

Nebraska Military Department
State Tuition Assistance Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1) I have completed my bachelor's degree and want to pursue an EMT or paramedic certification using State TA. Will State TA help cover the cost of the certifications?**

State TA may not be used for certifications after a bachelor's degree has been obtained. State TA may only be used for education in an upwards fashion. State TA will not cover lateral or lesser degrees/diplomas/certifications.

- 2) I have a bill from my school requesting payment. When does State TA make payments?**

State TA payments are made at the conclusion of the course. The school submits an invoice with the grades to the Military Department for payment. State TA will only make payment on courses "passed".

- 3) Will State TA cover on-line courses for an out-of-state college?**

No, State TA will not make payments to out-of-state colleges. The school must be a state-supported university, college, or community college or any independent, not-for-profit, regionally accredited college or university in Nebraska.

- 4) I am enrolled in online classes at an in-state college that costs more than UNL. Will State TA cover the full cost of my tuition?**

No, the 100 percent reimbursement is up to the cost of the base rate of tuition at UNL.

- 5) The State TA website will not open. What should I do?**

The State TA website at <https://www.nebraska.gov/nmd/tuition/assist/general.phtml> is sensitive to certain internet browsers. If you have trouble with the website, try another browser.

- 6) I do not know my username or password to apply for State TA. Can you let me know my password?**

The username is the initials of your full name plus the last four digits of your social security number. You may need to juggle the initials around depending on your name. The password is "goguard". Also, the username and password are mentioned on the State TA website's homepage.

- 7) What is the deadline to request State TA?**

You may apply for State TA up to 60 days prior to the course start date but no later than 5 business days prior to the start date of the course.

8) I have a bachelor's degree, but my interest has changed. Will State TA pay for a different bachelor's degree?

No, State TA will not pay for a second associate's or bachelor's degree.

9) Do I have to use Federal TA first or can I choose when I am going to use it?

All your Federal TA must be exhausted before State TA can be used.

10) I am planning to ETS next year and leave the Nebraska National Guard. Can I still use State TA?

Yes, you may use State TA but you will have an obligation to serve the full 3 years after the conclusion of the course for which State TA was used. Failure to serve the 3-year commitment may result in you having to reimburse the State TA program that was paid on your behalf. The obligation is detailed in the Statement of Understanding.

11) I am barred from reenlistment because of failed fitness tests, failed UA, discipline matters, non-participation, or other reasons. Can I still use State TA?

No, you must be in good standing as a participating member of the Nebraska Air or Army National Guard to be eligible for State TA. Discuss with your unit's leadership to clear up the matter to be eligible.

12) I have served over 10 years of service and I want to finish my bachelor's and/or master's degree. Am I eligible for State TA?

As of July 20, 2022, there is no maximum service limit to access State TA.

13) I am eligible for the Nebraska Promise Scholarship. Can I still use State TA?

Nebraska Promise Scholarship is a separate 100 percent state tuition program from the University of Nebraska for those whose family income is less than \$60,000 annually. You should first apply to the Nebraska Promise Scholarship before applying for State TA. Yes, you are eligible for State TA; however, you will free up State TA funds for other service members if you qualify for the Nebraska Promise Scholarship.