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FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE REINSTATED

Both the U.S. Army and Air Force have restored their federal Tuition Assistance (TA) programs effective April 10. Iowa National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are again able to apply for TA for the remainder of federal Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) under the rules that governed TA usage prior to the suspension.

For the balance of FY13, the eligibility rules for use of TA, the \$250 semester hour cap, and the annual ceiling of \$4,500 remain unchanged. The only limitation to TA usage will be that no enrollments are authorized with start dates between March 8 and April 9, 2013.

Iowa National Guard Soldiers and Airmen continue to be eligible for state education benefits under the Iowa National Guard Education Assistance Program (NGEAP), which was created under Iowa law (see Iowa Code 2011 Section 261.86), funded entirely with State tax dollars, and available only to Iowa National Guard members. This program may pay up to 100 percent tuition at the Iowa Regents' rate for Iowa public and private universities, colleges, and community colleges.

Iowa National Guard Soldiers and Airmen may also continue to pursue their educational goals with Veterans Administration education benefits, if applicable, that include the Montgomery GI Bill, including Active Duty (Chapter 30), Montgomery GI Bill-Selected Reserve (Chapter 1606), Reserve Education Assistance Program (Chapter 1607), the Post 9/11 GI Bill, and federal grants and other financial aid.

As the TA program restarts, servicemembers are reminded to utilize the Academic Testing Program, CLEP and DSST exams, to assist in fulfilling degree requirements. As free retests are no longer authorized, servicemembers need to utilize all available resources to prepare for their exams.

Iowa National Guard Soldiers and Airmen should contact their local education centers for questions and updates. Updated information will also be posted to www.goarmyed.com (Army National Guard only) and www.iowanationalguard.com. If you have additional questions, contact the following:

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