

Military Tuition Assistance Information

Military Tuition Assistance (TA) is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, National Guard, and Reserves.

TA is paid to the school on a per class basis of up to \$250.00 per credit hours based on each military branches Fiscal Year and Class Cap.

Each service has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application process and restrictions.

This money is paid directly to Mississippi State University by the individual military branch and component.

Tuition Assistance Funding Amount by Military Fiscal Year and Branch

Branch of Service	Fiscal Year Cap	TA Request Begin (Start) from Class Start Date	TA Request Start (End) from Class Start Date	TA class limit per Military Branch and Fiscal Year
Air Force	\$4,500	45 days	7 days	6 courses
Army	\$4,500 or 18SH*	60 days	7 days	5 1/3 courses
Coast Guard	\$3,750	90 days	7 days	6 courses
Marine Corps	\$4,500	60 days	1 day	6 courses
Navy	\$4,500 or 18SH*	120 days	7 days	6 courses
Space Force	\$4,500	45 days	7 days	6 courses

Tuition Assistance Request Website per Military Branch

Branch of Service	TA Request – Must Be Completed By	Getting Started Military Service Portals
Army	One week before classes begin	Using a CAC Card Army-eligible active and reserve members must submit their tuition assistance request through ArmyIgnitED before the term start date.
Air Force	One week before classes begin	Active-duty Air Force and Space Force members should apply for Tuition Assistance through their AFVEC account at the Air Force Virtual Education Center site.
Coast Guard	One week before classes begin	Apply for Coast Guard Tuition Assistance (TA) benefits .
Marine Corps	One day before classes begin	Learn more about the Marine Corps process to request tuition assistance (TA) . Marine Corps request TA through the WebTA website (login required).
Navy	One week before classes begin	Learn more about the Sailors' process to request tuition assistance (TA) .
Space Force	One week before classes begin	Space Force members should apply for Tuition Assistance through the Air Force Portal account at the Air Force Virtual Education Center site.

Student Degree Plans

Most military branches require a student degree plan prior to request Tuition Assistance.

In order to request a current degree plan you need:

1. To be admitted to Mississippi State University
2. Previous schools (including Military Transcript) sent/evaluated by MSU
3. Have a schedule for the current/upcoming term or semester
4. Email jek252@mstate.edu the following information:

Name:

Last 4:

Branch of Service:

MSU ID:

MSU Email:

Degree Seeking:

Business Side of Tuition Assistance and your Student Billing Statement

1. **Once you have an approved TA Request Form please email to sponsoredstudent@msstate.edu and jek252@msstate.edu**
2. The Sponsored Student Office will place an anticipated payment on your account for the approved TA amount until the funding is received
3. Actual invoicing is allowed by the Department of Army after 19% of the semester has completed, (or 22 calendar days from class start date)
4. TA payments normally arrives 30-60 calendars days after invoicing and that payment will be credited to your account by Sponsored Student
5. If you request Post 9/11 GI Bill® all Tuition Assistance must be deducted from tuition reported to the VA per 38 CFR § 21.9505
<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-21/subpart-P/subject-group-ECFR0bea427580283fc/section-21.9505>
6. The VA will pay the difference between the TA payment and the approved tuition and fees
<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/tuition-assistance-top-up/>

Important Information - Until the actual funds arrive at MSU refund cannot be released unless you are at a 0 balance