

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)

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- FTA will fund up to **\$4,000 per fiscal year** for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals
 - **Maximum 16 semester hours per fiscal year (1 Oct–30 Sep)**
 - **Up to \$250 per semester hour**
 - **130 semester hours** towards an associates and/or baccalaureate degree
 - **39 semester hours** towards a master's degree
 - **21 semester hours** towards an undergrad or grad academic certificate (limited to one per career)



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- Soldier is in good standing and has a CAC card (Completion of basic training and AIT is no longer required)
- Soldier **cannot** be flagged
- Soldier’s ArmyIgnitED account **cannot** be on hold or have any blockers
- **Requests must be submitted and approved at least 7 days PRIOR to course start date (may submit up to 60 days prior)**
- Must maintain a **2.0 GPA** for undergraduate degrees after 15 SHs of coursework; **3.0 GPA** for graduate degrees after 6 SHs of coursework
- Must submit an evaluated degree plan after submission of two FTA funded courses



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Use With Other Programs

- Soldiers can request FTA in conjunction with State Tuition Assistance, Pell Grant, work-study programs, college scholarships
- Can use FTA and the MGIB-SR together for the same course if ½ time or more enrolled
- Can use with other GI Bill programs (Ch 30 and 33) but cannot exceed 100% of tuition cost



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- School must have signed the DoD MOU and be listed in ArmyIgnitED
- FTA pays tuition only, it does **not** pay fees including, lab fees, enrollment fees, parking fees, etc.
- FTA is **not** authorized for lower or lateral degrees
- FTA is **not** authorized for first professional degrees
- FTA will **not** pay for double major
- Soldiers **cannot** receive reimbursement from ROTC or Green-to-Gold scholarships



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Military Service Obligation (MSO)

- Soldiers must have **60 days or more** remaining to complete all courses before separating
- Traditional drilling/M-Day Officers (CW2, 2LT, and above) subject to a four-year MSO after the last day of the course
- AGR/Active Duty Officers (CW2, 2LT and above) subject to two-year MSO after the last day of the course



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- Soldiers will be subject to recoupment if they:
 - Receive a grade of:
 - D & F for undergraduate degree
 - C, D, & F for graduate degree
 - Receive an incomplete for the course
 - Do not complete their MSO
 - Withdraw from a course without an approved military withdrawal
Military withdrawals must be submitted within 30 days

FTA Process

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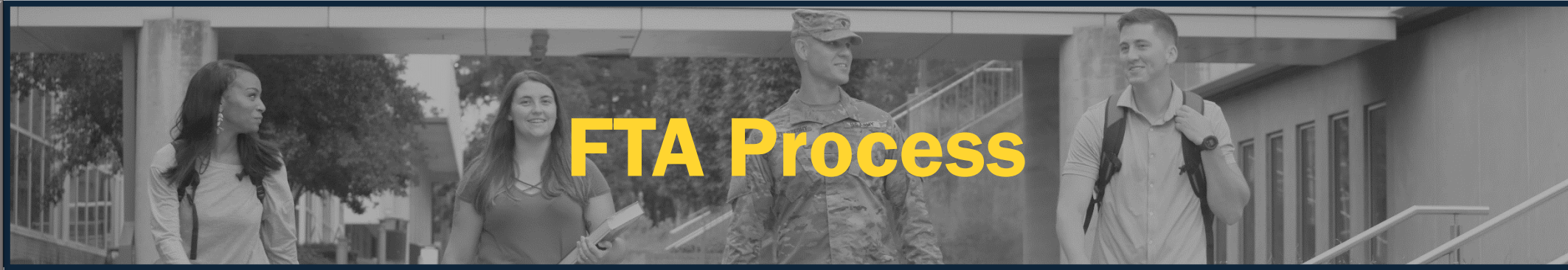
Soldiers **MUST** have an
ArmyIgnitED account

<https://www.armyignited.army.mil>

Select **GET STARTED**; log in with
CAC card required



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1. Contact your Education Services Specialist for counseling and information on how to submit an FTA request.
2. Go to <https://www.armyignited.army.mil> and log in with CAC card.
3. Make sure your Civilian e-mail and cell number are in your profile in AIED.
4. Complete the NGB Virtual Benefits training (NGB VBT) in AIED.
5. Create your Education Goal in AIED and add a degree plan.
6. Request FTA in AIED, but make sure your **start and end dates are correct.**

You can submit your TAR up to 60 days before the term, but you MUST submit it at least eight days before the first day of class.

7. Sign and Print DA 7792 in AIED and turn in to your school.

Help Desk

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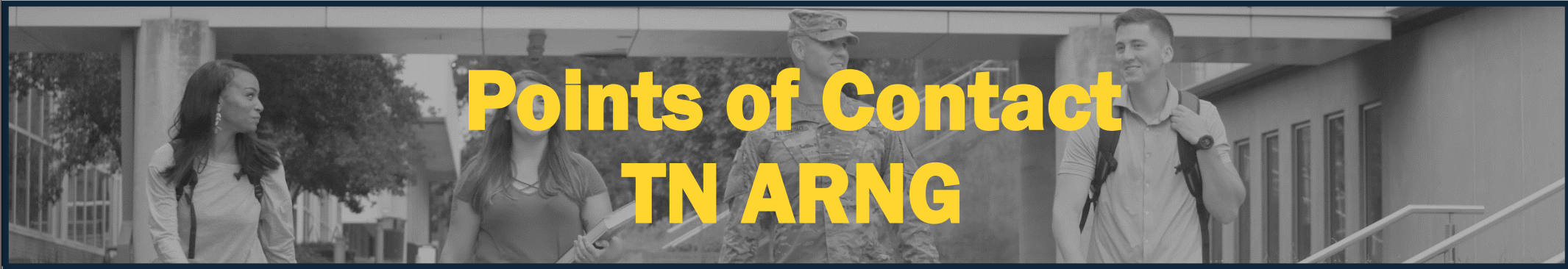
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