

Servicemembers Guide to Tuition Assistance

AIR FORCE TUITION ASSISTANCE



U.S. AIR FORCE

The Air Force offers airmen several programs to support their voluntary education goals including 100% Tuition Assistance for college courses taken during off-duty hours.

The maximum amount paid for Tuition Assistance: 100% Tuition and Fees

Not to Exceed:

- \$250 @Semester Credit hour, or
- \$166 @Quarter Credit Hour, and
- \$4500 @Fiscal Year

CCAF Exception

- TA will be provided for a Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) degree regardless of your current education level.
- TA will be provided for a civilian college associate degree even if you have a CCAF associate degree provided you do not possess a civilian associate or higher degree.
- You are no longer required to obtain your supervisor's signature on your TA forms; however, you are expected to discuss your schedule with your supervisor to ensure that participation has his/her support.

AIR FORCE RESERVE (USAFR)

In an effort to support the professional and education goals of Air Force Reservists, the Air Force provides several voluntary education programs for its reserve members.

USAFR offers:

- Undergraduate (Associates and Bachelors Degrees)
 - 100% tuition assistance for undergraduate degree programs
 - Not to exceed \$250 per semester hour, or \$166.67 per quarter hour
 - Up to \$4,500 annually per Servicemember.
- Graduate Students (Masters Degree)
 - 75% tuition assistance for graduate degree programs
 - Not to exceed \$250 per semester hour, or \$166 per quarter hour
 - Up to \$4,500 annually.

#Note: The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) manages payment of the USAFR tuition assistance program.

For additional information on the Air Force Reserve voluntary education programs, please contact: Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Training Support Branch, Robins AFB, Georgia, at commercial phone number: (478) 327-1276, DSN 497-1276.

Visit the Air Force Reserve Website or the Air Force Education Services Programs website for more information.

Contact your education service officer for information on how to apply for tuition assistance and other programs.

AIR FORCE TUITION ASSISTANCE (ACTIVATED GUARD AND RESERVE)

If activated you will become eligible for the Air Force Tuition Assistance for Active Duty and Activated Reserve/Guard.

This Tuition Assistance Program offers:

- 100% Tuition and Fees up to \$250 @Semester Credit Hour or \$166 @ Quarter Credit Hour.
- Not to exceed \$4,500 @Fiscal Year.

ARMY TUITION ASSISTANCE



The Army offers active duty soldiers several programs to support their education goals including 100% Tuition Assistance for college courses taken during off-duty hours.

Tip - The Army has launched a new online TA process. Be sure to register and get your username and password set up even if you don't intend to start classes right away.

The maximum amount paid for tuition assistance: 100% Tuition and Fees.

Not to Exceed:

- \$250 @Semester Credit hour, or
- \$166 @Quarter Credit Hour, and
- \$4500 @Fiscal Year

The Army Continuing Education System has launched a new automated tuition assistance project. The TA automation will allow active duty soldiers to request TA and enroll in courses online through GoArmyEd.

For General information about the Army's automated TA process, visit www.GoArmyEd.com.

ARMY RESERVE (USAR)

The Army Reserve offers opportunities for selected reserve soldiers to pursue their education on a voluntary basis. If you are interested in participating, voluntary education must be completed on personal time with financial assistance provided by the Army Reserve.

Army Reservists may go to <https://rcms.oscar.army.pentagon.mil/education/> and sign in using their AKO login and password to submit TA requests online.

The USAR Offers:

- 100% tuition assistance up to \$250 per semester hour, or \$166 per quarter hour, not to exceed \$4,500 annually per servicemember.
- 75% up to \$250 per SH, \$166 per quarter hour, and \$4500 per FY for officers pursuing a bachelors degree.

Eligibility

- The soldier must be a drilling reservist in good standing,

- The soldier must declare an educational goal leading to a credential higher than current degree level
- Enlisted soldiers and warrant officer must have sufficient time remaining on their term of service to complete the course before separation.
- Commissioned officers must have at least four years of Selected Reserve service remaining from the date of completion of the course for which tuition assistance is provided.
- The soldier must enroll for the independent study course following Army Reserve procedures.
Contact your local Army Reserve Education Officer for assistance with TA or any other voluntary education assistance.

NAVY TUITION ASSISTANCE



The NAVY offers active duty Sailors several programs to support their education goals including up to 100% Tuition Assistance for college courses taken during off-duty hours.

NAVY TA Eligibility

TA is available for both Naval Officer and Enlisted active duty personnel and Naval Reservists on continuous active duty. It is also available to enlisted Naval Reservists ordered to active duty 120 days and to Naval Reservist Officers ordered to active duty for 2 years or more.

To qualify, servicemembers must:

- Be on active duty for the whole length of the course.
- Attend an institution accredited by a regional, national or professional accrediting agency recognized by the Department of Education.
- Receive counseling from a Navy College Office
- Provide all grades from previously funded TA courses and reimburse all W and F grades (Withdrawals for involuntary reasons may be granted with command verification).
- Agree, if an officer, to remain on active duty for at least two years upon completion of courses funded by TA. This obligation runs concurrently with remaining obligated service time. Those who fail to serve the obligation must repay the TA funds expended on their behalf during the last two years of active duty on a pro rated basis.

The maximum amount paid for tuition assistance: 100% Tuition and Fees

Not to Exceed:

- \$250 @Semester Credit hour, or
- \$166 @Quarter Credit Hour, and
- 16 Semester Hours (24 Quarter Hours or 240 Clock Hours) @Fiscal Year

Visit the Official Navy Tuition Assistance website to learn about requesting credit limit waivers and other TA details.

NAVY RESERVE (USNR) There are currently no Tuition Assistance programs for the Navy Reserve. However, if you are activated under Title 10 then you qualify for the active duty Navy Tuition Assistance.

MARINE CORPS TUITION ASSISTANCE



The Marine Corps offers several programs to support your education goals including 100% Tuition Assistance for college courses taken during off-duty hours.

Marine Corps Tuition Assistance (TA) offers financial assistance to serve members who elect to pursue Off-Duty or Voluntary Education.

The Marine Corps maximum amount paid for tuition assistance: 100% Tuition and Fees

Not to Exceed:

- \$250 @Semester Credit hour, or
- \$166 @Quarter Credit Hour, and
- \$4500 @Fiscal Year

MARINE CORPS RESERVE (USMCR)

There are currently no Tuition Assistance programs for the Marine Corps Reserve. However, if you are activated under Title 10 then you qualify for the active duty Marine Corps Tuition Assistance.

COAST GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE



The Coast Guard offers several programs to support your education goals including 100% Tuition Assistance for college courses taken during off-duty hours.

Tip - Be sure to take advantage of the services provided by your Career Development Advisor or Education Services Officer. They can help you make the most of your education benefits.

Coast Guard Tuition Assistance assists eligible personnel - active, reserve and civilian employees - in their professional development by providing funding for off-duty voluntary education courses to broaden their academic or Coast Guard technical background.

The maximum amount paid for tuition assistance: 100% Tuition

Not to Exceed:

- \$250 @Semester Credit hour, or
- \$166 @Quarter Credit Hour, and
- \$4500 @Fiscal Year

TA does not cover the following expenses:

- Application, entrance or enrollment fees

- Record-maintenance fees
- Student activity fees/Student ID
- Course registration fees
- Textbooks, manuals
- Non-consumable materials
- Assembled items available commercially such as computers, television, robots
- Fees for flight time, flying lessons, or noncredit aviation classes
- Parking fee
- Cost of tools, protective or other equipment that becomes the property of the student
- Certification courses and tests, or licenses.

Additional Information

Enlisted Members: Must complete the TA authorized course(s) on or prior to RELAD discharge, or retirement.

SELRES members must maintain at least “minimum drill attendance”, maintaining “satisfactory participation.”

Civilian employees with at least 90 days of prior, continuous Coast Guard service agree to retain employment with the Coast Guard of at least one month for each credit hour upon completion of a course(s) “Temporary” civilian employees must have 12 months previous Coast Guard service and must have remaining contract with the Coast Guard for 1 month for each credit hour upon completion of a course (s). Non-appropriated funded personnel (NAFA) and contractors are not eligible for TA.

Expenses Covered: Direct expenses for instruction such as laboratory, studio, and shop fees may be included in the computation of education expenses covered by the 100% limitation for off-duty education. Provided, these costs are based on specific fees or charges customarily levied by educational Institutions and are directly tied to the course for which the fee is required. TA will not cover the cost of tools, protective or other equipment, manuals, or textbooks, which become the property of the student. In cases where flat fees are charged, which include non-consumable items, the Institution must furnish an itemized cost breakdown of the total cost of the course. Only that portion of the fee that meets the use and consumable criteria will be eligible for TA.

COAST GUARD RESERVE (USCGR)

Coast Guard Reserve units have integrated with activity duty sites, so in the spirit of “Team Coast Guard,” USCG reservists have access to all of the educational programs available to active duty members. The Coast Guard Institute website has a complete synopsis of available programs and applications.

The Coast Guard offers selected reservists:

- 100% tuition assistance up to \$250 per semester hour, or \$166.67 per quarter hour
- Not to exceed \$4,500 annually per servicemember.
- Contact your Coast Guard ESO for information on how to apply for tuition assistance and other programs.

NATIONAL GUARD TUITION ASSISTANCE

The National Guard offers guardsmen several programs to support their education goals including up to 100% tuition assistance for college courses taken during off-duty hours.

Members of the National Guard are eligible for tuition assistance. However, each of the Armed Forces determines how to administer their own Tuition Assistance (TA). In addition each state may offer its National Guard servicemembers state funded education incentives based on state guidelines and eligibility.