

Information Paper

NCTAP
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SUBJECT: Applying for tuition assistance under the NC Tuition Assistance Program (NCTAP)

1. PURPOSE: To provide a simple outline of benefits, current guidelines on eligibility, and payment
2. REFERENCE: article 15 of NC Senate bill 105, AR 621-5, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 116-209.50
3. SUMMARY OF Benefit:

a. NCTAP will provide tuition assistance as a reimbursement program. Payments will not exceed the cost of tuition. All applications are based on a preset open period. Application dates are as follows: Fall: August 1-August 30, Spring: January 1- January 30, Summer: April 12- May 10. Applications received after the deadline will not be processed.

b. The time frame of eligibility to payment will not exceed end of state Fiscal Year (June 30). EFT is the preferred form of payment to all programs and schools; however, payment may be delayed if the school/program is not utilizing EFT.

c. The service member can use federal funding in addition to NCTAP not to exceed the cost of tuition. NCTAP awards will be adjusted based on use of, Post 9/11 GI Bill, and Federal Tuition Assistance. Those who are receiving 100% Post 9/11 GI bill are ineligible to receive NCTAP. Federal funding is the primary payor and all NCTAP Awards will adjust based on the maximum authorized amount for each student.

d. Any overage of payment must be returned to the state unless the student used a loan, grant, or other funding source to cover tuition prior to the application of award.

e. Distribution of funds for 100% of tuition and fees have been approved for all North Carolina community colleges and NC Promise schools only (UNC Pembroke, Western Carolina University, Fayetteville State University, and Elizabeth City State University). All other schools are paid for tuition only. If FTA is covering tuition at 100%, NCTAP will cover a capped amount of \$1,000.00 per semester of fees. Currently undergraduate NCTAP rate will be a max semester cap of \$3,240.00 for undergraduate students and a cap of \$3,360.00 per semester for graduate students not to exceed the cost of tuition. Trade/Certification/ and Flight programs are allotted up to a maximum of \$3240. All payments are subject to availability and are subject to change based on the budget.

4. NCTAP Eligibility Requirements:

a. Eligible members of the North Carolina Army National Guard and North Carolina Air Guard in good standing with his or her units. With 2 years remaining on their current service contract or be willing to extend 2 years beyond the last day of class/training funded.

b. Eligible members must be enrolled in a North Carolina based school or training program.

c. Eligible members must be in good standing with their academic or training institution. Any dropped courses or programs unsuccessfully completed must be repaid by the service member if funded by NCTAP.

d. Any National Guard member awarded NCTAP funding and commissions to any other component outside of North Carolina National Guard must repay all funding paid in which the 2-year obligation is not met.

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