

COLLEGE PLANNING AND ASSISTANCE

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EDUCATION
OFFICE TO
LEARN MORE!



STEP 1: CONTACT YOUR STATE EDUCATION SERVICES OFFICER

To get started on your college/career journey, contact your state education office to obtain personal education counseling and assistance. Contact your state education office by going to the following link:

- www.geauxguard.la.gov/education/

STEP 2: DOWNLOAD YOUR JST

Find out how much college credit you may be eligible for from your military training and experience by downloading your Joint Services Transcript (JST) at:

- <https://jst.doded.mil/jst>

STEP 3: CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR/SCHOOL

Choosing a field of study and school can be challenging, so try these free resources to help make your choice:

- Kuder Journey: <https://journey.kuder.com/account/adult-login-register>
- TA Decide: www.dodmou.com/tadecide
- College Navigator: www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator
- GI Bill Comparison Tool: www.va.gov/gi-bill-comparison-tool
- MILGEARS: <https://milgears.osd.mil/>

STEP 4: GET FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are numerous programs and services available to ARNG Soldiers. Use the links below to access some of these resources:

- Federal Tuition Assistance: www.armyignited.com
- State TA: www.nationalguard.com/select-your-state
- Credentialing Assistance: www.armyignited.com
- GI Bill Benefits: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill
- DANTEs Programs: www.dantes.doded.mil
- FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov
- College Scholarships: <https://www.nationalguard.com/education-programs/college-scholarships>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338)
- Visit Us Online: www.nationalguard.com/education
- Contact Mr. Acker for GI Bill and Tuition Exemption leonard.c.acker.civ@army.mil or (504) 224-0076
- Contact Mr. Ferdinand for Federal Tuition Assistance, DANTEs or Credentialing Assistance at darrel.c.ferdinand.civ@army.mil or (504) 278-8314

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