



1. Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

FTA helps servicemembers pay for college courses while still serving.

Army FTA

Apply and submit course requests at:

📧 <https://armyignited.army.mil/student/public/welcome>

Navy and Marine Corps Tuition Assistance

Submit Tuition Assistance requests at (CAC-enabled):

📧 <https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/>

What FTA Provides:

- ✓ \$250 per credit hour, \$4,500 annual cap (per fiscal year)
- ✓ Up to **130 undergraduate credits** and **39 graduate credits**
- ✓ Eligible to use **immediately** once you're in your service's education system
(Funding availability may vary by fiscal year)

2. PA National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP)

State-funded education assistance for PA Guard members.

More information:

📧 <https://www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/aid-for-military-national-guard/national-guard-eap.shtml>

EAP Benefits:

- ✓ Up to **10 full-time semesters**
- ✓ Up to **\$4,245 per semester**
- ✓ Can be used **as soon as your enlistment contract is signed and processed**

3. Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR / Chapter 1606)

VA education benefit for drilling Guard/Reserve members.



Learn more:

 <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/montgomery-selected-reserve/>

CH 1606 Provides:

- ✓ **\$481 per month** for up to **36 months**
- ✓ Begins after completing **Basic Training + AIT/Tech School**
- ✓ Optional **Kicker** adds **\$350 per month** (if qualified)
- ✓ Can also be used for **Apprenticeship/OJT** at **\$360 per month**

After You Apply

- ✓ The VA will mail or email you a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)**
- ✓ Save this document — you must submit it to the point of contact below before your benefits can be certified
 - ❖ Bloomsburg – Amanda Kern – akern@commonwealthu.edu
 - ❖ Lock Haven – Beth Vuocolo – [bvucolo@commonwealthu.edu](mailto:bvuocolo@commonwealthu.edu)
 - ❖ Mansfield – Stacie Rosewood-Boyskey – srosewoo@commonwealthu.edu
- ✓ Register for classes once your COE is submitted

4. Verify Enrollment Monthly

To continue receiving Chapter 1606 (and Kicker) payments, you must verify your enrollment **every month**.

Verify at:

 <https://www.va.gov/education/verify-school-enrollment/>

This is important! Failure to verify for two months may pause your payments — so set a calendar reminder!

5. Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

If selected in your enlistment contract:

- ✓ Pays up to **\$50,000** in qualifying student loan repayment



- ✓ Can be combined with EAP, FTA, and Chapter 1606
- ✓ Must be written into your initial contract to qualify

6. Important Note About Stacking Benefits

EAP, FTA, Chapter 1606, and the Kicker **can be used together without duplication of benefits**. These programs are designed to coordinate payments so you receive the maximum allowable funding.

7. Military Credit for Prior Learning Program

Commonwealth University's **Military Credit for Prior Learning** program evaluates your military training and experience and converts it into academic credit.

How to Submit Your Joint Service Transcript (JST) or Air Force Transcript

Download your JST from the [JST Homepage](#) or your Community College of the Air Force Transcript from the [Air University Registrar Homepage](#)

Email your **military transcript and DD214** to transcripts@commonwealthu.edu

Graduates of Basic Training and Advanced Training automatically receive 12 academic credits. If you have additional service time, deployments, specialized certifications, or military schooling, you are encouraged to apply for more.

To begin, email cshiffer@commonwealthu.edu and request to participate in the MCPL review process. We will schedule a meeting to review your military education and help you prepare the documentation needed for submission to the Credit for Prior Learning office.

Early submission is strongly recommended so credit can be applied before advising and course scheduling.

We're Here to Support You

Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania – Military & Veterans Resources Office

Guiding student servicemembers across all CU campuses.

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