

# MEMBER FOR LIFE

Member Benefits Program



Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

2026

# MEMBER BENEFITS PROGRAM



The Michigan Member Benefits Program is designed to provide college or trade school tuition reimbursement, childcare assistance and bridge TRICARE premium reimbursement to eligible Michigan National Guard members.



Tuition  
Reimbursement



Childcare  
Assistance



Tricare  
Reimbursement



# PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

## Service Member Eligibility For All Programs

### General Eligibility Requirements:

- Active Drilling Member (Air or Army Guard)
- No Flags or under any code action
- Not AWOL or any other adverse action
- Pass Fitness Test and Height/Weight



# MINGSTAP

## Michigan National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program



### Tuition Reimbursement Program

- Service members, Dependent children and Spouses

### Additional Eligibility Requirements

- Completed Basic and are reserved for or completed AIT or in ROTC/SMP

### Eligible College/Institutions in State of Michigan

- Associates/Bachelors- \$14,400 Academic year
- Masters/PhD/Professional Degree- \$6,000 Academic year
- Industry Rec Certificate/License - \$6,000 Academic year or FY year

### Pays tuition and mandatory fees

- Up to \$600 maximum per credit hour



# MINGSTAP

## Michigan National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program



### Application Process

#### Service Member/Student Creates Profile

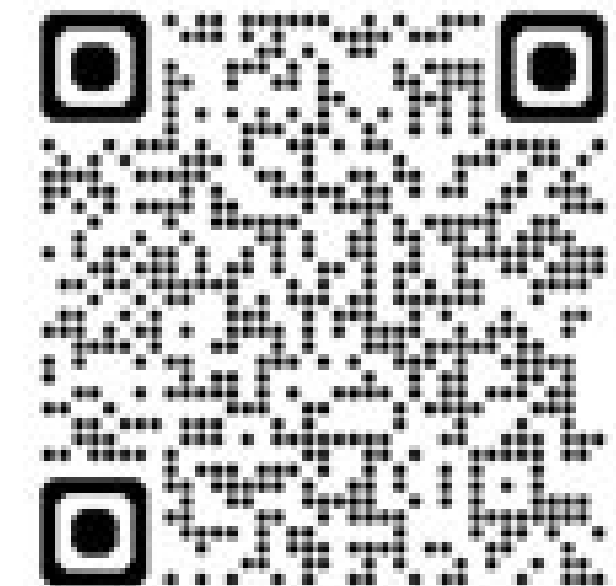
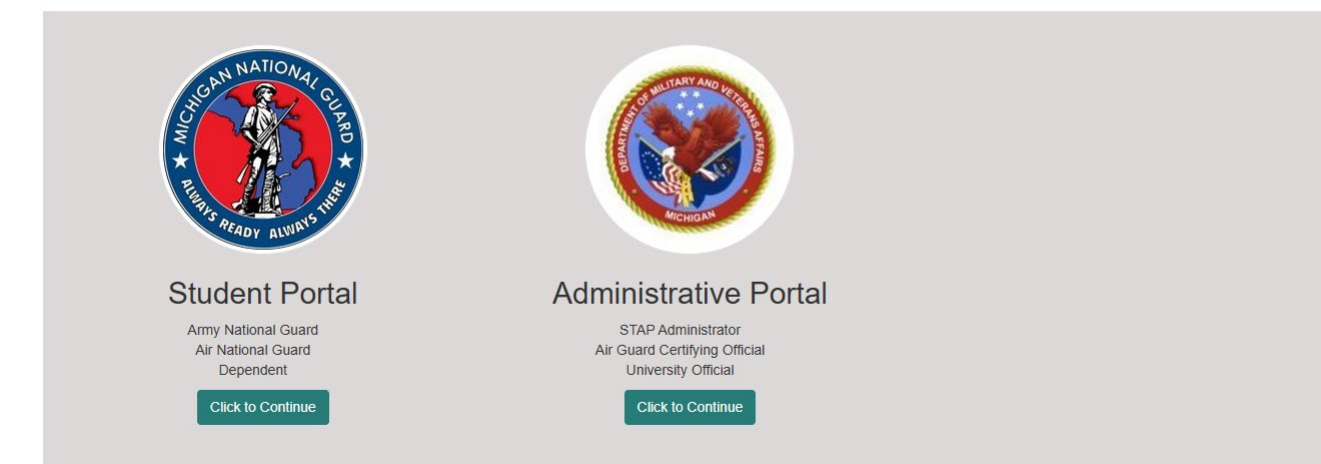
- Service member and dependent (if applying) must create a profile
- Service member “approves” each dependent usage of MINGSTAP benefit through dashboard

#### Fill Out, Sign and Submit Online Application

- Must submit no later than 14 calendar days from the start of the semester
- Only complete one application per academic year

#### Application is Confirmed and Accepted into the Program

- Service members/students should confirm their application is approved before the end of the semester
- 2025/2026 application is still open for the Summer 2026 semester
- 2026/2027 application coming soon



# MINGSTAP

## Michigan National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program



### Request for Reimbursement

**Must submit the request online within 60 calendar days after the end of the semester**

#### Must Include:

- Official Transcript or signed unofficial transcript
- Itemized Statement for the semester
  - Include breakdown of tuition, fees and financial aid/payments received
- Federal Tuition Assistance Documents (Army only)
- Flight Logs (Flight School) and invoices
- Certificates if applicable



**Reimbursements are sent to the student via check**



# CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

Request for Reimbursement

**Provide childcare assistance for single parents or dual military drilling simultaneous while on weekend drill and annual training**

Additional Eligibility Requirements:

- Has completed Basic Training, AIT, or Technical Training
- Children/Dependents 12 years and under
- Traditional (M-Day or DSG) service members only, Full time National Guard (AGR/ADOS) are not eligible

Award Amount

- \$60 per day/per child
- Maximum of 39 days per fiscal year





# CHILDCARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)

## Application Process

### Service Member must create a VSS account with SIGMA

- [AdvantageVSS - SIGMA VSS](#)
- Must have a VSS account to receive reimbursement
- Reimbursements can be direct deposit or check

### Complete Requests for reimbursement within 30 days of the quarter.

- [Fast Track - OneSpan Sign](#)
- Service member completes their portion of the request and uploads supporting documentation
  - Dependent Verification (MilConnect, 5960, and DDForm 137, etc)
  - Drill Schedule
- Readiness NCO, Chain of Command, Senior Enlisted Leaders, Unit Training Managers or Designated Official will certify information confirming eligibility and submit to Member Benefits team



### Application is reviewed by the Member Benefit Team

- If Approved, allow 6 weeks to receive reimbursement
- If incomplete, Member Benefit Team will reject it





# TRICARE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM



Provides a bridging reimbursement for the members only portion of the [TRICARE Reserve Select](#) and [Dental plans](#) premium for eligible Michigan National Guard members.

**Current cost for TRICARE Reserve Select (Member only)**

\$57.88 per month

\$8.65 per month for TRICARE Dental



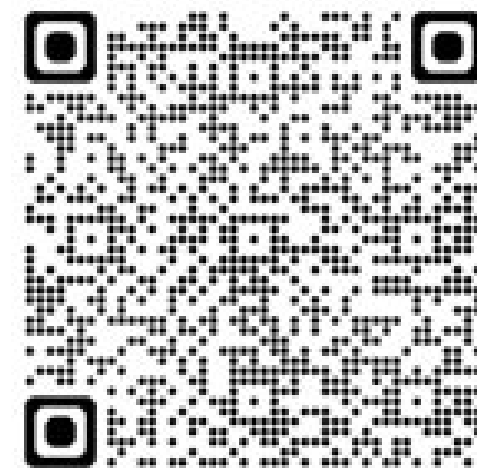


# TRICARE PREMIUM REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

## Additional Requirements



- Has completed Basic Training, AIT, or Technical Training
- Be uninsured, employer does not provide insurance, or is not eligible for employer-sponsored medical insurance
- Not eligible for insurance coverage under spouse's or parent's policy
- Non full-time National Guard status
- Not eligible or receiving Medicaid



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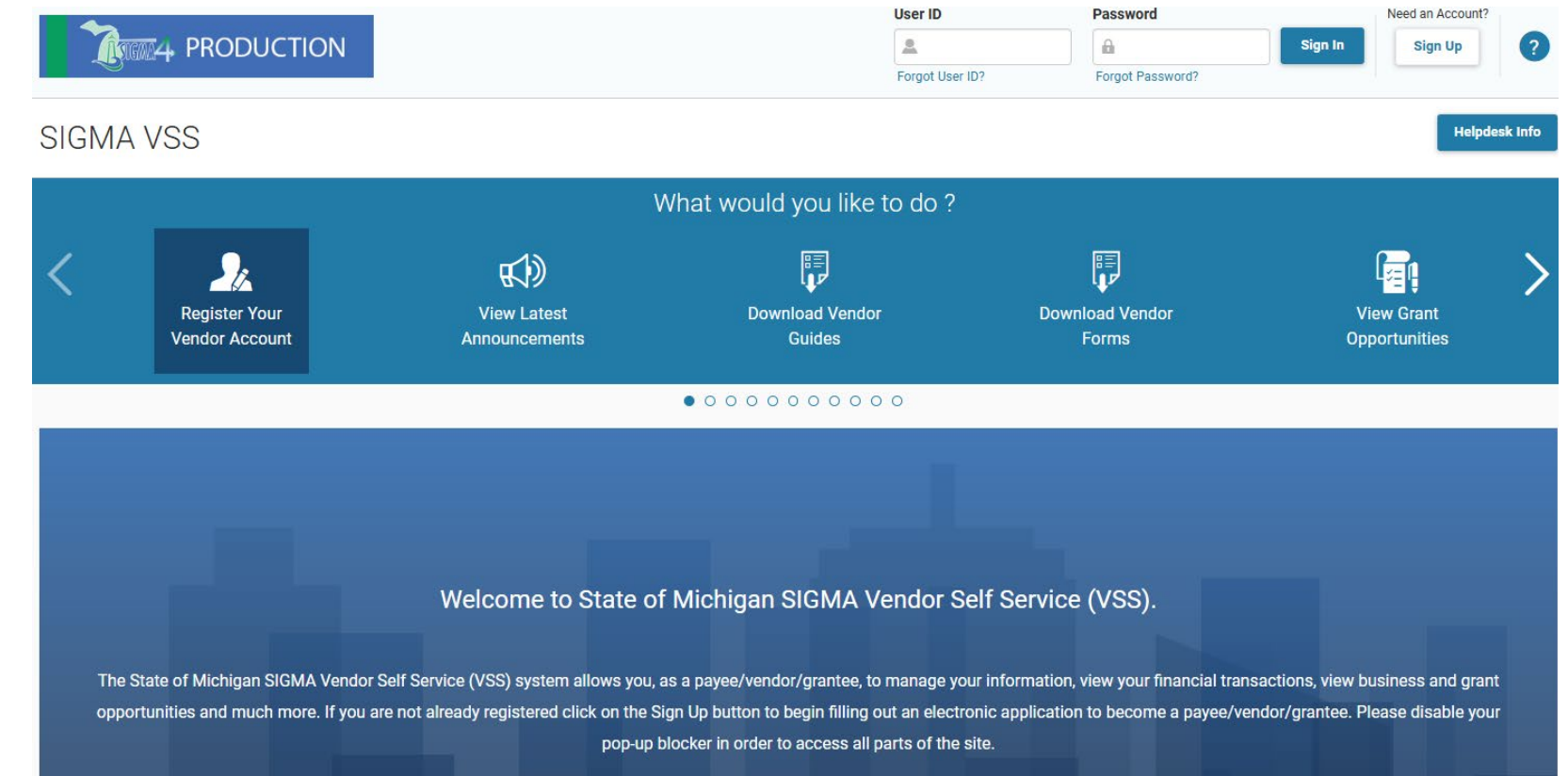
## Request for Reimbursement



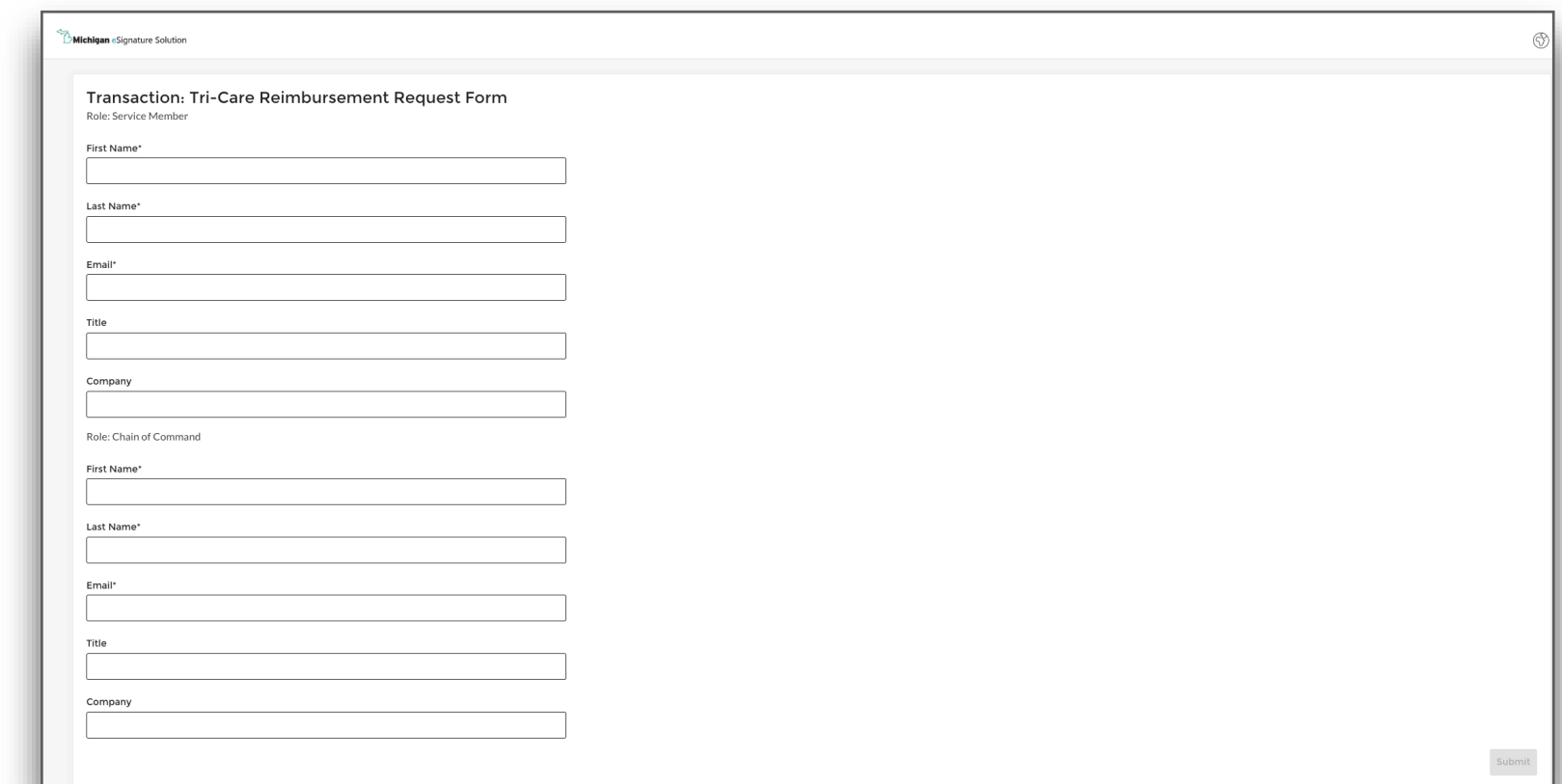
### To Apply for Reimbursement (within 30 days of the end of the quarter)

1. Create a Vendor account with SIGMA. [AdvantageVSS - SIGMA VSS](#)
2. Submit a request online at [Fast Track - OneSpan Sign](#)
3. Service member completes their portion of the request and uploads supporting documentation
  - Proof of payment of monthly premiums
  - Employer Affidavit – if applicable
4. Readiness NCO, Chain of Command, Senior Enlisted Leaders, Unit Training Managers or Designated Official will certify information confirming eligibility and submit to Member Benefits team
5. Member Benefit Team Reviews
6. If approved, allow 6 weeks to receive reimbursement

### AdvantageVSS -SIGMA VSS



### Fast Track - OneSpan Sign





# THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

## Online Office hours via TEAMS

*Every Tuesday 1000-1100*

*Every Wednesday 1200-1300*

*Every Thursday 1500-1600*

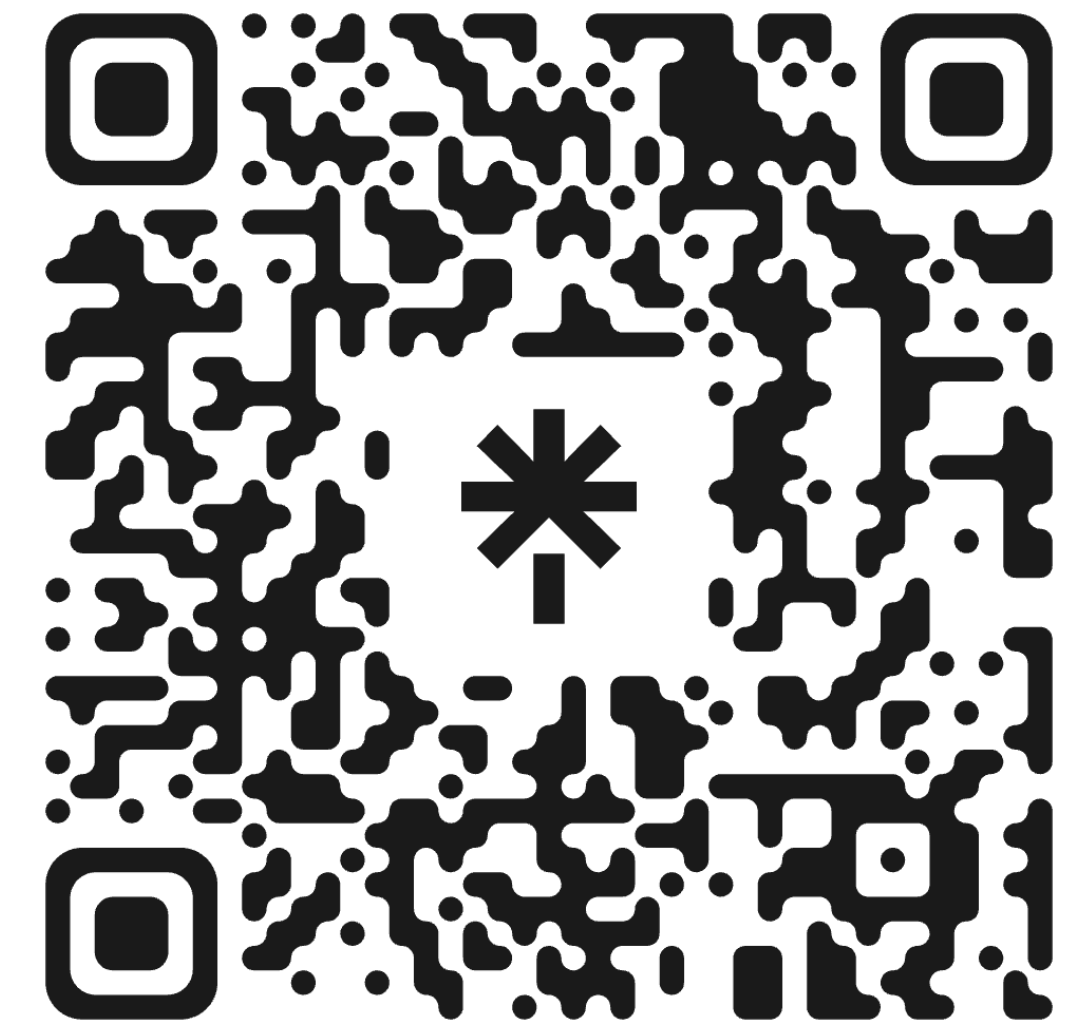


Request for Reimbursement Submission Training dates – coming soon

Readiness NCO, Chain of Command, Senior Enlisted Leaders,  
Unit Training Managers or Designated Official– coming soon

Website: [Michigan Member Benefits Program](#)

Email: [DMVA-Member-Benefit-Prog@michigan.gov](mailto:DMVA-Member-Benefit-Prog@michigan.gov)



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



**What is the first month that I can request reimbursement for?**

*March 2026*

**Does the childcare provider need to be a licensed daycare?**

*No, you do not need to have a licensed daycare provider.*

**Tricare Reimbursement Limitations:**

*This Member Benefits Tricare Reimbursement Program will NOT cover medical expenses that are not fully covered by your insurance and/or are billed to the service member.*

**What if I do not select the EFT option in SIGMA?**

*You will receive a check to the address that is in the system when you set up your Vendor account.*