



New York Army National Guard Education and Incentives Newsletter



1 October 2026

Key Highlights:

SUNY Tuition Expansion: The State University of New York (SUNY) has officially expanded its tuition policies to offer favorable military rates, significantly lowering out-of-pocket costs for service members pursuing higher education.

BSEP Course Enrollment: The Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) is now accepting enrollments for the upcoming fiscal year quarter (October – December 2026).

Dependent Resources: New education and incentive resources are now available specifically for military family members to help support their own academic and career development goals.

For additional information on any topics discussed, please contact the E&I office at: ng.ny.nyarnng.list.education-ny@army.mil.



Education Updates



Update #1: Expansion of Military Tuition Rate Across SUNY System

On 4 September 2026, the expansion of SUNY's Military Tuition Rate program to all 64 SUNY campuses went into effect. The program, which began at select SUNY campuses in the Spring 2026 semester, was expanded Systemwide at the start of the Fall 2026 semester to ensure eligible active-duty service members, members of the National Guard, and members of the Reserves can access undergraduate tuition at or below the federal Military Tuition Assistance cap of \$250 per credit.

The SUNY Advantage for Military, Veterans, and Family Members



Flexible learning options with over 950 online programs including microcredentials, certificate, associate, bachelor's, master's, and doctorate



Up to 7 free applications to SUNY colleges and universities, saving you up to \$350



Review of military experience for college credit so you can save time and money on your degree



Military TA and VA benefits plus expanded state tuition benefits such as NY National Guard RIRP Program and Veteran's Tuition Award which cover 100% of SUNY tuition



Tailored support such as student veteran associations and military and veteran offices

Update #2: Spring 2027 Recruitment Incentive Retention Program Application Deadline, 15 December 2026

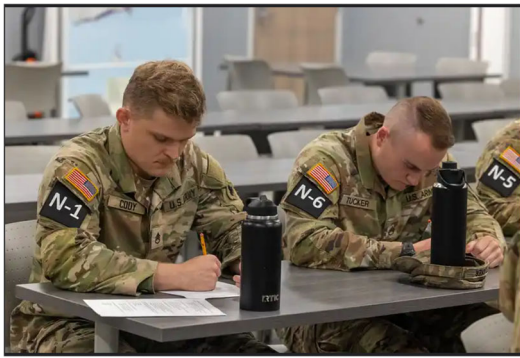
The Education and Incentives Service Office is accepting Recruitment Incentive Retention Program (RIRP) applications for Fall 2026 semester. The application (DMNA 96-1), Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Checklist can be found on our DMNA website at: [https:// dmna.ny.gov/education/](https://dmna.ny.gov/education/). Applicants meeting the deadline requirements will be notified by the program manager what additional documents are required for approval.

To use RIRP applicants must be in good standing with their assigned unit, accepted and enrolled in an undergraduate degree-granting program for a minimum of six (6) credit hours per semester, a resident of the State of New York for a period of 186 days prior to using the program

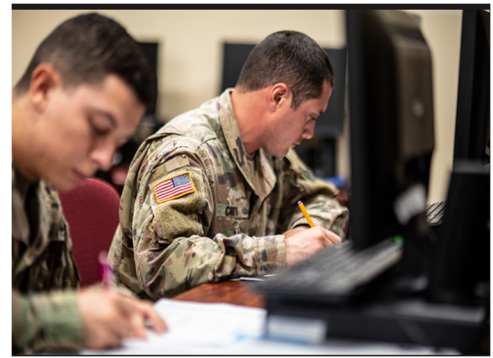
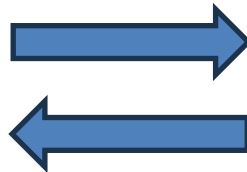
Basic Skill Education Program (BSEP) Course

If you are looking for a career change or thinking about changing your status from enlisted to officer, but a low General Technical (GT) score is standing in your way, the Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP) Course is the answer. Designed specifically for service members, BSEP is an academic program focused on helping soldiers improve their fundamental skills in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and mathematics. Under the guidance of trained instructors, the primary goal of the course is to help participants raise their Armed Forces Classification Test (AFCT) scores, which in turn allows them to qualify for advanced military training, enhance their current job performance, and prepare for future academic endeavors.

The course is offered through the West Point and Fort Drum Education Centers, as well as the National Guard Professional Education Center (PEC). It is delivered in a flexible, blended learning format available both remotely and in-person, with all centers currently accepting enrollments for the upcoming fiscal year.



(In-person classes)



(Remote classes)

For more information on how to enroll in the courses contact the education centers listed below:

West Point Education Center

Phone: 315-774-9535

Email: WestPointBSEP@army.mil

Fort Drum Education Center

Phone: 315-772-6878

Email: holli.h.hanks.civ@army.mil

Professional Education Center

Class 001: 19-24 October 26
Class 002: 14-19 December 26
Class 003: 4-9 January 27
Class 004: 19-24 April 27
Class 005: 26-31 July 27
Class 006: 23-28 August 27

Fort Drum Ed Center

Class Number: FY27-3/4
Class Dates: 3 Nov to 8 Dec 26
Time: 0900 – 1600 EST
AFCT: 9 & 10 December 26
Opens: 6 October 26

Oct/Nov Gold Class Oct 13 th – Nov 5 th 1600 - 2000 EST Monday - Friday Application Deadline: Sept 25 th	Oct/Nov Black Class Oct 15 th – Nov 10 th 0900-1300 Monday- Friday Application Deadline: Oct 6 th
Nov/Dec Gold Class No Class Nov 25 th – 27 th Nov 12 th – Dec 9 th 0930 - 1330 EST Monday – Friday Application Deadline: Oct 23 rd	Dec Black Class Advanced: Minimum 100 GT Dec 1 st – Dec 16 th 0900 - 1300 Monday – Friday Application Deadline: Nov 16 th

PEC Courses: Phone: 518-786-0460
Email: ng.ny.nyarnng.list.education-ny@army.mil



Incentives and More



Don't Leave Money on the Table: Essential BRS-CP Updates

The Blended Retirement System Continuation Pay (BRS-CP) is a one-time, mid-career bonus payment offered in exchange for an agreement to remain in the Army National Guard (ARNG) for four years from the date of the request. This incentive is calculated as a multiplier of a Soldier's active-duty monthly basic pay, based on their grade and Time in Service (TIS) at the time of the request.

Continuation Pay Multipliers

- AGR Soldiers: Paid 2.5 times their active-duty basic pay.
- Standard ARNG Soldiers: Paid 0.5 times their active-duty basic pay.
- Mobilized ARNG Soldiers: Soldiers who have completed more than 270 days of involuntary mobilization within the past 730 days (two years) will also receive the 2.5 times multiplier.

Eligibility and Critical Deadlines

All Soldiers who entered the military after 1 January 2018 are automatically enrolled in the BRS. Any BRS-enrolled Soldier - whether officer, enlisted, AGR, or technician - is eligible for CP.

Currently, eligible Soldiers can apply for CP when they are between seven and 12 years of TIS. However, this window narrows to between seven and ten years TIS effective 1 January 2027.

Action Required

There are currently 885 Soldiers in the NYARNG who are eligible for BRS-CP but have not yet applied. This includes AGR Soldiers and those who have deployed for more than nine months in the last two years (making them eligible for the higher 2.5 multiplier).

Do not miss out on this incentive. Review your TIS and submit your BRS-CP request before your eligibility window closes!

7-9 years (TIS)

Rate: .50

E4 - \$1,907.70

E5 - \$2,149.50

E6 - \$2,306.40

E7 - \$2,567.85

Rate: 2.5

E4 - \$9,538.50

E5 - \$10,749.75

E6 - \$11,532.00

E7 - \$12,839.25

10-11 years (TIS)

Rate: .50

E4 - \$1,907.70

E5 - \$2,197.65

E6 - \$2,376.75

E7 - \$2,650.20

Rate: 2.5

E4 - \$9,538.50

E5 - \$10,988.25

E6 - \$11,898.75

E7 - \$13,251.00

Officer/Warrant

7-9 years (TIS)

Rate: .50

O1/W1 - \$2,611.20 / \$2,792.10

O2/W2 - \$3,308.85 / \$3,025.50

O3/W3 - \$4,062.75 / \$3,215.55

O4/W4 - \$4,408.20 / \$3,549.00

Rate: 2.5

O1/W1 - \$13,056.00 / \$13,960.50

O2/W2 - \$16,544.25 / \$15,127.50

O3/W3 - \$20,313.75 / \$16,077.75

O4/W4 - \$22,041.00 / \$17,745.00



Soldier and Family Outreach Events



Education and Incentives: On the Road Serving Our Soldiers!

This past summer, the Education Services and Incentives Team visited more than 25 units, briefing approximately 1,440 Service Members and their Families on their earned education benefits. The audiences were highly receptive, with long lines of Soldiers and family members waiting to ask questions after each presentation.

Recently deployed Soldiers of the 42nd Infantry Division also attended Yellow Ribbon ceremonies. These events provide post-mobilization benefits information, linking Service Members and their Families to critical resources to assist with their transition back to civilian life.

Resources offered within the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program include access to healthcare, financial counseling, legal assistance, and education services.

The Adjutant General of New York Army National Guard, Major General Raymond Shields, along with other New York Army National Guard senior leaders, oversaw the ceremonies and provided remarks across three New York State locations: Latham, Syracuse, and Ronkonkoma.



Below are upcoming informational education events:

Unit Brief Events

18 October 2026: Golf Company, 427th Brigade Support Battalion, Glenville, NY

5 December 2026: Charlie and Gulf Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, Gloversville, NY

5 December 2026: Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry, Ithaca, NY

6 December 2026: Charlie Company, 119th DSSB, Camp Smith, NY

Fall 2026 Education Fairs and Family Events (flyers attached)

15 October 2026: Fall into Education, Explore. Connect. Succeed., Fort Drum, NY

17 October 2026: Trunk or Treat, Division of Military and Naval Affairs, Latham, NY

19 November 2026: American Education Week (AEW) College Fair, Fort Hamilton, NY

Virtual Events

Go Live Launch DANTES Career Path Decide, 10 October 2026 at 12:00 p.m. ET, Virtual



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Dependent Resource

The military offers many opportunities to provide dependents education services. Below are some of the resources available to spouses and children:

SpouseWorks

Formerly (SECO) offers a variety of resources to help build spouses of Service members' skills to further their career, get career advice and find a job. The SpouseWorks Scholarship (formerly MyCAA) program helps military spouses pursue licenses, credentials, or associate degrees with a specific concentration or major to pursue an occupation or career with transferable and portable skills. It provides up to \$2k per year (up to \$4k lifetime cap).



More spouse benefits:

State Licensure Reimbursement

Spouses of ARNG Soldiers that were reassigned from a duty station in one state to another on or after 12 December 2017, and movement of the Soldier's dependents is authorized, qualify for up to \$1,000 reimbursement in qualified relicensing costs with each reassignment.

CLEP Exams

Spouses of Title 10 Soldiers may also be eligible for free CLEP exams through SpouseWorks and DANTES.

The Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children Program

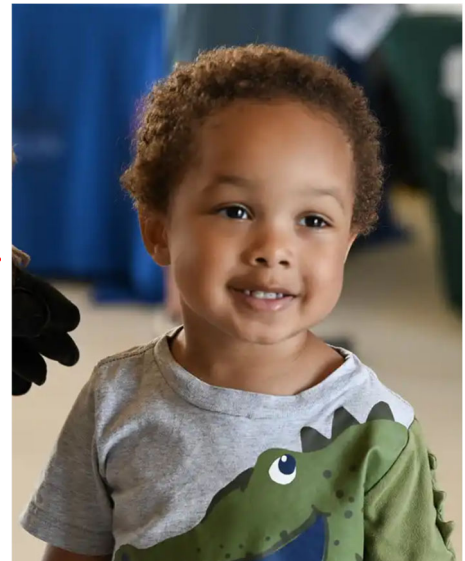
These Scholarships are offered annually at each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency worldwide, with funding provided through generous contributions. There are 500 scholarships worth \$2,000.00. At least one recipient will be selected at every commissary location where qualified applications are submitted. Additional awards are allocated on a prorated basis, meaning commissaries with larger applicant pools may have more than one recipient.

FRY Scholarship:

The Fry Scholarship is an education program for surviving family members of a Service member who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001. Surviving dependents can receive up to 36 months of Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits at 100% payment tier.

Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute (MERIT)

The MERIT Scholarship is available to dependents of NYS veterans who became severely and permanently disabled due to their military service. It covers the cost of attendance, not to exceed the average cost charged to NYS resident students at a state-operated SUNY college. The scholarship can be used for undergraduate and graduate programs in New York State (online or in-person studies).



NYS Regents Awards for Children of Deceased and Disabled Veterans

The Regents award pays \$450 annually to dependent of NYS residence who have served during a specific period of war or national emergency, and as a result of service either died, suffered 40% or more disability, was classified as missing in action or was a prisoner of war.

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OCT
17

TIME:

11AM -1 PM

WHERE:

330 Old Niskayuna Road,
Latham, NY

FOR NATIONAL GUARD DEPENDENTS
PLUS PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Contact your CYPC's for more information

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Phone: 518-225-3077

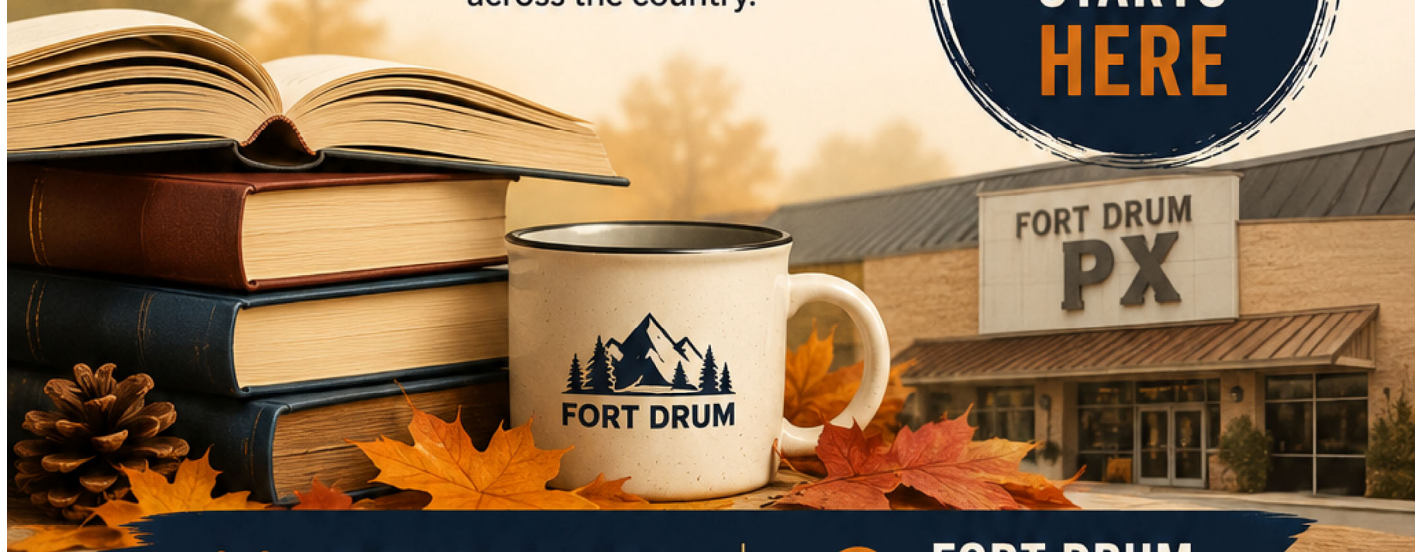


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Discover your path to success.
Meet with colleges, universities,
and training programs from
across the country.

**YOUR
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OCTOBER 15, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



**FORT DRUM
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SHOP. LEARN. GROW.



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**CAREER & TECHNICAL
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