

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

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### **Summary**

The ARNG Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) Program provides financial assistance for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals. FTA is available for courses that are offered in the classroom or by distance learning. In addition to degree programs, FTA is available to Soldiers to complete a high school diploma and to complete certificate programs. However, FTA will not be approved to complete credentials at the same or a lower education level. FTA is not authorized for programs beyond the master's degree/first professional degree. There are two programs available depending on your status: one for the traditional M-Day or MilTech Soldiers, and the other program for AGR Soldiers. ARNG FTA applies to M-Day Soldiers while the ACES program through GoArmyEd applies to AGR Soldiers in a Title 10 Status.

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### **Quick Guide: How to Apply for Federal Tuition Assistance (M-Day)**

1. Apply to an 'accredited' school/program. School must be accredited by a regional or national accrediting association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Contact the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation](#) to see if your college is accredited.
2. Apply online by visiting [ARNG Education Benefits Online](#). Once redirected to the home page, the user must sign and will be notified of eligibility for Federal Tuition Assistance and redirected to the application.
3. For more help, contact the appropriate [State representative](#).

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### **Quick Guide: How to Apply for ACES Tuition Assistance (Title 10/AGR)**

1. Verify school's accreditation by the U.S. Department of Education by contacting SocGUARD by [email](#) or at 1-800-368-5622 or by visiting the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation](#).
2. Submit DA Form 2171 to the Education Office at your servicing or nearest Active Army installation.

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q. Who is eligible for ARNG FTA?

A. To be eligible for ARNG FTA, applicants must:

- Have a valid expense from an accredited school
- Be a traditional (part-time) ARNG soldier in an active drilling status
- Have signed the papers officially joining the ARNG, even prior to boot camp or AIT or while yet in high school
- Must serve four years after course completion (Officers only)
- Remain in the ARNG during term of courses (Enlisted)
- Not be receiving an ROTC scholarship.

### Q. What is the ACES Tuition Assistance?

A. The Army Continuing Education System (ACES) Tuition Assistance (TA) Program provides financial assistance to active duty Soldiers in support of their professional and personal self-development goals. The ACES TA Program provides the education policy/guidance to all three Army components and is the proponent agency for AR 621-5.

### Q. Who is eligible for ACES?

A. Eligibility restrictions include:

- Currently an Active Duty Soldier (Title 10/32 Soldiers in AGR status)
- Officers must serve two years after course completion
- Enlisted must have enough remaining obligation for the length of the course

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## Links

- [ARNG Education Home Page](#)  
This comprehensive website serves as the premier source for education, incentives, and employment services information as it applies to Army National Guard Soldiers.
- [State Education Contacts Page](#)  
This site contains information regarding State education departments.
- [Council for Higher Education Accreditation](#)  
This site provides the list of nationally accredited associations.

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## References

Regulations

- [AR 621-5, Army Continuing Education System](#)

#### Documents and Forms

- [ARNG Education Benefits Brochure](#)
- [ARNG Education Benefits Handbook July 2010](#)
- [DA Form 2171-E, Request for Tuition Assistance – Army Continuing Education System](#)

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#### **Points of Contact**

- ARNG Education Support Center  
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