

# WWU National Guard

## Benefits Information

**Federal Tuition Assistance.** Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) is financial assistance provided through [armyignited.com](https://www.armyignited.com) for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals no matter where they are stationed across the United States.

FTA will pay help pay for an undergraduate and graduate degree for up to \$250 per semester hour and up to 16 SHs per fiscal year.

To apply for federal tuition assistance programs, visit <https://www.armyignited.com/ap> and more FTA Information

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**WA National Guard Grant.** The program provides education opportunities to qualified service members and serves as an incentive to extend their National Guard service.

Participants commit to serving one year in the Washington National Guard in exchange for each year of grant funding. Combined with state and federal aid, grants can cover tuition and fees at approved colleges in Washington, as well as a portion of books and materials.

Those interested are encouraged to reach out to their education office or recruiter for more information on good standing with the Washington National Guard. The Washington National Guard may select applicants to meet certain recruitment needs.

The current grant was created in 2020, replacing a prior scholarship for Guard members.

To more information and to apply go to <https://wsac.wa.gov/national-guard>

**Montgomery GI Bill Reserve 1606.** You may qualify for GI Bill benefits under this chapter if you joined the National Guard or Reserves and signed a 6-year contract. This benefit will provide a monthly allowance of \$375 depending on your enrollment. That's a total of more than \$13,212 over 36 months. And if you qualify for the Army National Guard Kicker, you'll earn even more. Best of all, this money is sent directly to you (not to your school) to spend on books, supplies—anything you want.

Please visit the following link to apply [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

**Army National Guard Kicker.** The Army National Guard Kicker supplements the Montgomery GI Bill and pays up to \$350 per month—up to \$12,600 over 36 months. You'll need to apply and qualify for this program. [GI Bill Kicker](#)

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### Montgomery GI Bill Kicker Additional Information

#### 1. What is it?

- The Kicker incentive is an additional education payment to encourage Soldiers to enter into specific units or skills to meet and sustain ARNG readiness requirements. Enlisted, Officer Candidates, and Officer-specific Kicker Incentives are available – each with specific criteria and rules (Reference: DoDI 1322.17).

#### 2. How Do I Qualify?

- Be eligible for the MGIB-SR/Chapter 1606 or MGIB-AD/Chapter 30
- Agree to serve in a critical skill/critical unit or enter an officer commissioning program.
- Sign a six-year enlistment contract or Officer Service Agreement (OSA).
- Complete Initial Active Duty for Training (IADT) or Basic Officer Leadership Course (BOLC).
- Must have an Honorable discharge from all previous periods of service.
- Be actively serving in the ARNG (cannot be in the Inactive National Guard-ING or Individual Ready Reserve-IRR).
- Not be in Military Technician, AGR, or Active Duty Status.
- Not be flagged for unsatisfactory participation.
- Not on a Dedicated ARNG ROTC Scholarship (Reference: Title 10 USC 2107).

#### 2. What Do I Get?

- \$200 or \$350 per month depending on your Kicker contract.
- Kicker is paid directly to the Soldier and is in addition to your basic GI Bill payment.

#### 3. How Do I Apply?

- Contact your State Education Office to validate your eligibility.
- Submit the Veterans Online Application at: [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov) ○ Be sure to include a copy of your Kicker contract.
- Notify the School Certifying Official at your school so they can certify your enrollment. ➤ Continue to verify your enrollment each month online at: [www.gibill.va.gov/wave](http://www.gibill.va.gov/wave)