


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

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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

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PAY FOR WORKING ONE WEEKEND

- Pay Charts are based on rank and years of service
- 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
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	565.97

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USING GUARD BENEFITS TO PAY TUITION

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

Note: The tuition cost is based off Michigan's average tuition cost for the state. There is a \$2,556 surplus for the Fall Semester. There is a \$3,856 surplus from the Winter Semester. If the surplus is applied to the fall balance the Student/Soldier would have a surplus of \$6,412 at the end of the school year.

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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.


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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

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POST 9/11 MONTGOMERY GI BILL (CHAPTER 33)

- Administered by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA)
 - Pays up to 100% of in-state tuition. Max \$26,381.37 per yr for private school
 - Pays book stipend up to \$1,000 per academic year (\$41.67/credit hour)
 - Pays monthly housing allowance (Average \$1,400 per month)

Qualifying Service (Active Duty)	Percentage Test
At least 36 cumulative months	100%
At least 30 cumulative months	90%
At least 24 cumulative months	80%
At least 18 cumulative months	70%
At least 12 cumulative months	60%
At least 6 cumulative months	50%
At least 90 cumulative days	40%

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MILITARY TRANSCRIPTS

- Military training converts to college credits
 - No cost to the Soldier
 - Depending on the Soldiers careers (MOS), credits awarded can be substantial
 - <https://jst.doded.mil>


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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/>

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