



Student Mobility Initiative: **STRONG Act**

Tennessee STRONG Act Support, Training and Renewing Opportunity for National Guardsmen

The Tennessee STRONG (Support, Training, and Renewing Opportunity for National Guardsmen) Act establishes a pilot program to provide eligible members of the Tennessee National Guard tuition funding toward a first time bachelor degree for the next four years through a tuition reimbursement program.

The STRONG Act provides educational opportunities for those who protect and serve the state and country and supports the Drive to 55 goal of equipping 55 percent of Tennesseans with a degree or certificate by 2025.

What are the eligibility requirements for the tuition reimbursement program?

To be eligible, the individual must:

- Be admitted to and enroll in an eligible institution (any Tennessee public community college, public university, or private college or university, all of which must be regionally accredited) Individuals attending private institutions will be reimbursed for the average cost at a public institution.
- Maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 An individual who loses eligibility for failing to maintain a 2.0 grade point average may regain eligibility upon maintaining a 2.0 grade point average in a subsequent semester.
- Apply for and use federal tuition assistance.
- Be in good standing with the Tennessee National Guard and currently serving.
- Apply for the reimbursement within 90 days of course completion.

As a last-dollar reimbursement, the amount of state tuition reimbursement is offset by any other funds received.

The tuition reimbursement will be made to the educational institution on behalf of an eligible member for no more than 120 credit hours or eight semesters toward a first-time bachelor's degree.

See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/nexttennessee/tennessee-strong-act/tennessee-strong-act-one-pager.html>