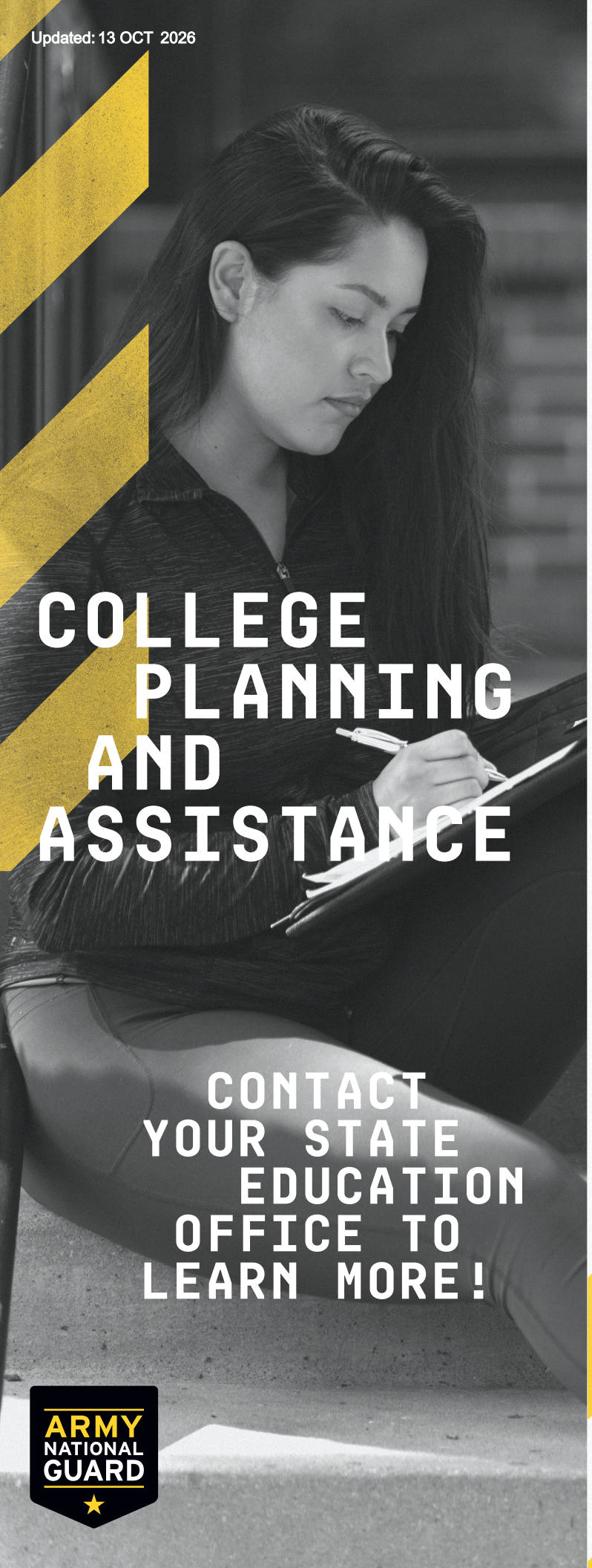
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STEP 1: CONTACT YOUR STATE EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICE

To get started on your college/career journey, contact your state education office to obtain personal education counseling and assistance. Contact your state education office by going to the following link: www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state

STEP 2: DOWNLOAD YOUR JST

Find out how much college credit you may be eligible for from your military training and experience by downloading your Joint Services Transcript (JST) at: https://jst.doded.mil/jst

STEP 3: CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR/SCHOOL

Choosing a field of study and school can be challenging, so try these free resources to help make your choice:

- TA Decide: https://vpt.dodmou.com/TADECIDE/
- Career Path DECIDE: https://www.careerpathdecide.org/
- College Navigator: www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
- GI Bill® Comparison Tool: www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool
- MILGEARS: https://milgears.osd.mil

STEP 4: GET FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are numerous education programs and services available to ARNG Soldiers. Use the links below to access some of these resources:

- Federal Tuition Assistance: https://armyignited.cce.af.mil/student/account/login
- State TA: www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state
- Credentialing Assistance: https://armyignited.cce.af.mil/student/account/login & https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/index.html
- GI Bill Benefits: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- DANTES Programs: https://www.dantes.mil/
- FAFSA: https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid
- College Scholarships: https://www.nationalguard.com/ education-programs/college-scholarships

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Contact your State Education Services Office: www.nationalguard.com/select- your-state
- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338) or ARNG.EDU@army.mil
- Visit Us Online: www.nationalguard.com/education

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