



EDUCATION SERVICES



In the Washington Army National Guard, you can use the National Guard Grant (NGG), Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), Credentialing (CA), and GI Bill if eligible. These programs have different requirements and deadlines. The NGG, FTA and CA programs are military education benefit programs. The GI Bill is an entitlement, and FAFSA is a separate state program you must apply for each year. Please consult with our education advisor prior to making any education decision.

PROGRAM SUMMARIES

Washington National Guard Post-Secondary Education Grant (NGG)

The NGG is our state tuition program. It's different from FTA. It will pay tuition and fees after FAFSA and other programs, scholarships or waivers are applied towards post-secondary education including masters, doctorates, medical school and certifications while you are attending an institution of higher learning on this list: <https://nwccu.org/member-institutions/directory/> and located in Washington. This could be online or in-class courses. This grant is for both part-time and full-time students and can be combined with GI Bill and FTA. The best thing you can do is use FTA and the NGG at the same time and save your GI Bill benefit months. **ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS CAN USE AND APPLY FOR THE NGG!**

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA)/Credentialing (CA)

\$4500/18 SH every fiscal year to use for tuition and credentials. This program is perfect for part-time and online students, those seeking a pilot's license, certifications such as IT, HR, Program Management and more! FTA can be used together with GI Bill/Post 9/11 and the NGG! For more information and to make sure FTA can be used with your program click the link: For information on credentialing please visit https://www.cool.osd.mil/army/costs_and_funding/index.html?credentialingassistance. FTA must be approved for your classes before the start date.

GI BILL/POST 911

The GI Bill is an entitlement through USC Title 38. Depending on which benefit you qualify for, the VA awards 36 to 48 months of benefit. To find out if you qualify, you must contact us below before applying with the VA. This is to ensure the VA doesn't deny your claim. Applying to use GI Bill benefits is a simple online application process at <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>. Once submitted, the VA will email/mail you a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) letter. This letter must be given to the institution so they can begin the invoice process. The VA pays based on "rate of pursuit". The GI Bill is ideal for on-the-job training and apprenticeships!

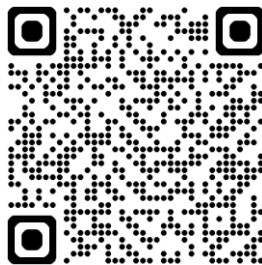
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Please check out our new education benefits handbook to help get you started! Check out the [2024 Education Benefits Handbook\(Opens in a new window\)](#)

Follow these steps for a smooth transition to student life! These are listed in the order of use to facilitate the process.

1. Research Programs available in Washington State
- <https://www.careerbridge.wa.gov/>(Opens an external site in a new window)
2. Enroll at your school / program and request an **Evaluated Degree Plan**.
3. Apply for Financial Aid **EVERY YEAR** - <https://wsac.wa.gov/apply>(Opens an external site in a new window)
4. Apply for The Washington National Guard Grant **EVERY YEAR**
- <https://wsac.wa.gov/national-guard>(Opens an external site in a new window)
5. Apply for Federal Tuition Assistance **EVERY TERM!** You will need a CAC card - ([Opens an external site in a new window](#))<https://www.armyignited.army.mil/student/public/welcome>(Opens an external site)
6. Apply for the GI Bill if you are eligible. **This is a one-time application**
- <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/>



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