below.
  - Officer commissioning program; ROTC/SMP, OCS, WOC, must contract prior to commissioning.
  - Currently serving officers up to one year after commissioning
- **Basic Criteria:**
  - Be eligible for the MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606 or MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
  - Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC).
  - Sign a six-year enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement (OSA) or extend to have six years on their contract and meet all other relevant criteria in the current SRIP policy.
- **Additional Criteria:**
  - Have an Honorable discharge from all previous periods of service.
  - Be actively serving in the ARNG, not assigned to the Inactive National Guard (ING) or Individual Ready Reserve (IRR).
  - Not be in Military Technician, AGR, or Active Duty Status.
  - Not be flagged for unsatisfactory participation.
  - Not on a Dedicated ARNG ROTC Scholarship (Reference: Title 10 USC 2107).

### 3. What Do I Get?

- \$350 per month (tax free) in addition to your basic GI Bill payment (paid directly to the Soldier).

### 4. How Do I Apply?

- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment.
- Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at: [www.gibill.va.gov/wave](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave)

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## Army Personnel Testing (APT)

### 1. What Is APT?

- APT encompasses standardized tests used to determine eligibility for specialized training and to support the Army's personnel selection and classification process, including language proficiency testing (AR 611-5).

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Be an active drilling member of the Army National Guard (ARNG).
- Not have taken the requested test within the last 6 months.

### 3. What Tests Can I Take?

- APT offers career-enhancing exam options, such as:
  - *Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT)*
  - *Selection Instrument Flight Training (SIFT)*
  - *Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT)*
  - *Defense Language Reading Proficiency Test (DLRPT)*
  - *Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB)*
  - *Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)*

### 4. What Are The Benefits of These Tests?

- AFCT: Raise GT/Line Scores to Re-class MOS or Qualify for Officer Candidate School.
- SIFT: Qualify for Aviation School.
- TABE: Required for Warrant Officers without a degree

### 5. How Do I Apply?

- A DA 4187 (Request for Personnel Action), signed by the Unit Commander, and submitted to the Test Control Officer (TCO) to schedule test

#### **Helpful Links:**

- AFCT test prep:
  - [www.nelnetsolutions.com/dantesnet/](http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/dantesnet/)
  - <https://www.khanacademy.org>
- SIFT test prep:
  - [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/handbooks\\_manuals/aviation/helicopter\\_flying\\_handbook](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/handbooks_manuals/aviation/helicopter_flying_handbook)

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## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

### 1. What Is The FAFSA?

- The Office of Federal Student Aid (OFSA) uses the information reported on the FAFSA to determine qualifications for grants, loans, and work-study programs for students attending colleges, universities, and/or career schools.
- States and post-secondary institutions use information reported on the FAFSA to award scholarships.
- FAFSA completion leads to a Student Aid Report (SAR), which lists the "Expected Family Contribution" (EFC). The EFC is the financial amount a student/family should be able to provide toward the student's cost of education.
- Questions/Concerns about your projected EFC should be directed to the Financial Aid Office of your post-secondary institution.
- Federal financial aid is issued directly to the post-secondary institution on your behalf.
- FAFSA filing options and additional information can be accessed at [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa](http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa)

### 2. How Do I Complete The FAFSA?

- Complete the Electronic or Paper FAFSA as soon as you can after 1 January for next school year.
  - Electronic filing/online access requires a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID.
  - To request/reset your ID, visit [www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filing-out/fsaid](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filing-out/fsaid)
- Information you will need to help you complete the FAFSA:
  - Tax Return, W-2's, bank statements, investment records
  - Financial information may be needed from parent(s)
  - Federal School Codes for Colleges you may attend (available at [studentaid.fafsa.ed.gov/sa/fafsa](http://studentaid.fafsa.ed.gov/sa/fafsa))
- Submit a FAFSA by the deadline (Federal Deadline is 30 June; State Deadlines vary).
- For assistance, go to [www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/resources) or call 1-800-433-3243.

#### **For More Information:**

Visit the FAFSA website: [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa](http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa)

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## Registered Apprenticeship (RA) & On-the-Job Training Programs

### 1. What is Registered Apprenticeship?

- RA is a combination of on-the-job training and related classroom instruction provided under the supervision of a journey-level craft person or trade professional in which workers learn the practical and theoretical aspects of a highly skilled occupation.

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Apprenticeship training programs require a minimum of 2,000 hours of OJT per year, supplemented by a minimum of 144 hours related classroom instruction.
- Instruction may be given in a classroom, through correspondence courses, self-study, or other means of approved instruction.

### 3. What Do I Get?

- As an apprentice, you will receive training, education, and wages from your employer.
- If you qualify for a GI Bill® program, you can also collect a monthly benefit payment, 'in addition' to your regular full-time wages, for the duration of the apprentice training period. The amount of GI Bill entitlement depends on your GI Bill eligibility:

- **Post-9/11 GI Bill:**

- Payment rates for the Post-9/11 GI Bill are based on percentages of the applicable Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) for an E-5 with dependents. MHA is determined by employer's zip code.
- Example: If a veteran is eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill at the 100 percent rate were employed full-time in a 5-year RA training program with an employer located in Wichita, KS (where the applicable MHA is \$1,143), he or she would collect a total of **\$27,432** in Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (plus annual book stipend of \$1000), in addition to your regular wages.

- **All other GI Bill programs:**

- Payment rates for all other GI Bill programs are based on a percentage of the full-time institutional rate of the benefit program being utilized.
- For all other GI Bill benefit programs, the total payment amount for a 5-year RA training program, regardless of location, would be as follows:

Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve, Chapter 1606	\$9,408
Montgomery GI Bill Kicker Program (\$350 rate)	\$8,400
Montgomery GI Bill Kicker Program (\$200 rate)	\$4,800



## 4. How Do I Apply?

### Step 1. Find an "Apprenticeable" occupation

- An apprenticeable occupation is defined as a skilled trade or craft, which has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship (OA) and meets applicable local criteria.
- Apprenticeships can be found in all industries, from traditional sectors like construction and manufacturing to emerging sectors like energy, technology, and health care.
- A list of over 1,000 officially recognized apprenticeable occupations can be found at: <https://www.doleta.gov/OA/occupations.cfm>

### Step 2. Find an employer who sponsors an RA training program

- Approximately 16,000 employers nationwide sponsor RA training programs that enable their employees to obtain nationally recognized certification in trades and skills that can lead to rewarding careers in industries that stretch across the economic spectrum.
- To find apprenticeship program opportunities, visit: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov/apprenticeship-finder>

### Step 3. Search for an RA program approved for GI Bill use

- Visit: <http://inquiry.vba.va.gov/weampub/buildSearchInstitutionCriteria.do>
  - Leave the "Institution Name" field blank.
  - Set "Program Type" drop down menu to "On-the-Job Training/Apprenticeship".
  - Click your preferred State for a complete list of approved programs.
  - As of October 2019, over 130 listings in KS for OJT/Apprenticeships

### Step 4. Find an RA job vacancy

- Visit: <https://www.apprenticeship.gov>
  - Enter your occupation and then enter your location.

### **For More Information:**

Compare GI Bill benefits, by program and location: <https://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

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## Troops to Teachers (TTT)

**\*\*KSU is sponsoring a TTT program in Kansas\*\***

### 1. What Is It?

Troops to Teachers (TTT) helps current and former military personnel begin teaching careers and find teaching positions in secondary schools, K-12.

### 2. How Do I Qualify?

All current and former members of the Armed Forces are eligible to receive counseling and employment facilitation services. Former members of the Armed Forces must have an "honorable" discharge.

### 3. What Do I Get?

#### Counseling and Referral Assistance

- Individual counseling to assist the participant in exploring and selecting the best pathway to teaching based on their unique needs, goals, and skills.
- Guidance on how to meet state teaching certification requirements and choose a certification program.
- Transcript evaluation for state certification.
- Insight on licensing options, to include substitute teaching licenses.
- **Employment Assistance:**
- Conduct resume reviews.
- Connect qualified participants with hiring officials.

#### Financial Assistance:

- Financial assistance in the form of a \$5,000 stipend or \$10,000 bonus may be available to participants who meet military service, education, and application requirements. For more information, visit <https://www.proudtoserveagain.com/Participants/financialassistance>.
- Application must be submitted within 3 yrs of retirement/separation/release from the Armed Forces.

### 4. How do I apply?

- Visit: [www.proudtoserveagain.com](http://www.proudtoserveagain.com)

## Kansas Troops to Teachers Opportunity Benefits

- \$5,000 to \$10,000 stipend and/or bonus (program funding)
- Eligible for an additional \$11,500 in Kansas Funding (Kansas program)
- 12-months to a teaching certificate for college graduates
- 24-months to a teaching certificate for undergraduates with pre-requisites
- 100% online including field experiences
- Mentored by a military veteran from admissions to employment
- Teaching certification testing and job placement assistance

## FAQ's about Kansas' TTT program:

### **Do I need to live in Kansas?**

No, the program can be completed from anywhere.

### **Do I need to teach in Kansas when I finish the program?**

No, you are free to pursue your career where you chose.

### **Am I required to complete my teacher preparation program at a Kansas institution or at Kansas State University?**

Yes, to be a part of the Kansas TTT program you need to complete teacher preparation at a Kansas university; however, you may select a university other than Kansas State University.

### **Do the degree and teaching certificate transfer to other states?**

Yes, the degree and teaching certificate does transfer to other states.

### **How do I apply for the Kansas Troops to Teachers program?**

Begin by applying to the TTT Program at: <https://www.proudtoserveagain.com>. The program office will inform the Kansas program of your application and acceptance into the program. Then apply to the teacher education program of your choosing. Once you have been accepted by TTT and an accredited preparation program, you are automatically enrolled in the Kansas Troops to Teachers.

### **When will I receive funding?**

Refer to <https://www.proudtoserveagain.com> website for funding schedule. KSU will provide \$500 technology stipend soon after classes begin if attending KSU.

### **Am I eligible for other types of financial aid?**

Yes, you can apply for FAFSA, student loans, and other types of scholarships.

### **Where can I find more information about KSU's 12-month online program (Master of Arts in Teaching) for service members who already have a Bachelor's Degree?**

<https://global.k-state.edu/education/master-of-arts-teaching/>

### **Where can I find more information about KSU's 24-month online program (Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education) for service members who have completed pre-requisites?**

<https://global.k-state.edu/education/elementary-education>

### **When can I apply to the teacher preparation program?**

The application deadline is May 1 for the Master of Arts program and Aug 1, Jan 1 and April 1 for the Bachelor of Science program.

### ***For More Information:***

Visit: [global.k-state.edu/troops-to-teachers](http://global.k-state.edu/troops-to-teachers)

Call: 1-800-622-2578

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## Veteran Employment through Technology (VET TEC)

### What is VET TEC?

VET TEC is a five-year pilot program (begin in early 2019) offering eligible Veterans with a minimum of one day of unexpired GI Bill® (CH 1606, CH 30 or CH 33) entitlement an opportunity to enroll in high-tech education programs. This pilot will leverage leaders in coding bootcamps and technical education to connect Veterans to employers seeking IT talent. Training courses are generally less than 10 months in duration, offered by organizations that are not institutions of higher learning, and do not lead to a degree.

### Am I eligible for this program?

You may be eligible for VET TEC if you meet all of the requirements listed below.

#### All of these must be true. You:

- Aren't on active duty, **and**
- Qualify for VA education assistance under the GI Bill, **and**
- Have at least one day of unexpired GI Bill entitlement (CH 1606, 30 or 33) **and**
- Are accepted into a program by a VA-approved training provider

**Note:** Your VET TEC training won't count against your GI Bill entitlement, and you need only one day of unexpired GI Bill benefits to participate.

### What types of training does VET TEC cover?

You can get training in one of these high-demand training areas:



### What benefits can I get through this program?

With VET TEC, you can get:

- Tuition for a full-time high-tech training program
- Money for housing during your training

**If you attend training program in person,** the housing stipend will be equal to the monthly military Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents. This is based on the zip code where you attend training.

**If you participate in an online program,** the stipend will be half of the BAH national average for an E-5 with dependents.

**Note:** If you don't attend a training for a full month, prorate the housing payment for the days of training.

### **How to apply?**

First, you'll need to apply for the VET TEC program on the GI Bill website by filling out an Application for Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Course (VA Form 22-0994). If you're eligible for VET TEC, you'll then apply to the VA-approved training provider of your choice.

### **VET TEC training providers:**

Browse the list of VA-approved VET TEC training providers.

<https://benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/FGIB/VetTecTrainingProviders.asp>

A provider is considered "preferred" if the training facility agrees to refund tuition and fees if a student doesn't find meaningful employment within 180 days of completing the program.

The VET TEC housing stipend will not affect the housing allowance you might already be receiving from another benefit.

### **Who can I contact for assistance?**

For questions about Veteran applications, contact the Buffalo Processing by email at VETTEC.VBABUF@va.gov or the Education Call Center at 1-888-442-4551.

### **For More Information:**

Visit: <https://benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/FGIB/VetTec.asp>

Contact the Kansas Education Services Office at: 785-646-0155

Email us at: [ng.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil](mailto:ng.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil)



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## Education Counseling Services

Education counseling services are available to all ARNG Soldiers through the State Education Services Office. Education counseling helps Soldiers meet education goals by providing guidance, advice, and planning assistance.

### **Step 1. Get Assessed**

Planning your educational goals and objectives can be a daunting task. To get started, download your Joint Services Transcript (JST) and then contact your State Education Services Officer (ESO) for further assistance.

ESOs help Soldiers by:

- Providing advice and counsel on individual education and career goals;
- Determining cost-effectiveness of Tuition Assistance and other resources;
- Providing information on school accreditation and recommending course options and methods of study;
- Providing guidance, information and advocacy to maximize college credit for military training and experience.

### **Step 2. Choose a Field of Study**

Login to your GoArmyEd account ([www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com)) and use VIA. VIA is a decision support tool designed to help Soldiers make informed decisions.

- VIA recommends college degree options designed to prepare an individual for that career. Furthermore, VIA recommends schools offering a degree online or the location selected.
- VIA also helps Soldiers choose a "best fit/best value" school by comparing cost, student outcomes, and alignment with student preferences.
- After using VIA, Soldiers will submit career goal, degree, and school selection to their Army Education Counselor for approval and further discussion if needed.
- While VIA is a useful tool in the college planning process, additional career guidance and planning resources are listed in the box above.

### **Step 3. Choose a School**

Choosing a school is a difficult task. Below are a few web sites to help Soldiers make informed choices on available schools and programs:

- TA Decide: [www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE](http://www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE)
- College Navigator: [www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)
- GI Bill Comparison Tool: [www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool](http://www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool)

**MILITARY TRANSCRIPTS:**  
**JST: Joint Services Transcript**  
[www.jst.doded.mil](http://www.jst.doded.mil)

**VMET: Officer Credits**  
[www.dmdc.osd.mil/tgaps](http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tgaps)

**CAREER  
GUIDANCE/PLANNING:**  
**Army e-Learning:**  
<https://usarmy.skillport.com/skillportfe/custom/login/usarmy/login.action>  
**Kuder College & Career  
Planning Counseling Services:**  
[www.dantes.kuder.com](http://www.dantes.kuder.com)

**Military OneSource:**  
[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

#### **Step 4. Get Financial Assistance**

There are numerous Federal, State, and local education programs and services available to ARNG Soldiers. Programs include; GI Bill®, Federal Tuition Assistance, State Tuition Assistance (if applicable), Testing services, Financial Aid, Scholarships, and more. The rules governing these programs can be complicated. To ensure you are receiving everything you may be entitled to, contact these offices:

- ARNG Education Office – obtain information on ARNG education benefits including GI Bill programs, Federal TA, testing services, and state-level programs.
- School Financial Aid Office – obtain information on various programs available to students attending an educational institution.
- Department of Veterans Affairs – obtain information about various veteran’s education benefits.

#### **Step 5. Attend School**

Submit all applications according to the required submission deadlines. Keep your State ESO and School Certifying Official informed of any changes in your enrollment status. Be advised, specific Grade Point Averages (GPA) are required for certain programs.

#### **Step 6. Graduate!**

Upon completion of your program/course, provide an official transcript to your Unit Readiness NCO and the State Education Services Office to ensure your personnel records are up to date.

#### ***For More Information:***

Contact the Kansas Education Services Office at: 785-646-0155

Email us at: [nq.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil](mailto:nq.ks.ksarng.mbx.education-services@mail.mil)



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#### ***GI BILL RESOURCES:***

**Dept. of Veterans Administration**

[www.benefits.va.gov/gibill](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill)

**Apply for GI Bill Benefits**

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

#### ***TUITION ASSISTANCE:***

**Apply for Federal TA Benefits**

[www.goarmyed.com](http://www.goarmyed.com)

**GoArmyEd Assistance Center**

<http://help.goarmyed.com/>

#### ***TESTING RESOURCES:***

**DANTES**

[www.dantes.doded.mil](http://www.dantes.doded.mil)

**CLEP Exams**

[www.clep.collegeboard.org/military](http://www.clep.collegeboard.org/military)

**Study Materials**

[www.nelnetsolutions.com/dod](http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/dod)

**Credentialing Opportunities**

[www.cool.army.mil](http://www.cool.army.mil)

#### ***FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS:***

**Free Application for Federal**

**Student Aid**

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

**Scholarships**

[www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships)