

# **Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) Program**

***THE FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE (FTA) PROGRAM?*** The FTA --Program authorizes Tuition Assistance not to exceed 100%, with a cap of \$250.00 per semester hour and \$4500 for the Fiscal Year.

*\*You may use Federal TA along with the Reserve GI Bill provided you are enrolled at least half time (6 semester hours). You may use FTA along with the Active Duty GI Bill provided you are enrolled at least half time and do not have the ARNG GI Bill Kicker.\**

## ***AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?***

- Are you a member in good standing in the Army National Guard?
- Are you actively drilling with your unit?
- Are you attending a course of instruction that is included in a vocational program, associate, baccalaureate, graduate or professional degree program offered by an accredited college, university, community college, technical college or trade school?

## ***HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM?***

**- Log on to <https://www.nationalguardbenefits.com>. and submit application electronically.**

**-This is an up-front program and applications must be submitted before classes begin.**

-A separate application must be submitted for each semester/term.

## ***HOW DO I GET MY TUITION ASSISTANCE?***

- Once approved the DA Form 2171 is returned to you via AKO e-mail for you to take to the business/financial aid office of the school you are attending.
- The school is then responsible for billing the Education Services Office in Lansing.
- The school is paid by USPF, Lansing or the Education Office.
- If your tuition is paid through loans, grants etc., by the time the school receives payment the school can reimburse you or apply the funds to a future semester.

## ***YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES***

- You must provide a copy of your grades to the Education office within 30 days of completion of courses. Future requests for FTA will be denied until you have provided grades for previous semesters/terms.
- You must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 in order to continue receiving FTA.
- Failing grades may result in recoupment of FTA funds.