Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) Reminder!

Soldiers participating in the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) must submit their National Student Loan Data Sheet (NSLDS) documents, no earlier than 30 days prior to their loan anniversary date, to their Unit every year. This will ensure loan payments are processed in a timely manner and that payments go to the correct lenders. NSLDS documents include the Loan Summary Sheet and the Loan Detail Sheets for all loans listed on the summary sheet regardless of the loan status or balance. In addition to the NSLDS, a DD Form 2475 (section 2 only) is also required and must not be dated greater than 90 days prior to their loan anniversary date. The completed DD Form 2475 and NSLDS documents must be uploaded to GIMS by a unit representative and the payment transaction sent to this office in order for payment to be made. NSLDS’ can be accessed here: https://www.nslds.ed.gov/

Transfer of Post 9/11 GI Bill Benefits to Dependents

Effective July 13th, 2019, eligibility to transfer Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits will be limited to service members with at least 6 years, but not more than 16 years, of total creditable service. All transfer eligible soldiers who have not yet transferred their months of benefit and have more than 16 years of service must do so no later than July 13th, 2019 or they will lose the ability to do so.

Additionally, effective October 26th, 2017, all soldiers who wish to transfer their education benefits should do so prior to being enrolled into any type of board action. Those boards include the Qualitative Service Program (QSP), Qualitative Retention Board (QRB), Selective Early Retirement Board (SERB), Enhanced Selective Early Retirement Board (E-SERB), Officer Separation Board (OSB), Selective Retention board (SRB), Active Service Management Board (ASMB) or Release from Active Duty (REFRAD) board. Transfer your Post 9/11 GI Bill months of benefit at www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/.

Please call our office or email our distro at ng.oh.oharng.list.ngoh-j1-eoim@mail.mil if you have any questions or need assistance.

Written Agreement Upon Receipt of Incentives Is Required

Per applicable regulatory guidance, SRIP Policy and DoDi, Service Members who receive an incentive must sign a written agreement as a condition of receipt for the incentive. These agreements are only valid if generated from GIMS, Retention Management Software (RMS), or the Guidance Counselor Resource Center (GCRC).

In addition, both the bonus agreement and the DD Form 4 or DA Form 4836 must be signed and dated on the date that the bonus agreement is generated. Failure to comply with either of these requirements will result in the incentive being invalid and the Service Member will receive no payments.
My name is Marchem Pfeiffer and I am the new Education Services Officer with the Ohio Army National Guard. As a veteran who served four years of active duty and who comes from a long line of veterans, I understand what it means to be of service. I have always had two passions; education and the military. Both of my degrees are in education and most of my career has been in the education field. What I have come to understand are the opportunities that the military and education make possible. I have always said that so much of who I am today is due to the four years I served in the military and the ambition of being a life-long learner. Our military represents a percentage of volunteers, who because of their service have earned access to several education benefits. I believe and know that this position will help me to be of the best service for all of the Ohio Army National Guard. I will be here to help ensure your goals are being guided towards success. I look forward to collaborating with each and every one of you on this mission.

College Visits to Units

College Visits to Units: Per DoDI 1322.25, All college visits requests to units must be requested through the E&I office for approval. The college representative must contact our office for guidance or submit a helpdesk case through GoArmyEd (www.goarmyed) for a decision. The contact for this action is Jovanda Curry or Marchem Pfeiffer.

Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program Reminders

If a Soldier is eligible to use FTA and is not going to be using Chapter 1606 or 1607 GI Bill they must apply to use FTA along with their ONGSP. The Soldier will apply for the term at ongsp.ohio.gov like normal and then submit their GoArmyEd FTA application (see page 3 for more information) in the 60-5 business days prior to the start of their classes.

Term deadlines: If you miss the deadline, you will be required to go through the late waiver process. In order to apply for a late waiver, you must write a letter explaining the circumstances on why you missed the registration window and which term the late waiver is being requested for. The AGOH 621-3 (ONGSP Application) must be filled out and submitted to your Readiness NCO along with the letter. Commanders at all levels have recommending privileges. Your chain of command sends the request to the Chief of Staff, who is the authority to approve or deny your late waiver application. Only after approval of your late waiver request will the Education and Incentives office be able to process your application.

Winter Quarter/ Spring Semester 2019 Deadline is November 1st, 2018.

Approval letters are available no earlier than 30 days after an application deadline. Ensure your email address is updated on your ONGSP profile when submitting your application.

ONGSP Question? Call Lonny Kirby at (614) 336-7143 or email him at Lonny.r.kirby.nfg@mail.mil
Incentive Termination Due Process Change

If a Service Member’s incentive requires termination, a DA Form 4856 Counseling will be sent from our office through PAT to the SM’s unit to be reviewed and signed by the SM. This will serve as notification of the discrepancy and explain the SM’s opportunity to submit an Exception to Policy.

If the SM would like to submit an ETP make sure a “Soldier’s Statement” from the SM is included in your PAT transaction when you return the signed DA 4856.

If the SM is out of service we will send a certified letter to the SM’s last HOR and wait 45 days for their response.

If we don’t hear back from the Soldier that they would like to submit an ETP within 45 days or they elect not to submit an ETP on their DA 4856 we will submit their termination to NGB for processing.

If you have any questions regarding termination of incentives please call or email Kayla Homyak.

Army Personnel Testing

Testing (Armed Forces Classification Test, Defense Language Aptitude Battery, and Defense Language Proficiency Tests) is conducted every Thursday at Beightler Armory and at the RTI at the DSCC upon request.

Readiness NCOs must submit all required documents (completed DA 4187, a digitally signed AUP Form from the Service Member and a copy of current IA certificate) via PAT on behalf of the tester. These documents should be submitted NLT a week prior to the Service Member's requested test date.

Testing Locations:
Beightler Armory
2825 W. Dublin Granville Rd.
Rm W108
Columbus, OH 43235

Regional Training Institute
3990 E. Broad St. Bldg #1, Rm 275
Columbus, OH 43213

Call or email Jamie Burdiss or Jovanda Curry to schedule a test.

Federal Tuition Assistance

If eligible, you can request Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) 60-5 days BEFORE the class start date through GoArmyEd (www.goarmyed.com). Ensure you upload your schedule and cost verification to avoid delays. No fees are authorized, so it is optional to include them on your request.

You must complete courses with at least a "C" grade for undergraduate courses and a "B" grade for graduate courses or you will be subject to recoupment.

FTA provides financial assistance for education programs in support of a Soldier’s professional and personal self-development goals. FTA is available for courses that are offered in the classroom or by distance learning. The courses must be offered by schools that are registered in the FTA portal and are accredited by accrediting agencies that are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

FTA is available to all current members of the ARNG and can be used to support certificate/diploma programs and Associates, Baccalaureate, or Masters degree programs. The Service Member must not be flagged for any reason and have completed AIT/BOLC/required Military Education Level per the new FTA policy. FTA pays up to $250 per semester hour for up to 16 credit hours per fiscal year ($4,000 max).

The point of contact is Jovanda Curry if you have any questions.
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For scheduling information please contact Ms. Jamie Burdiss  
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Federal Tuition Assistance: Mrs. Jovanda Curry (614) 336-4905  
Guidance Counselor/ APT Testing: Ms. Jamie Burdiss (614) 336-7275  
ONGSP Manager: Mr. Lonny Kirby (614) 336-7143  
Incentives Manager: Mrs. Kayla Homyak (614) 336-4999  
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**MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR MILITARY EXPERIENCE!**

Ohio has begun it’s initiative for Service Members to receive higher education credits for their military experience. Enlisted service members can log into the Joint Services Transcript’s (JST) website with their CAC and send their military transcript to any college or university they have on their website to potentially earn more credits towards their degree. Visit the JST website for more information! [https://jst.doded.mil](https://jst.doded.mil)

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**Guard Incentives Management System (GIMS) 101 Workshop**

At the beginning of FY18 we rolled out a new GIMS training program, GIMS 101 Workshop, to train new and untrained GIMS users.  

- Readiness NCO’s, Training NCO’s, Battalion and Brigade level S1 staff and Retention NCO’s came from organizations all over the state to the Regional Training Institute (RTI) and Rickenbacker Air Force Base to learn about how to navigate GIMS, incentive contract phases, Unit level payment responsibilities, current termination guidance and to get a refresher on current education benefits available to Soldiers in the OHARNG.

- The training was a huge success with 63 people trained and it was met with reviews like, “Full coverage of SLRP, SRIP and education benefits. Helpful to have many instructors so that everyone received personalized help” and “I learned more from this course than I have from my BN S1 section. It was great to understand the program and what it can do.”

Going into FY19, we’re excited to announce that we’ll have training dates in each of the three regions! Current dates and locations are as follows:

- **Q1**: RTI 12 NOV 2019 and 13 NOV 2019  
- **Q2**: Newton Falls FEB 2019 (specific dates TBD)  
- **Q3**: RTI 28 MAY 2019 and 29 MAY 2019  
- **Q4**: Woodlawn Armory 26 JUN 2019 and 27 JUN 2019

To register go to [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FY19GIMS101](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FY19GIMS101)

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Homyak.