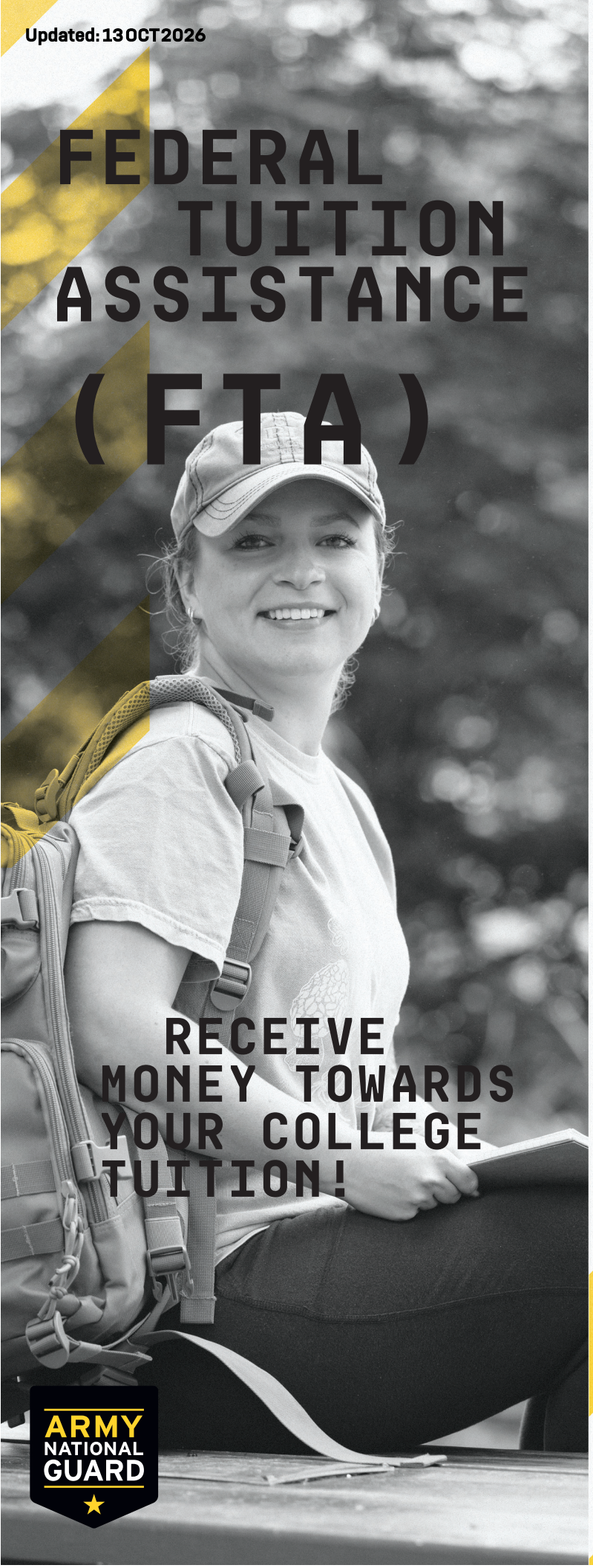
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FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE (FTA)



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WHAT IS IT?

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) is financial assistance provided for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals.

HOW DO I QUALIFY?

- Be currently serving in good standing in the ARNG and have a Common Access Card (CAC)
- Not be flagged
- Not have a hold on your ArmyIgnitED account (once created)
- Maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA for undergraduate courses or a 3.0 or higher GPA for graduate courses

Service Requirement/Obligation:

- Enlisted: Are not eligible for TA for courses with term start dates less than 60 days from their separation date and term end dates less than 14 days from their separation date
- Officers & Warrant Officers: Subject to a two-year active duty service obligation (ADSO) or four-year reserve duty obligation (RDSO)

NEW CHANGES

- Command approval is required for all FTA requests (at least 5 days prior to course start date)
- Soldiers with TWO unsuccessful grades in the same fiscal year will be suspended from requesting FTA and/or CA for 12 months.

WHAT DO I GET?

- Up to $250 per semester hour, up to 18 SHs for a total of $4,500 per fiscal year (Max TA and CA)
- One degree at each of the following levels, Associates, Bachelor's and Master's
- Lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours and 39 graduate semester hours
- CAN be used simultaneously with Chapter 1606/ MGIB-SR for the same course, when attending half-time or more
- One academic certificate (undergraduate or graduate) up to 21 semester hours per lifetime/career

HOW DO I APPLY?

- Go to https://armyignited.cce.af.mil/student/account/login and establish an account by clicking "Get Started" (CAC ID required)
- Complete the AIED 101 Training & Career Path Decide (CPD) support tool or Kuder Journey (save and upload results to ArmyIgnitED)
- Request an Education Goal (select your school and degree program)
- Enroll in courses at your School
- Return to ArmyIgnitED and request TA for the courses you want to use TA for
    - Courses can be requested up to 60 days prior to the course start date, but MUST be requested at least 7 days prior to the start date of the course
    - Once courses are approved, 'go back to ArmyIgnitED, print the authorization form and provide it to the school
- An evaluated degree plan/audit will be required after registration of two courses using FTA funding.

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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