

# ARMY NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATION BENEFITS

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#### **AGENDA**

- Over the next 45 minutes we will provide a brief overview of the following education benefits and how they can pay for tuition:
  - Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)
  - State Tuition Assistance Program (STAP)
  - Various types of Montgomery GI Bills
  - Tuition Grant Program
  - Pay for working one weekend a month
  - Free Testing Opportunities

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# FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE (FTA)

- Funded by the Department of Defense
- Up to \$250 per credit hour / up to 16 credits, maximum \$4,000 per fiscal year

(1 October - 30 September)

• Used for either Undergraduate or Graduate Degree



## MONTGOMERY GI BILL SELECTED RESERVE (CHAPTER 1606)

- Administered by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA)
- \$439 per month / payable for 36 academic months • Total Benefit \$15,804 or an average of \$3,951 per school year
- Apprenticeship and On-the-job training pays up to \$329.25 per month
- Used toward either Undergraduate or Graduate Degree

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#### MONTGOMERY GI BILL KICKER

- Administered by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA)
- \$350 per month / payable for 36 academic months
   Total Benefit \$12,600 or an average of \$3,150 per school year
- Used toward either Undergraduate or Graduate Degree

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### STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (STAP)

- Funded by the State of Michigan
- Paid directly to the school up to \$600 per credit hour / Maximum \$14,400 per fiscal year

(1 October - 30 September)

• Used toward either Undergraduate, Graduate Degree, Vocational school, technical school, or trade school

PAY FOR WORKING ONE WEEKEND								
Pay Charts are based on rank and years of service								
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For discussion; an E-4 (Specialist) with over two years of								
service would receive \$350.87 for working one weekend								
	Pay Grade	2 or less	Over 2	Over 4	Over 6	Over 8		
	E-4	333.80	350.87	369.87	388.65	405.22		
		333.80	350.87	369.87	388.65	405.22		
	E-5	364.05	388.57	407.35	426.56	456.52		
	E-6	397.40	437.31	456.64	475.39	494.93		
	E-7	459.45	501.45	520.70	546.05	505.97		

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*	Fall Semester		Winter Semester	
	Tuition (12 Credits @ \$450 p/hour)	\$5,400	Tuition (12 Credits @ \$450 p/hour)	\$5,400
	FTA (\$250 x 12)	<u>- \$3,000</u>	STAP (\$450 x 12)	<u>- \$5,400</u>
	Balance	-\$2,000	Balance	\$0.00
	GI Bill (\$439 x 4)	<u>+ \$1,756</u>	GI Bill (\$439 x 4)	+ \$1,756
	Balance	-\$244	Balance (Profit)	\$1,756
	GI Bill Kicker (\$350 x 4)	<u>+ \$1,400</u>	GI Bill Kicker (\$350 x 4)	+ \$1,400
	Balance (Profit)	\$1,156	Balance (Profit)	\$2,456
	Drill Pay (\$350 x 4)	<u>+ \$1,400</u>	Drill Pay (\$350 x 4)	<u>+ \$1,400</u>
	Balance (Profit)	\$2,556	Balance (Profit)	\$3,856

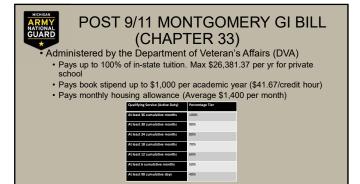
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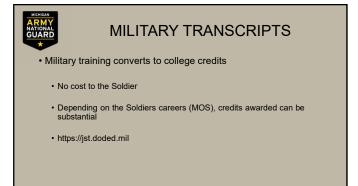


### **TUITION GRANT PROGRAM**

 The Michigan National Guard has worked with several Michigan universities and colleges to offer tuition grants to Michigan National Guard members. These grants, used in conjunction with other available tuition assistance programs, can enable Guard members to attend selected colleges and universities at no cost.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD	TUITION GRANT PROGRAM "UP TO 50% OFF"					
:	Baker College Central Michigan University Cleary University Cornerstone University Davenport University Eastern Michigan University Ferris State University Kalamazoo Valley Community College Kirtland Community College	Lake Superior State University     Lawrence Technological University     Northern Michigan University     Oakland University     Olivet College     Rochester College     Spring Arbor College     University of Detroit Mercy     Walsh College				







#### FREE TESTING OPPORTUNITIES

- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) at no cost to the Soldier
   CLEP offers a series of 33 exams that let you earn college credit for introductory level classes. Credits are accepted at 2,900 colleges and universities.
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) at no cost to the Soldier
   The DANTES program offers free college entrance exams and college credit equivalency exams. Examples of tests: ACT, SAT, Entry level exams to Graduate Schools (GMAT, GRE), Teacher Certification Exams (Praxis), and DSST exams

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### Questions?

reference

https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/