



How to Apply for Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

About: Federal Tuition Assistance offered by the Department of Defense (DoD) is education benefit available to active duty, National Guard, and reserve component service members. FTA is designed to support military personnel who want to achieve off-duty education for professional or personal goals. Tuition Assistance pays \$250 per credit. TA is available for courses that are part of an approved academic degree or certificate program. The courses must be offered by schools that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and are signatories to the current DoD Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (DOD MOU).

Eligibility: Any current member of the military both active duty and reserve/National Guard may be eligible for FTA. 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). Enlisted Soldiers are not eligible for TA for courses with term end dates less than 60 days from their separation date.

How to Apply: Each branch of service has their own rules and procedures for Federal Tuition Assistance. Contact the education officer at your unit or the education office at your military installation to learn how to apply. You may also visit the following websites to apply (You will need an active CAC Card.)

- Active Duty Army/ National Guard/ Army Reserve: <https://www.armyignited.army.mil/>
- Navy and Marine: <https://sas.ncdc.navy.mil>
- Air Force and Space Force: <https://afvec.us.af.mil/>
- Coast Guard: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/37179b9>

In you have any questions regarding FTA and other education benefits, please contact the Office of Military and Veteran Success. You can call us at 814-732-1557 or send us an email at veterans@pennwest.edu.

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