



**Education Benefits and
Common Concerns**

College Assistance Program

\$5,500 per academic year up to Bachelor's degree at a SC HQ school

A second Associates (min 5 years apart)

Academic certifications

\$22,000 lifetime maximum

* Must Apply **EVERY YEAR** between 1 Jun – 1 Aug or 20 Nov – 15 Dec @ www.getsmartsc.com



- Inform Soldiers of application windows (1 June – 1 August and 20 Nov – 15 Dec)
- Tell Soldiers they can use FTA and CAP together
- Notify CHE if CAP school POC changes
- Clarify Eligibility dates

Federal Tuition Assistance

FTA

Up to \$4,000 per fiscal year (16 semester hours)

Can be used toward first Associate, Bachelor or Master's degree

21 hours towards certifications (restrictions apply)

* Must apply at armyignited.army.mil.com 60-7 days **PRIOR** to course start date

- Stress the importance of requesting money early FTA must be approved prior to course start date
- Remember FTA limits are not the same for everyone
National Guard is capped at \$4,000 = 16 credits x 250 per hour
- Tell Soldiers CAP and FTA can be used at the same time
- Tell Soldiers Ch 1606 and FTA can be used together
- Soldier's are required to complete Armyignited 101 training



GI Bill

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Ch 1606 (Selected Reserves) pays \$481 per month (full-time student)

* Soldier must be obligated for 6 years to qualify

Ch 33 (Post 9/11) pays a % of tuition, E5 BAH w/dep, and books

Tuition 100% = \$28,967.00 (Private limit)

BAH – If online = \$1,177.00

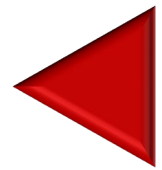
Books = \$1,000.00

* Apply @ va.gov

- Inform Soldiers that GI Bill and FTA can be used on same course
- NOBE's are no longer generated. After Soldier applies, they will provide the Certificate of Eligibility to the school



Did you know?



School cannot enter armories and access our Soldiers without submitting a Installation Access Request and receiving written approval through my office.

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