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EDUCATION BULLETIN

With the for-record ACFT being right around the corner in April 2023 for M-day Soldiers, we want to encourage everyone to take advantage of these last few months to get ready. Passing the ACFT is a critical component of your readiness as a Soldier. Service members who do not pass the ACFT in April may lose tuition exemption or their enlistment bonus.

Our office facilitates the following programs:

- LA State Tuition Exemption (LA STEP)
- Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)
- GI Bill (Post 9/11, Ch. 1606, etc.)
- Credentialing Assistance (CA)
- Selective Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP)
- Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

We would love to help you pursue a college education or advanced career path. Please reach out to us soon so we may guide you.



GET A HEAD START ON COLLEGE

- Did you know that you can take a test called CLEP in order to get college credit for things you have already learned? This will save you time and money in college.
- There are many fully-funded CLEP testing sites in Louisiana, and the tests are completely free to Service Members. Take advantage of this opportunity soon to get a leg-up on your college degree.
- Visit clep.collegeboard.org today.



Important Info:

- **October 1**– the monthly stipend rate for Ch. 1606 goes up to \$439 per month for students who are enrolled full time in school.
- In order to use any **GI Bill benefits**, you must apply for your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by visiting www.va.gov and click on “Apply for Education benefits”.

Helpful Links

- www.va.gov
- www.cool.osd.mil/army/
- Www.dantes.kuder.com
- Www.dantes.doded.mil
- Www.tutor.com/military

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Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) has a new website!

- The new website for Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and Credentialing Assistance (CA) is: www.armyignited.army.mil
- FTA pays \$4,000 per year for classes towards Associates, Bachelor's or Master's degrees, with a per-class cap of \$750. You may also use FTA one time to pay for an Academic Certificate. Visit www.armyignited.army.mil today to learn more, or call our office!
- CA pays \$4,000 per year for training, exam fees and certification costs towards special job training and credentials. These are highly valuable in today's market and can help you get that promotion or pay-raise you need. Visit <https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/> for more info.

Download your Joint Services Transcript to receive college credits!

- You may not know this, but you have earned college credits by attending military training. Visit <https://jst.doded.mil/jst/> today to download your Joint Services Transcript. You can then turn it in to the school you are attending and they will tell you which college classes you will be exempt from since you've already completed the training.

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