

Federal Tuition Assistance is reinstated

Federal Tuition Assistance through GoArmyEd has been reinstated, effective April 10. Soldiers will not be able to apply for tuition assistance for courses with a start date prior to April 10.

The holds on accounts of Soldiers placed on March 8 due to the suspension of tuition assistance have been lifted. Soldiers should check their GoArmyEd accounts as soon as possible. Following are points of emphasis:

1. How to request Tuition Assistance for classes beginning 10 April and the future: Soldiers must input all courses listed on their class schedules when requesting tuition assistance. Failure to do so will result in a reduced tuition assistance amount per credit hour.

For example, if a school charges a flat tuition rate for 12-18 hours (\$3,168) and a Soldier is taking 15 hours, the Soldier must input ALL 15 hours at a cost of \$211.20 per credit hour which equals \$3,168. If the Soldier input only 12 hours at a cost of \$264 per credit hour, and the schedule reflects 15 hours, the tuition amount (\$3,168) will still be divided by 15 hours and not 12, resulting in the

Soldier receiving a reduced amount which would be \$211.20 per credit hour. In this case, the Soldier would receive \$2534.40, a difference of \$633.60. Ensure tuition assistance is requested for ALL courses reflected on the course schedule.

2. Verify Contact Information. The use of email is the primary means of communication in GoArmyEd. In the near future, due to the AKO email account migration, Soldiers will be unable to access their AKO email accounts unless they have a CAC card reader or a deferment to continue to use a password.

The "preferred" email account in GoArmyEd does not have to be the AKO email address. It can be a personal email account, such as Yahoo, Gmail, etc. To change contact information:

Log into the GoArmyEd account. The Welcome Screen appears

Under Smart Links, click on My Education Record tab

The Student Record Screen appears. On the right side of screen, under Personnel, click on Account Information. The Account Information Screen appears.

Verify the mailing address is correct. Make necessary changes.

Verify Primary and Alternate Phone numbers. Make necessary changes.

Verify Alternate and Preferred Email Addresses. If the addresses are incorrect, enter another email address in the Alternate Email box. Then, click Update Account Information.

The Account Information screen appears with a message, "Your account information was successfully updated."

Click on Return to Account Information. Verify your changes. Under Preferred Email, click on the drop down box. Choose the email address you want as your Preferred Email. Now, click Update Account Information.

Once you've done that, you are taken back to the Account Information Screen. The Account Information screen appears with a message, "Your account information was successfully updated." Click on Return to Account Information once again and verify the changes.

If your Preferred Email address is reflected in the Preferred Email box then the update is complete.

3. Check on Account Holds. Log into GoArmyEd account. The Welcome Screen appears. Scroll down. Under Tuition Assistance (TA) Status, any holds will be listed. Take appropriate actions to have holds removed.

4. Clarification on who can sign Statements of Understanding. For E6 and below requesting tuition assistance, the authorization block on the Statement of Understanding must be signed by the Soldier's commander or by an E7 or above who has signature authority from the commander.

If an E7 or above signs FOR THE COMMANDER, the delegation of signature authority memo from the commander MUST be attached to the Statement of Understanding and uploaded to the eFile in GoArmyEd. Be sure to include the commander's name and rank. For E7 and above requesting tuition assistance, the authorization block on Statements of Understanding may be signed by the Soldier, FOR THE COMMANDER. Be sure to include the commander's name and rank.

For more information, go to GoArmyEd.com for instructions and information about additional changes to the program.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Maj. Synetha Griffin is the equal opportunity advisor at Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. She is responsible for managing the garrison EO program. In addition, she is proactive in ensuring service members understand each other's diverse culture by working to promote training supportive of the Army's policies and procedures.



Griffin

The native of Philadelphia has served in the Mississippi Army National Guard for 16 years. Her drill unit is at Camp McCain Training Center in Grenada where she serves as a Supply Officer. She deployed with the 155th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 106th Brigade Support Battalion, Headquarter and Headquarters Company, headquartered in Monticello, to Iraq in 2005 and again from 2009 to 2011.

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CSM CONLEY VISIT... Command Sgt. Maj. Brunk W. Conley, the Army National Guard's 10th command sergeant major, visited Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center April 2. During his visit, he talked with the command staff of Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center and was the guest speaker during a graduation ceremony held at the 154th Regional Training Institute auditorium.



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