

Texas Military Department
STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE (STA)
STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING
SPRING 2027

By submitting an STA application, I acknowledge and agree to the following (initial and complete all fields):

STA FUNDING

STA is provided to Service members who require financial assistance and would otherwise pay eligible tuition and mandatory fees out-of-pocket. STA is not needed when tuition and mandatory fees are fully covered by other aid or benefits.

STA is contingent on state funding availability and program eligibility. STA does not guarantee payment of 100% of tuition and fees, and will only pay up to 12 credit hours of eligible tuition and mandatory fees.

Eligible applicants who complete all requirements during the Primary Application Window applicants will be prioritized for an award. Applications submitted after the Primary Window are considered late applications and funding is not guaranteed.

Awards for private institutions and non-formula programs will generally be capped at the average amount of reimbursement the department estimates would be paid per student at a public institution.

STA is limited to 10 academic semesters or 5 academic years, whichever occurs first.

STA is valid only at Texas public or private not-for-profit institutions of higher education headquartered in Texas. Approved funds are disbursed directly to education institution and applied to the student account; payments are never issued directly to a service member.

FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE (FTA)

Eligible Servicemembers must apply for FTA and provide proof of submission with their STA application packet (TXARNG via ArmyIgnited; TXANG via AFVEC, as directed). TXSG members are not eligible for FTA. FTA eligibility does not affect STA eligibility.

TXSG Statutory Cap

In accordance with state policy, STA awards for eligible TXSG Service members are limited to 30 awards per semester, prioritized by TXSG and TMD leadership.

APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

I am responsible for meeting all STA and institutional deadlines. Required documentation includes the Online Application, this signed Statement of Understanding (SOU), the Authorization Release Form (third-party release), and proof of FTA application submission (if applicable). Failure to submit required documents by published deadlines will result in forfeiture of the award.

I will notify the STA office within 15 days of any drop, withdrawal, or enrollment change. If I fail, withdraw from, or drop a course, I am financially responsible for resulting tuition and mandatory fee charges, and failed courses must be resolved to restore good standing. Exceptions to Policy (ETP) may be requested for verified state or federal deployments.

ELIGIBILITY

I am an actively drilling member of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, or Texas State Guard. Prior to the start of the semester, I have completed Basic Training or BOLC (ANG/ARNG) RBOT (TXSG), or MS2 with a valid GRFD control number (SMP who has not attended Basic Training). An ETP may be requested for any other status.

I hold a rank equivalent to E1–E9, W1–W3, or O1–O5. I am required to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA to remain eligible for STA.

Unsatisfactory participation or adverse legal actions may disqualify me from receiving STA. If I separate from military service or enter inactive status before the end of the semester, I will forfeit my STA award.

RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

I agree to submit an official academic transcript and complete the required post-semester exit survey by the published deadline after each awarded semester. Failure to do so will result in an administrative flag restricting future participation.

As an STA recipient, I represent TMD and the military. I will adhere to professional standards of conduct and respect toward my academic institution and its staff.

I solemnly declare that all statements and accompanying application documents are truthful, complete, and accurate. I acknowledge that false statements may result in denial or permanent disqualification from STA, as well as administrative or military penalties.

Last Name

First Name

Date

Signature

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