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State Tuition Assistance

How do I qualify for State TA and how may I apply to use it?

- Eligibility
 - Currently serving in Kentucky National Guard
 - Completed Basic Combat Training (BCT) or contracted ROTC/SMP
 - Passing APFT/ACFT and height/weight standards
 - Not flagged
 - No unexcused absences (unsats) from drill within the previous 12 months
 - AGRs and Technicians remain eligible to use
 - Pursuing first bachelor's degree or less
 - Have not reached lifetime cap
- Application
 - Apply online for each semester- <https://ky.ngb.army.mil/tuitionstudent/>
 - Must meet all eligibility rules at time of application
 - Apply by deadline
 - Fall term – apply by 1 April
 - Spring term – apply by 1 October
 - Summer – Not available
 - Winter– Not available
 - Late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis contingent on funding, contact the Education Office if needing to apply after a deadline.

What does the benefit pay?

- State TA pays actual public in-state tuition cost
 - 100% of in-classroom rate, up to full time student
 - Benefit is paid directly to school
 - Participating private schools eligible (capped at \$5,184.00 per semester)
 - Does NOT pay any fees or excess tuition associated with online classes
 - Benefit availability subject to State funding

- Lifetime usage caps as of Fall 2023 term
 - \$27,000 for Community and Technical Colleges
 - \$54,000 for comprehensive public universities or approved private colleges
 - \$67,500 for research universities (UK, U of L)
 - Cap increases 5% annually
 - Changing school type will increase or decrease lifetime cap as appropriate
 - State TA usage prior to Fall 2016 term is not counted towards cap
 - 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.
- This law began with the 2017-2018 school year.

May I use State TA in conjunction with other programs such as 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
 - 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 still count against the Soldier's lifetime cap.