

FTA- Federal Tuition Assistance- This is a federally funded program that pays for tuition and course specific fees. It is earmarked to pay for Army National Guard. Air Guard is unable to take advantage of this program. FTA can be used for your first associates degree, your first bachelors degree, one certificate and your first masters degree. FTA applications must be submitted through GoArmyEd for each class.

Before service members can apply for FTA they must set up an account with GoArmyEd at [www.GoArmyEd.com](http://www.GoArmyEd.com) Once a GoArmyEd account is established then FTA applications can be submitted.

One must apply for FTA/STA before class begins, (no later than 7 days after the class start date), and a new application has to be submitted at the beginning of each class/semester/term. To avoid unforeseen circumstances, the earlier that you apply, the better chance that you have of being approved. State Tuition Waiver needs one application each year.

FTA and STA pays up to 100 percent of tuition and mandatory fees and up to \$250 per semester hour. Tuition Assistance caps at \$4500 per year regardless if you are approved for FTA, STA, or a combination of both. (GoArmyEd only tracks FTA but not STA already used)

FTA can be combined with MGIB and Kicker. If you were to go year round, you would use the entire amount of tuition assistance and then pay for the rest of the tuition out of pocket. State Tuition Waiver Program pays 100% of tuition and can be used with FTA, but cannot exceed 100% of tuition. If you have the State Tuition Waiver, you can also apply for Federal Tuition Assistance to pay for course specific fees that the waiver will not cover. You can also use Federal Tuition Assistance to pay for summer classes that are not covered by the State Tuition Waiver. This would allow you to go to school year round and not pay for tuition at a State College. If the school or program of your choice charges more than \$250 per semester hour, you would pay for the remainder of tuition out of pocket.

Federal Tuition assistance has several other requirements. You must keep the education office as well as your school updated on all class changes, adds, or drops. You also must have an updated degree plan, current annual SOU, and every semester you must have a class schedule/tuition bill before you will be approved for federal tuition assistance. Federal Tuition assistance is on a Fiscal Year program that begins October 1 and ends September 30. Any class compensated for that begins during that time frame is included in the total for that Fiscal Year. Generally Fall 1st block classes are the last classes that count toward the FY. Fall 2nd block classes would then be the first classes starting after October 1, would be the first classes that would count for a particular FY.

Additionally, no STA, FTA, or STW funds should be disbursed to a soldier. If a soldier receives funds from a school, he/she should contact the Education Office immediately. These funds will be recouped from the soldier if not remitted to the Education Office.

Student body fees funding- GoArmyEd will not fund student body fees. Service members may submit a State Tuition Assistance form to cover student body fees but will only be approved if there is a surplus of State funding.

Service Members must have their itemized receipt in their GoArmyEd eFILE stating the amount of the student body fees or STA application will be rejected.