Army Federal Tuition Assistance

Eligibility:

- Must be in the National Guard, Reserves, or on Active Duty.
- Soldiers must be considered in good standing with their unit in order to be eligible for the FTA program. A Soldier flagged for suspension of favorable actions will not be eligible for this program. Soldiers who do not have a passing APFT or do not meet height/weight standards are not eligible to receive FTA. It is the Soldier’s responsibility to request removal of any holds and submit any required supporting documentation to their education services office BEFORE the course start date to regain eligibility for the FTA program.
- Soldiers must have one year time in service beyond graduation from IADT training before they are eligible to use the FTA program. Soldiers must upload a copy of their Joint Services Transcript into their GoArmyEd e-file to remove this hold.
- FTA is capped at 130 semester hours for an undergraduate degree. FTA is available for one certificate or diploma.
- DOD language prohibits Chapter 1606 Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) or Chapter 1607 Reserve Education Assistance Program (REAP) payments for the same course funded by Federal Tuition Assistance. Service members will have to elect which benefit they wish to use for each course. Furthermore, you cannot use STR until you have exhausted FTA. Also, FTA and STR cannot be used for the same credits.

Payment:

- The Army will pay 100% of the cost of tuition capped at $250/credit per semester hour and up to $4,000 total for the fiscal year.
- Century College Tuition and Fees: $178.66/credit; Century College Tuition Only: $158.99/credit
  - Ex: 12 credits at Century costs $2,143.92 ($178.66 x 12cr). The FTA payment would total $1,907.88 ($158.99 x 12). That means $236.04 would not be covered by FTA for the term.
  - Under this scenario, you would have FTA for another 4 credits in the following semester, assuming still in same fiscal year.
- All grades earned must be a grade of “C” or better or you will be required to pay back the tuition assistance.

Steps to Apply for Federal Tuition Assistance:

1. Soldiers must request FTA through GoArmyEd no later than 10 days prior to the course start date. Applications are approved up to class start date. Soldiers can request FTA as early as 60 days prior to the course start date.
2. FTA is requested on a course-by-course basis.
3. In the GoArmyEd portal, you must complete and have the Course Planner approved.
4. GoArmyEd will notify the Soldier whether the FTA is approved or not. If the FTA request is not approved, GoArmyEd will advise the Soldier of the reason and next steps.
5. All drops/withdrawals must take place through GoArmyEd.
6. Once your request has been approved by GoArmyEd, you must notify the Business Office of your intention to use FTA for the term. The school will receive the funds directly from the DOD.