**Tennessee National Guard STRONG Act Tuition Reimbursement Program:**

In order to best serve those who are currently serving in the Tennessee National Guard, please look through the information below to better understand what is the TN STRONG Act program and how to properly use it while attending UTM.

**What is the STRONG Act Tuition Reimbursement Program?**

**The Tennessee STRONG program is a state tuition assistance program designed to assist our eligible national guardsmen to successfully attain a college degree.  As a reimbursement program, payments will be made directly to UTM on behalf of the member.**

**Who is eligible for STRONG?**

**Please review the table below to verify what benefits are of possible use for you while attending.**

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| **Scenario:** | **FTA** | **TN STRONG** | **GI Bill® Ch. 1606** | **GI Bill® Chapter 33** |
| Completed AIT/ Basic Training; less than one year since AIT graduation | Not eligible until one year after AIT graduation | Eligible until able to use FTA | Eligible to use (can only be combined with TN STRONG Act) | Not eligible due to time in service/status  |
| New Service Member with Previous College Credits | Not eligible until one year after AIT graduation | Eligible until able to use FTA for remainder of credits for 1st degree | Eligible to use (can only be combined with TN STRONG Act) | Not eligible due to time in service/status  |
| New Service Member with completion of Basic but in High School | Not eligible until one year after AIT graduation | Eligible until able to use FTA | Not eligible to use due to not graduating AIT | Not eligible due to time in service/status  |
| Current Guard Member with no prior college and 1 year after AIT graduation | Eligible to use (with one year after AIT graduation) | Not eligible until all of FTA has been exhausted | Eligible to use (can only be combined with TN STRONG Act) | Not eligible due to time in service/status  |
| Service Member eligible for Chapter 33 (Post 9/11) | Eligible to use with Chapter 33 | Not eligible until all of FTA has been exhausted, cannot combine with Chapter 33 | Eligible to use if chosen (Usage deducts from Chapter 33 months) | Eligible after meeting requirements |
| New member with Scholarships  | Not eligible until one year after AIT graduation | Eligible until able to use FTA | Eligible to use along with TNSTRONG or separate | Not eligible due to time in service/status  |

**How Do You Apply to TN STRONG?**

**For further questions and information covering requirements and assistance for the TN STRONG Act:**[**http://www.tn.gov/military/section/education-incentives**](http://www.tn.gov/military/section/education-incentives)

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