

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MING-STAP

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What is the State Tuition Assistance Program?

The State Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) is a State of Michigan funded tuition assistance program that pays for the tuition costs of eligible Michigan National Guard service members.

Who is eligible?

- All National Guard traditional and AGR Soldiers/Airmen in an active drilling status are eligible.
- Mobilized or deployed Army National Guard Soldiers are eligible.
- Any other criteria determined by The Adjutant General consistent with Michigan National Guard recruiting and retention requirements.

Who is not eligible?

- Soldiers who are AWOL.
- Soldiers who are under adverse action.
- Soldiers whose classes start before they enlist or end after they get out.
- Soldiers who have two consecutive grading periods where their cumulative GPA is below a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

How much does STAP pay?

STAP pays up to \$6,000 per academic year and also covers additional fees that are required as a condition of enrollment for each student.

What degrees may I earn using STAP?

- Associate
- Baccalaureate
- Masters or First Professional
- Certificate
- Vocational
- Training

How do I apply?

- Go to www.michigan.gov/mingstap

If I cannot request FTA through GoArmyEd, can I still apply for STAP?

Yes, you can use the MINGSTAP program even if you do not apply for FTA.

When are applications due?

Applications for STAP may be submitted up to 60 days prior to the class start date and must be submitted no more than 14 days after the class start date.

Does my GI Bill and/or Federal Tuition Assistance benefit affect my award?

No

Can STAP be used in conjunction with other federal tuition assistance such as Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) and/or Post 9-11 GI Bill CH 33?

Yes. As long as FTA does not cover 100% of tuition & fees, STAP can be used to cover remaining tuition and/or eligible fees. For example, if the class tuition is \$300 per credit hour and your FTA pays \$250 per credit hour, then STAP can pay the remaining \$50 per credit hour. FTA will be applied first in determining eligible STAP assistance amounts.

Can I still receive STAP if I'm receiving a Pell Grant?

Yes since a Pell Grant can be used to assist with other education related expenses such as books, supplies and other course related materials.

Can STAP be used to help pay for books?

No. STAP does not reimburse the cost of books and/or study materials.

Which schools are eligible to receive STAP?

As a state funded program, STAP can only be used at eligible educational institutions as defined by the Michigan Legislature PA 259 of 2014. "Eligible educational institution" means a public or private college, university, vocational school, technical school, or trade school located in this state.

For more detailed information, please visit the www.michigan.gov/mingstap website by clicking the link.