

EDUCATION AND INCENTIVES NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ⇒ Were you unable to request your FTA for this fall semester? You can still submit for STR! (see page 3)
- ⇒ Taking classes spring semester? Federal Tuition Assistance requests can be started 60 days out from class start date! (see page 2)
- ⇒ State Reclass Bonus list updates 15 Nov (see page 6)
- ⇒ If you feel you are missing a bonus payment please contact your unit!

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Welcome to the Upgraded ArmyIgnitED

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

***The new website requires a CAC login!

Administrative procedures for Soldiers:

- Soldiers are required to create an account and complete the Virtual TA training prior to requesting FTA. This is an annual requirement.
- You must submit an Education Goal, even if you used to have an Education Path.
- Soldiers will be required to upload an Evaluated Degree Plan from their school prior to the completion of two classes.
- Soldiers must submit requests for TA no earlier than 60 days prior and no later than **7 days prior to** the start date of the course.
- Update your ArmyIgnitED Profile. A personal email address will be required or it will create a “stopper” that will prevent you from submitting an FTA request.

Policy updates:

- ⇒ For members of the National Guard and Army Reserve, **members are no longer required to have graduated IADT** prior to using FTA. Soldiers who are not graduates of BCT must be issued a CAC to access their benefits in ArmyIgnitED.
- ⇒ **There is no longer a two-tiered system of eligibility!** Soldiers who used FTA to help fund a bachelor's degree are no longer required to graduate ALC or CCC to continue using FTA for a master's degree.

Recoupment Waivers.

- Soldiers who receive a grade other than a “W” for withdrawing from a class (D, or F for undergraduate or C, D, or F for graduate courses) will not be able to submit a request to waive recoupment.
- Soldiers must initiate a separate DA Form 7793, Request for Recoupment Waiver, for each class when a grade of “W” is submitted by the school. These requests must be submitted in the ArmyIgnitED portal **no later than 30 days from the date that the school posts the “W” grade in ArmyIgnitED**. The DA Form 7793 will be uploaded as a supporting document in the recoupment waiver request in ArmyIgnitED and will be processed by NGB.

State Tuition Reimbursement (STR)

With Fall term underway, now is a great time to make sure you have current documents on file so you receive payment as quickly as possible:

1. Check with your unit to make sure:
 - A. We have your current banking information –If not, complete a State EFT Form (Annex D-1) with your unit admin ASAP.
 - B. You have a current MOU uploaded into the State Incentives database.
2. You must submit the following forms and supporting documents to the unit **no later than 90 days** from the last official day of the course/term:
 - A. STR Payment Request Form.
 - B. Grade Report. Reports downloaded from the Internet are acceptable.
 - C. Final fee statement provided by your school which clearly shows the amount of tuition.
3. If you did not apply for or receive FTA, you must check “NO” on your payment request form and clearly state the reason why. Failure to do this will result in your payment request being returned for corrections.

Things to Remember:

- ◆ SM MUST have a passing and current APFT/ACFT/HTWT/ANG FA for the entire term.
- ◆ STR will not fund a degree equal to, or less than, SM's current degree level. IE: If a Service member has a Master's degree, STR will not fund another Master's degree or anything lower.
- ◆ The undergraduate STR rate is up to 100% of University of Minnesota's undergraduate rate (\$538.70 per credit) with a max yearly benefit of \$18,000 (1 JUL—30 JUN)
- ◆ The Graduate STR rate is up to 75% of University of Minnesota's graduate rate (\$1,154.25 per credit) with a max yearly benefit of \$28,000 (1 JUL— 30 JUN)
- ◆ You will only receive reimbursement for grades of a "C" or better for undergraduate coursework or a "B" or better for graduate coursework. ***** [Eligible members must apply for FTA if available to remain eligible for STR.](#) *****

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CHAPTER 1606 GI Bill & Kicker

QUALIFICATIONS AND BENEFITS

The Montgomery GI Bill-selected reserve (Chapter 1606) GI Bill is a basic benefit given to qualifying Soldiers. The Kicker is an added bonus on top of the monthly payment and can be up to \$350. The Kicker is only available to specific qualifying individuals.

How Do I Qualify?

- Sign a 6 year-enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement
- Have a High school diploma or equivalent
- Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC)

What Do I Get for the 1606?

- \$439/month (full-time), effective October 1, 2022
- Payment made directly to the Soldier each month

MGIB-SR 'Kicker'

Available to:

- Non-prior and prior service Soldiers
- Standard Officer, Officer Commissioning Programs
- Must meet all other criteria listed in the FY23 Voluntary Education Policy

What Do I Get?

- \$200 or \$350 per month IN ADDITION to your basic GI Bill® payment.
- Payment made directly to the Soldier and tax free!

Soldiers with questions about qualifying service may call the VA at 1-888-442-4551

*** Applications are completed and submitted online to the VA and both SM and education institution verify enrollment on a monthly basis.

ARNG Federal Incentives

Reenlistment Bonuses & Student Loan Repayment

If you are missing a bonus payment, please inform your unit ASAP!

FEDERAL REENLISTMENT BONUS (REB)

- 6 YR- \$20K
- 4 YR- \$12K
- 2 YR- \$5K

*6yr & 4yr REB may be combined with SRB

Qualifications:

- You must be within 365 days of your ETS Date.
- You must be MOS qualified.
- You must agree to serve the contract period after your current ETS date.
- Cannot be flagged.

STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM (SLRP)

- Pays up to \$50K to your Student Loans.
- Maximum payment per year is up to \$7,500
- Can be combined with 6 Year REB

Qualifications:

- You must currently have Federally Backed Student Loans
- Cannot be flagged.
- You must be within 365 Days of your ETS Date
- You must be MOS qualified
- You must agree to serve a 6 year contract period



MNNG State Incentives (Army & Air)

STATE REENLISTMENT BONUS (SRB)

What:

- ⇒ 6 years = \$15,000
- ⇒ 4 years = \$6,000
- ⇒ Can be combined with Federal Reenlistment Bonus
- ⇒ NO retroactive incentives are authorized!

Qualifications:

- ⇒ Minimum 6yrs TIS
- ⇒ Less than 20yrs TIS
- ⇒ M-day, AGR, & Technicians qualify!
- ⇒ Meet MNNG reenlistment criteria
- ⇒ Duty-MOSQ
- ⇒ Passing fitness test & Ht/Wt

RECLASSIFICATION BONUS

What:

- ⇒ \$10,000 lump sum
- ⇒ May need to extend; ETS must be 3 years from completion of training
- ⇒ MOS must be on current list
- ⇒ New MOS!

Qualifications:

- ⇒ E5-E7
- ⇒ 16 or fewer years of service
- ⇒ Satisfactory participant
- ⇒ Valid vacancy for new MOS/AFSC
- ⇒ In grade of, or one below, position

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MINNESOTA GI BILL

HOW TO APPLY FOR MN GI BILL

To complete your application for the MN GI Bill visit <https://mn.gov/mdva/resources/education/minnesotagibill/> or scan this QR code. There are links for Higher Education, OJT/Apprenticeships and Licensing and Certifications at the bottom of the page. The website is not compatible with Internet Explorer so make sure you are using Chrome, Safari, or Firefox to visit the site.



MN GI BILL ELIGIBILITY

- Veteran who is serving or has served honorably in any branch of the United States armed forces at any time, or
- Non-Veteran who has served honorably for a total of five credible years or more cumulatively as a member of the Minnesota National Guard or any other active or reserve component of the United States armed forces, and any part of that service occurred on or after September 11, 2001, and
- Applicants must be a Minnesota resident defined by M.S. 197.05(b).
- Enroll at a Minnesota institution
- Complete FAFSA Financial Aid application if attending an institution of higher learning: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>

MN GI BILL BENEFITS

Students may receive up to \$3,000 per academic year and up to \$10,000 maximum lifetime benefit. Service Members in OJT/Apprenticeship programs may receive up to \$2,000 per fiscal year and your employer can receive up to \$2,000 for participating in the program. You may also use your MN GI Bill to reimburse up to \$3,000 of the costs of prep courses, exams and fees leading to licensure, certification or admission tests for institutions of higher learning.

If you have any questions about the MN GI Bill application please contact the LinkVet call center at 1-888-LINKVET for more information



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ANG Program Points of Contact (POCs)

State Tuition Reimbursement (STR):

133rd AW: Local Unit Training Manager (or Unit STR rep)

148th FW: For questions, email 148.fw.str.org@us.af.mil

For information, visit Wing app (Links and Resources)

GI Bill: [Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) 888-442-4551 (or Local Retention Office)

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA): Base Education & Training Office

State Reenlistment Bonus is Back!

Effective 01 Feb 2022, the State Reenlistment Bonus returned and eligibility criteria was edited shortly after to allow MORE service members to apply! Visit your local Unit Career Advisor or Retention Office to see if you qualify.

Basic eligibility requirements, members must:

- Be 3-level-qualified,
- Be a satisfactory participant 3 months prior to reenlisting,
- Reenlist for 4 or 6 yrs,
- CAN BE AGR/Perm-Indef Technician,
- MUST sign bonus contract on the day of reenlistment,
- Have 6 years but less than 20 years of service credible for retirement.

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Acronyms

- ARNG = Army National Guard
- ETP = Exception to Policy
- ETS = End Term of Service
- FTA = Federal Tuition Assistance
- OED = Obligation End Date
- SCO = School Certifying Official
- SM = Service Member
- STR = State Tuition Reimbursement
- TEB = Transfer of Education Benefit
- VA = Veterans Affairs



Post 9/11 GI Bill Transfer of Education Benefits (TEB) Process

- 1) [Apply at MilConnect \(online\)](#);
- 2) Complete an AF Form 4406 in MyFSS (MyEducation)
- 3) If eligible to remain in the ANG another four years, you may need extend your ETS out to meet/exceed Obligation End Date (OED), meaning—the 4 year service obligation (not applicable for officers). **Note* TEB is a retention tool; let your chain of command know you're applying for TEB.*

“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

- Benjamin Franklin

FAQ:

Q: Where can I find current Federal Incentive Information?

A: Your Wing App (148FW), LinkTree (133AW – see QRC below), or you can contact your Unit Career Advisor or Retention Office Manager.



Federal Incentives Update

Source: FY23 ANG Federal Incentives Operational Guidance

Federal Bonus AFSCs (edited list for only MN ANG AFSCs):

1C8X3 RAWs	2A8X1 Comm/Nav Systems
1D7X2F Spectrum Def. Operations	2F0X1 Fuels
1N0X1 Intelligence Analyst	2R0X1 Maintenance Mgmt
1W0X1 Weather	2R1X1 Maintenance Mgmt
2A0X1 Avionics and Components	2T3X1 Vehicular Equip Maint.
2A3X3 Aircraft Maintenance	2W0X1 Munitions Systems
2A3X5 Integrated Avionics	2W1X1 Aircraft Armament Systems
2A6X2 AGE	3E0X2 Electrical Power Production
2A6X3 Aircrew Egress Systems	3E2X1 Pavements & Construction
2A6X4 Aircraft Fuel Systems	3E4X1 Water and Fuel Systems
2A6X5 Aircraft Hydraulic Systems	3E8X1 Explosive Ordnance Disposal
2A6X6 Aircraft E & E	

<—Locate Federal Ops Guidance to read about your eligibility, or contact the POCs listed.



*“You are not stuck where you are...unless you decide to be.”
- Wayne Dyer*

State Reclass Bonus List (program details on side panel —>)

Each quarter, a list of AFSCs are recommended to be eligible for the State Reclass Bonus. Each Wing is allowed to request five AFSCs, so just because it’s listed doesn’t mean there’s a vacancy at your Wing—check with your Retention Office or Recruiting Team for details.

Effective 15 Nov, the following AFSCs have been approved for a State Reclass Bonus (will be reviewed again in early Feb 2023):

1D7X3C Cable & Antenna	1W0X1 Weather
2A0X1 Avionics	2A5X1 Aerosp. Maintenance
2A7X2 NDI	3F1X1 Services
3F2X1 Training	3P0X1 Security
4H0X1 Cardio Pulmonary	5R0X1 Chaplain Assistant

Members can qualify for both federal and state incentives at the same time.

MN Reclass Bonus

Purpose

Incentivize members who reclass into understaffed AFSCs

Who can apply?

Those having:

- <16 “good” years “Sat. service”
- Ability to serve three years in the MN ANG (from the date new 3-level is awarded);
- Drill Status Guardsmen (DSGs - aka “Traditionals”) & Federal Technicians

How much?

\$10,000 lump sum

When am I paid?

After new AFSC 3-level has been awarded (when you get home from the new Tech School and check in with the Retention Office Manager)