



STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE

KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL GUARDSMEN ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO 100% COLLEGE TUITION ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE NEW STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

State Tuition Assistance (TA) allows for payment of full tuition and required fees for up to 15 credit hours per semester. Members must be enrolled full-time or part-time at accredited independent colleges and universities located in Kansas. Additionally, Kansas public postsecondary institutions, the six state universities; Washburn University, community colleges, and technical colleges also apply.

REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE TA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Have not been awarded a bachelor's degree.
- Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test within the last 14 months.
- Meet current height/weight standards.
- Must not be under a suspension of favorable personnel action.

ELIGIBLE MEMBERS MUST ALSO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Have at least one year remaining on their current contract at the beginning of each semester.
- Agree to serve actively in good standing in the Kansas Army National Guard for no less than 24 months upon completion of their last semester for which tuition assistance was provided.
- Members must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or higher

ELIGIBLE MEMBERS SUBMITTING STATE TA APPLICATION:

- Members must first submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and apply for any other federal tuition assistance available.
- Apply no later than 15 August for the fall semester or 15 January for the spring semester.
- Submit a transcript each semester to member's unit of assignment.
- Create an account on the Kansas Board of Regents website at www.kansasregents.org.
- Complete the on-line application/student agreement each semester for which they are requesting assistance.
- Once a degree has been awarded, an official transcript must be submitted to the member's unit of assignment.

WHAT DO I GET

- The number of credit hours funded by this program will have a lifetime cap of 180, or the first bachelor's degree.
- Current rates are based on the highest rate of tuition at the University of Kansas.
- State TA will pay for all fees.
- If attending a private school, the tuition will be capped at the highest public institution rate, which currently is the University of Kansas.

**KANSAS ARMY NATIONAL
GUARD SOLDIERS CAN QUALIFY
FOR 100% TUITION ASSISTANCE!**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

DID YOU KNOW: 22.8% OF KANSAS GUARDSMEN HAVE A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER (1585 OF 6660).

Q: IS STATE TA AVAILABLE TO OTHER SERVICE COMPONENTS?

A: No. State TA is only available to Kansas Army and Air National Guardsmen, not Active Duty or Reserve service members.

Q: WHY DOESN'T THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAY FOR YOUR SCHOOL?

A: The program requires participants to leverage federal tuition assistance before receiving state tuition assistance. However, the federal tuition assistance program is based on nationwide requirements and is not tailored to meet the needs of Kansas or the National Guard.

Q: WHAT OTHER EDUCATION INCENTIVES OR PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR GUARDSMEN?

A: Federal Tuition Assistance, GI Bill, Bonuses and Student Loan Repayment.

Q: CAN A GUARDSMAN GET MULTIPLE DEGREES UTILIZING STATE TA?

A: An individual could use the program to complete multiple programs, but the program is capped at one undergraduate degree. For example, they could get a technical certification in allied trades, an associate degree in accounting, and an undergraduate degree in business. However, the cumulative number of hours cannot exceed 150% of the credit hours required for their undergraduate program.

Q: CAN A GUARDSMAN GET THEIR MASTERS WITH STATE TA?

A: No, the law currently only allows for up to an undergraduate degree.

Q: CAN AN INDIVIDUAL USE STATE TA TO ATTEND A PRIVATE SCHOOL LOCATED IN KANSAS?

A: Yes, however the benefit is capped at the tuition rate of the highest Kansas public Regent institution. Any additional cost above this rate would be the responsibility of the student.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUARDSMEN GETS DEPLOYED IN THE MIDDLE OF A SEMESTER?

A: As written, TA will pause during a deployment and may be resumed when a Guardsmen returns home.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUARDSMAN FAILS TO MEET ACADEMIC AND MILITARY STANDARDS?

A: Guardsmen must take action to get back in good standing before they regain eligibility.

Q: WHAT IS THE SERVICE OBLIGATION FOR USING THE STATE TA?

A: Guardsmen who participate in the program will incur a 2-year service obligation to the Kansas National Guard. This obligation will begin the last day of the last semester they receive tuition assistance.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF A GUARDSMAN DOES NOT FULFILL THEIR SERVICE OBLIGATION?

A: A prorated portion of the tuition they received will be recouped commensurate with the percentage of the service obligation that was not met.

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