



# Missouri State Tuition Assistance (STA)

## 1. What is it?

- Missouri STA is financial assistance provided for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Missouri National Guardsman's professional and personal self-development goals. (Reference: Missouri Code of State Regulations Chapter 3 National Guard Member Educational Assistance Program.)

## 2. How Do I Qualify?

Currently serving in the Missouri National Guard and is certified by the appropriate commander as participating satisfactorily in required training, and

- Is a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.
- Has not previously received a bachelor's degree from an accredited postsecondary institution.
- Is enrolled, or has been accepted for enrollment, as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student in an approved private or public institution.
- Maintains academic eligibility. Applicant's must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least two point five (2.5) on a four point (4.0) scale, or the equivalent on another scale approved by the program administrator.
- Has never been convicted in any court of an offense which involved the use of force, disruption or seizure of property under the control of any institution of higher education to prevent officials or students in such institutions from engaging in their duties or pursuing their studies.
- Has not enrolled in or does not intend to use the grant to enroll in a course of study leading to a degree in theology or divinity.
- Has not received educational assistance under the MONGEAP which exceeds or will exceed financial assistance for more than a total of ten (10) semesters or their equivalent (150 credit hours).

## 3. What Do I Get?

- Missouri STA will pay in state tuition up to the University of Missouri - Columbia rate, **\$284.80** per credit hour (CH), and up to **39 CHs** per State Fiscal Year (1 July - 30 June).
- Lifetime limit of 150 undergraduate credit hours.
- Missouri STA is subject to the following criteria:
  - The school is on the Missouri National Guard Approved State Tuition Assistance School List.
  - You maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
  - You must submit your Missouri STA Application prior to the course start date.
  - You must apply for Federal TA or Chapter 1606 GI Bill before Missouri STA.

#### 4. Programs NOT Eligible for Missouri STA

- If you have a bachelor's degree (even if you came in the MONG with one), you cannot use Missouri STA to pursue a second bachelor's or associate's degree.
- Any program that bundles tuition and fees together into a lump sum charge.

#### 5. How Do I Apply?

- Obtain the Missouri STA Application from [moguard.com](http://moguard.com) every semester as it is updated periodically.
  - Click on "Programs".
  - Click on "Education & Incentives"
  - Scroll down to "State TA Application & Instructions"
- Apply for Missouri STA - few tips to remember:
  - Apply for Missouri STA up to 60 days prior to the class start date, but no later than the day prior to the class start date (we recommend applying at least 10 business days in advance).
  - You must submit a Missouri STA request for each semester that you want Missouri STA to fund.
  - If your school charges by quarter hour or clock hour, we will convert them into credit hours on the Missouri STA Application.
  - The following documents must be included with your Missouri STA Application:
    - Missouri STA Application: must be complete and signed by you and your commander. Must also be the current Missouri STA Application from [moguard.com](http://moguard.com) (older versions will not be accepted).
    - Statement of Understanding: must be complete and signed by you.
    - Course Schedule: must show the amount of credit hours you are taking and start and end dates of class.
    - Itemized Bill: must clearly show the cost of tuition as that is all Missouri STA can pay. Missouri STA cannot pay fees or anything other than tuition.
    - Transcript: must show all grades and cumulative GPA (may be official or unofficial).
    - ROTC or ECP Scholarship Documentation (DA 597 or memo from ROTC, disregard if you are not in ROTC or an ECP Program): must show the status of your ROTC or ECP Scholarship and if you are receiving it for Tuition and Fees or Room and Board.
    - DD 214 for Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act (disregard if your have not deployed overseas): block 7A must show Missouri, block 12b must be less than 10 years ago, block 18 must show you deployed to a geographic area entitled to combat pay tax exclusion, hazardous duty pay, imminent danger pay, or hostile fire pay, block 24 must show Honorable.
    - All of these documents MUST have your name and the name of the school on them, and cannot be in an editable format.

#### ***For More Information:***

- Submit complete Missouri **Army** STA Application to: [ng.mo.moarng.mbx.per-inc-stateta@mail.mil](mailto:ng.mo.moarng.mbx.per-inc-stateta@mail.mil)
- Submit complete Missouri **Air** STA Application to: [ng.mo.moang.mbx.ang-ta-mail@mail.mil](mailto:ng.mo.moang.mbx.ang-ta-mail@mail.mil)
- Contact your Missouri **Army** National Guard Education Services Office: (573)638-9500 extension 37689.
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