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- Kentucky National Guard - State Tuition Assistance

How do I qualify for this benefit and how may I apply to use it?

- Eligibility
 - Currently serving in Kentucky National Guard
 - Completed Basic Combat Training (BCT) or contracted ROTC/SMP before class start date
 - Passing APFT/ACFT and height/weight standards
 - Not flagged
 - No unexcused absences from drill within the previous 12 months
 - Pursuing an associate's degree or first bachelor's degree
 - Have not reached lifetime cap
 - ETS date is beyond the class end date
 - AGRs and Technicians remain eligible to use
- Application
 - Sign a paper application available from your unit or our website-
<https://ky.ng.mil/Personnel-Services/Education-and-Incentives/>
 - Apply before the deadline:
 - Fall term – apply before 1 April
 - Spring term – apply before 1 October
 - Summer/Winter – Not available
 - Soldiers who will ETS during the school term must extend to cover the class
 - Soldiers applying late may request an exception to policy through their unit

What does the benefit pay?

- KYNG State TA pays actual public in-state tuition cost
 - 100% of in-classroom rate, up to full-time student
 - Benefit is paid directly to the school during the term

- Participating private schools eligible (capped at \$5,472.00 per semester)
- Does not pay any fees or excess tuition associated with online classes
- Does not pay for a lateral degrees (2nd associates) or lesser degrees (pursuing an associates after a bachelors)
- Benefit availability subject to State funding
- Lifetime usage caps as of Fall 2024 term
 - \$28,000 for Community and Technical Colleges
 - \$56,000 for comprehensive public universities or approved private colleges
 - \$70,000 for research universities (UK, U of L)
 - Cap increases 5% annually
 - Changing school type will increase or decrease lifetime cap as appropriate
 - KYNG State TA usage prior to Fall 2016 term is not counted
 - See your usage here- <https://www.kheaa.com/apps/registration/signin>

Does membership in the KYNG entitle me to an in-state tuition rate?

- Yes, even if you live outside the state or just moved to Kentucky, you are entitled to the in-state tuition rate at any of our public universities.

May I use State TA in conjunction with Federal TA and GI Bill?

- May use with any GI Bill®
- May use with Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) if eligible
- Tuition benefits applied in the following order
 - KYNG State TA
 - Federal TA
 - Post 9-11 GI Bill (if eligible)

May I add classes or change schools after submitting my application?

- Service members wishing to change schools should contact the Education Office
 - Soldiers transferring from a Community College to a University will have their cap increased accordingly.
 - Soldiers transferring from a University to a Community College will have their cap reduced and may find they have already exhausted it.
- Classes added late may not be covered
- Classes dropped after the add/drop date, failed, or repeated are not recouped, however they do count against the member's lifetime cap.