



COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD

State Tuition Assistance Program

2018



CO NATIONAL GUARD STATE TA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- **Program is designed to assist:**
 - Colorado National Guard members with reaching their higher education goals
 - ARMY & AIR are eligible to participate
 - Awards \$1.3 million dollars annually in assistance



WHAT DOES THE STATE TA PROGRAM COVER?

- The State TA program covers in-state tuition ONLY
- Tuition is authorized for the amount *after* the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF) stipend has been applied



WHAT IS THE COF STIPEND?

The College Opportunity Fund (COF), provides a stipend to eligible undergraduate students that are current residents in the State of CO. The stipend pays a portion of total in-state tuition when members attend a participating college.

Eligible undergraduate students must apply, be admitted and enrolled in classes at a participating college to receive this benefit. Both new and continuing students are eligible for the stipend.

Qualifying students may use the stipend for eligible undergraduate classes only (graduates not eligible). The stipend is paid on a per credit hour basis directly to the college at which the student is enrolled. The credit-hour amount is set annually by the General Assembly.



APPLYING FOR THE COF STIPEND

- Members must apply just once and authorize the use of the COF stipend at their respective institution. This is typically done during the admissions process at the institution while verifying residency status.
- Without the COF stipend, a student is responsible for the full amount of tuition which equals in-state tuition plus the stipend amount.
- For current COF stipend amounts, eligibility requirements and application requirements, please visit:
 - <https://cof.college-assist.org/>



WHAT SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE TA PROGRAM?

Visit www.colorado.gov/dmva for complete list of participating schools

Some popular institutions CO National Guard Members are currently attending:

- **Front Range Community College – Campus/Online**
- **Metro State University – Campus/Online**
- **Red Rocks Community College – Campus/Online**
- **University CO Boulder, Denver, & Colorado Springs – Campus/Online**
- **Pikes Peak Community College - Campus/Online**
- **Arapahoe Community College – Campus/Online**
- **Aurora Community College –Campus/Online**
- **University of Northern CO – Campus/Online**
- **CSU & CSU ONLINE PLUS – Campus/Online**



ACCESSING THE STATE TA WEBSITE

www.colorado.gov/dmva

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. At the top left is the state seal. The main header reads "Department of Military and Veterans Affairs". Below this is a dark navigation bar with the following links: "Home", "Departments", "Veterans", "Services", "Important Forms", "Tuition Assistance", and "Contact & About". The "Tuition Assistance" link is highlighted with a red rectangular box, and a red arrow points upwards from below the banner towards this link. The banner image depicts a military band marching on a field with mountains in the background. At the bottom of the banner, the text "Welcome to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs" is displayed.



BEFORE APPLYING...GET PREPARED!

- Always access the **Student Resources** section of the State TA website *before* applying.
- Obtain the most up-to-date **document requirements**.

Student Resources

[Document & Submission Checklist For Applicants 06-18-18.pdf](#)

[FAQs Updated 11-01-17.pdf](#)

[GI Bill Comparison Chart – FY18.pdf](#)

[Education Benefits Pamphlet.pdf](#)



APPLICATION DEADLINES

Always available on the State TA website

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
SPRING '19 APPLICATION DEADLINE NOW POSTED!

Deadlines

**SEMESTER
APPLICATION PERIOD**

SPRING 2019

All registered classes between Jan 1st,
2019 - May 31st, 2019

APPLICATION OPENS

October 31st, 2018

APPLICATION CLOSES

December 4th, 2018 @ 11:59
pm MST

Application packets must be complete and submitted online by the deadline in order to be considered.



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE?

- 1) Must apply online *every* semester
- 2) Must be meeting ALL of the following criteria:
 - ✓ 6 months of service in the CO National Guard *prior* to start of classes (this includes IST's, no exceptions)
 - **Copy of contract paperwork required (See Document Submission Checklist for details)**
 - ✓ Satisfactorily meeting all performance requirements of the CO National Guard
 - **Must not have any flags or pending actions on record**
 - ✓ Have ETS Date/MRD before the end date of the semester
 - ✓ Enrolled in a State TA approved institution and provide proof
 - **Class schedule and cost breakdown, proof from school required**
 - ✓ A CGPA of 2.5 or better and meeting all school academic requirements
- 3) Must submit a *complete* online application packet by the posted deadline



ETS/MRD DATES

- Enlisted Members that have ETS dates before the *last day* of the semester do not qualify for State TA, *unless* they have all of the supplemental documentation outlined in the **Document & Submission Checklist for Applicants**
- Officers that have an MRD before the last day of the semester do not qualify for State TA



ELIGIBILITY TABLE

Current CO National Guard Members Only

STATUS (Under United States Code)	Eligible for State Tuition Assistance?	
	YES	NO
Title 10 (Active Duty)		X
Title 10 (For deployment/call-up)	X	
Title 32 (Traditional)	X	
Title 32 (AGR)	X	
Title 32 (Federal Technician)	X	
Title 32 (MDAY)	X	
Title 38 (Veteran/Retiree)		X
Reservists		X

*Additional eligibility information is available at: www.colorado.gov/dmva



HOW MUCH CAN A MEMBER QUALIFY FOR?

Currently program awards up to max of **\$4,250/semester** in tuition ONLY

Examples:

Maximum award per year (3 semesters): **\$12,750** (Spring, Fall & Summer) (*Summer funding subject to funding availability*)

Maximum award per year (2 semesters): **\$8,500** (Spring, Fall)

Aggregate Caps:

➤ 132 semester hours or 198 quarter credit hours

Or

➤ 8 years total use of program

➤ Aggregate caps are based on whichever cap is reached first



WHICH PROGRAMS ARE ELIGIBLE?

One Program of study permitted at each level, so long as it leads towards a degrees or certificate

- Associates
- Bachelors
- Post - Graduate (Masters, Ph.D, Ed.D)
- Certificates of completion (in most cases)
- Members must be in a degree seeking status and have not exceeded the **132** aggregate credit hour or **8** year limits



UTILIZING THE PROGRAM FOR CERTIFICATIONS

Certifications and certain licensures may be authorized if they are **100%** administered by the member's state funded school and must be billed to the member's student account

Boards/Exams, Course Test Outs (such as CLEP) and most licensures are not typically administered and billed through institutions so they would not qualify for payment with State TA

DO A DOUBLE CHECK: If a member goes outside of their school for example: to take an exam or complete a certification and have to pay a fee to sit for an exam or obtain a license, State TA **cannot** pay for the exam/license or reimburse the member



ACCESSING THE STATE TA APPLICATION

Student Resources

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[STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATION - APPLY HERE](#)



STATE TA APPLICATION SITE

STEP 1: REGISTRATION



State of Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Application Portal

HELP

Welcome to the Colorado National Guard State Tuition Assistance Application Portal!

If you have applied for State Tuition Assistance in **2018**, you can select **Sign In**. Otherwise, please create a username and password by selecting the **Sign Up** button below.

Spring 2019 application period will open **October 31st** and closes **December 4th, 2018 at 11:59 pm (midnight), MST.**

Sign In

Email:

you@example.com

Password:

Enter your password here...

Sign In »

[Forgot your password?](#)



STATE TA APPLICATION SITE

STEP 2: COMPLETE TASKS

State Tuition Applications

To get started, please complete the **Eligibility Requirements form below:**

Your Tasks

TASK	STATUS	ACTIONS
Eligibility Requirements Spring 2019*	INCOMPLETE	▶ Start

Not all required user tasks have been completed.



STATE TA APPLICATION

STEP 3: COMPLETE ELIGIBILITY REQ.'S

Eligibility Requirements Spring 2019

[Back to Account](#)

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Please state whether you meet the following criteria:



You have served a minimum of 6 months from your date of entry into the Colorado National Guard

- Yes
- No

You are actively serving in the Colorado National Guard

- Yes
- No

Which Military Status are you currently serving under?

Title 32: Traditional

You are currently meeting PT requirements:

- Yes
- No

You currently have a CGPA of 2.5 or higher:

- Yes
- No
- No, I'm a brand new student

You will be or are currently attending an institution that the State of Colorado Tuition Assistance Program is working with:

- Yes
- No

Please specify the institution:

Colorado School of Mines



STATE TA APPLICATION

STEP 4: VIEWING AVAILABLE APPLICATIONS

TASK	STATUS	ACTIONS
Eligibility Requirements Spring 2019*	COMPLETE	View Edit Delete

After completing the Eligibility Requirements form, click the "View State Tuition Applications" button below:

Your State Tuition Applications

STATUS:

Any

SEARCH:

Search...

 No applications found

[View State Tuition Applications »](#)



STATE TA APPLICATION

STEP 5: APPLY NOW

State Tuition Applications

You are eligible for 1 state tuition application(s).

Search...

STATUS:

SORT:

STATE TUITION APPLICATION	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	DEADLINE	ACTIONS
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuition Assistance		State Tuition Application (Internal)	OPEN 10/31/2018	<input type="button" value="Apply Now"/>



COMPLETING ACTIONS

Dee Jno-Baptiste (A-8147098065)

Tuition Assistance

Application Round



TASK	DEADLINE	STATUS	ACTIONS
Tuition Assistance Application Form	12/04/2018 11:59:00 PM MDT	INCOMPLETE	▶ Start
Detailed Course Schedule and Cost Breakdown Instructions	12/04/2018 11:59:00 PM MDT		
Required Document - Detailed Course Schedule	12/04/2018 11:59:00 PM MDT	INCOMPLETE	▶ Start
Required Document - Cost Breakdown	12/04/2018 11:59:00 PM MDT	INCOMPLETE	▶ Start
Acknowledgement	12/04/2018 11:59:00 PM MDT	INCOMPLETE	▶ Start
Attestation	12/04/2018 11:59:00 PM MDT	INCOMPLETE	▶ Start
Additional Documents (optional)	12/04/2018 11:59:00 PM MDT	INCOMPLETE	▶ Start
Submit	12/04/2018 11:59:00 PM MDT	PREREQUISITES NOT MET	



Progress

This submission is **0.0%** complete.
You still need to:

- Complete task "Tuition Assistance Application Form"
- Complete task "Required Document - Detailed Course Schedule"
- Complete task "Required Document - Cost Breakdown"
- Complete task "Acknowledgement"
- Complete task "Attestation"
- Submit

[✕ Withdraw Submission](#)



ANSWERING QUESTIONS

Enter your current DOE (Date of Entry) into the Colorado National Guard (Refer to your most current enlistment/reenlistment contract for this date - MM/DD/YYYY) *

* If you are transferring from another service branch (Active Duty) or from another State as a National Guard member, you are not eligible to apply until you have served in the Colorado National Guard for a minimum of 6 months. Your Date of Entry into the CONG should be the only date listed here.

11/09/2015

Current ETS (Estimated Term of Service) *

11/08/2021

Refer to your most current enlistment/reenlistment contract for this date (MM/DD/YYYY)

This is the date you are expected to leave the Colorado National Guard and your contract expires. Please specifically indicate the date listed on your contract. If your ETS will be ending before the end date of the semester you are applying for, you must have additional documentation ready to submit in this application. Please save your application at this time and return to our homepage. Under the [Student's Corner](#), download the [Comprehensive Guide to Applying Online](#) and view the document checklist page for details on what is required.

- Make sure ALL information reported is correct
- Dates must be reported directly off of contracts & re-enlistment paperwork
- Information is verified



APPLICATION STATUS

- Applicants can log in at any time to view the status of their application.
 - Make sure noreply@fluidreview.com is on your safe-senders list so you are receiving all notifications throughout the application process!

Scooby Dooby Doo (A-000000300001257)

Applicant: Benjamin Sherman (bensherman98@live.com)

Tuition Assistance

 This submission is in stage **Eligibility** with a status of **Complete**
It was last updated at: 11/01/2018 07:29 PM.

Completed Rankings

 Download submission

 View Rankings

Progress



This submission is **100.0%** complete.

 Withdraw Submission



STATE TA APPLICATION

STEP 6: ELIGIBILITY STATUS

- Members are notified of their approval/denial *after* their application packet has been fully reviewed
- An email notification like this one will be sent to the email address registered in the online application
- Member's approved for funding receive an Authorization/FERPA Release form attached to the CONGRATS email that they must fill out, sign/date and submit to their institution's billing dept. by add/drop



Dear <TEST user>,
Congratulations! You have been authorized to participate in the State Tuition Assistance program for the <TEST reviewers_var__157534__OuZJa0Inma_1> semester!

Complete the following steps to finish the State TA process:

1. Sign/date the FERPA Release Section of the form attached in this email.
2. Turn this signed form into your school's State TA or third party billing official immediately. If you are unsure who this person is, please contact your school's billing office.
3. Please do not return this form to the State TA Office.

WARNING: This form must be signed and submitted **no later than** your school's add/drop period in order to qualify for timely billing through your school. Failure to do so will result in non-payment of your State Tuition Assistance for the semester.

Sincerely,

The Colorado National Guard
State Tuition Assistance Office

This is an automatically generated email. This email address is not monitored



STATE TA APPLICATION

STEP 7: SIGN AUTHORIZATION/FERPA RELEASE FORM

STATE OF COLORADO

Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
State Tuition Assistance Office
6848 South Revere Parkway
Centennial, Colorado 80112-6703
Phone (720) 250-1550
Email: Tuition@dmva.state.co.us



Friday, November 17, 2017

Scooby Doo

1234 Main
Coolsville, Colorado, 80215

Student ID: 4d5f46s5dtr

AUTHORIZATION NOTICE

Dear Scooby Doo, congratulations! You have been authorized for State Tuition Assistance.

Semester: Fall

Institution: Colorado Mesa University

Credit Hours: 13

Estimated Amount Authorized: \$4000

FERPA RELEASE

I certify that I am the above stated individual on this form and authorize the appropriate school officials to provide all necessary information to the State Tuition Assistance Office, including, but not limited to: all transcripts, accounts, and enrollment information pertaining to my eligibility. The school will keep a copy of this letter on file for FERPA requirements.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student: Submit this signed form to the appropriate State TA billing officials at your school no later than add/drop period.

Always keep a copy of this letter with the date you submitted it to your school.




WHEN WILL STATE TA BE CREDITED TOWARDS A MEMBER'S ACCOUNT AT SCHOOL?

- **Tuition payments will be credited to the eligible member's student account once the following steps have been completed:**
 - 1) The institution has received the signed Student FERPA Release/Expectations form

and

 - 2) An invoice is submitted to the State TA Office by the member's school
- **This occurs after the school's add/drop period**



A black and white photograph of a spiral-bound notebook. The notebook is open, showing a page with horizontal lines. The word "Questions?" is written in a cursive, handwritten font across the middle of the page. The spiral binding is visible at the top of the notebook. The lighting is soft, creating a slight shadow on the page.

Questions?

RESOURCES FOR RECRUITERS AND MEMBERS

STATE TA:

www.colorado.gov/dmva

FEDERAL TA:

<https://www.goarmyed.com/>

AIRFORCE TA:

<https://www.my.af.mil/faf/FAF/fafHome.jsp>

SCHOOL RESOURCES:

<http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

REFERENCES

<http://highered.colorado.gov/finance/cof/>

FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID) (TITLE IV)

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

VA- GI BILL CONTACT INFORMATION:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/school_decision.asp

FAQ'S

Visit: www.colorado.gov/dmva for answers to Frequently Asked Questions

