

## Tuition Assistance (TA) Department of Defense (DOD) Program

Active Duty Military Personnel and Active National Guard and Reserve Military Personnel may choose to use the DOD, TA program to pay for tuition and fees for college or university courses. TA can pay up to 100% of the tuition and expenses charged by the school up to the limits established by DOD. Go to your respective services e.g. "Army Tuition Assistance Program" on your computer search engine or [www.dantes.doded.mil](http://www.dantes.doded.mil).

TA application is to be picked up at the service member's unit or education center and approved by the unit and the service member. TA funds may run out before your application is processed. Apply early. Air Force: AF Form 1227, Army: DA Form 2171, Navy/USMC: NAVMC 10883 Form. A unit approved and properly filled out TA authorization forms must be submitted by the student at the beginning of each term. **This paperwork is submitted to the Auburn University Bursar's Office, Third Party Billing, at 202 Mary Martin Hall. Phone number 334-844-3769 or 844-3770.**

NOTE: For Your Information: Problem areas and concerns with the DOD TA Program.

- Active Duty Military students receiving 100% TA or a lesser amount of TA can NOT use their VA Chapter 30 Educational Benefits to pay for the same course that TA is paying for. e.g. The Active Duty Service Member is taking two three hour classes and has submitted a TA form to pay for these courses, then, Chapter 30 VA Educational Benefits can NOT be utilized to pay for the same courses that TA pays for. This is considered "double dipping" or also known as defrauding the government. The VA will want their money back.
- *Recommendation:* Active Duty Service Members who wish to use both TA and VA MGIBILL programs should use the TA funds first until they run out of TA funds. Then apply for the MGIBILL through the University VA Office for those courses not covered by the TA Program.
- National Guard and Reserve Service Members can use both TA and their Chapter 1606 Educational benefits at the same time. TA paperwork is processed by the Bursar's Office and VA Chapter 1606 Educational benefits is processed by the University VA Office. TA amounts and specifications are set by your command.
- It takes 10-12 weeks from the time DANTEs receives the TA forms and grades/invoices from the school to ARNG, USAR and AFRC students are to contact their unit education offices for assistance or AU's Bursar's Office.
- Your grades will be submitted to DANTEs for course completion verification. ***If a student does not pass courses or does not complete the courses for which TA funds were used, DANTEs will require the student to reimburse the Government for the expenses paid the University.***

To complete the cost section of the TA form, one must get tuition and fees information from [www.auburn.edu](http://www.auburn.edu), click on administration, Bursar's Office, tuition rates or from your Bursar Bill.

To contact the TA DOD Program Manager's Office, call 850-452-1082, FAX, 850-452-1160. DANTEs web site: [www.dantes.doded.mil](http://www.dantes.doded.mil). They prefer emails over phone calls.

**The University VA Office does NOT process the TA forms.**