

Tuition Assistance Orientation Brief 2026

Quantico Voluntary Education Center

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Describe Tuition Assistance (TA) information
- Highlight TA directives
- Identify TA Eligibility Criteria
- Outline TA rules and user responsibilities
- Illustrate TA Online Portal
- Review other important information



DIRECTIVES

Current Policy

- MCO 1560.25
- NAVMC 1560.25



WHAT IS TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA) AND HOW MUCH DOES TA PAY?

TA = Money for voluntary off-duty education and training towards certificates and degrees at an academic level higher than that currently held by service member.

Institution must be accredited and hold a Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

https://www.dodmou.com/TADECIDE/

Per Fiscal Year OCT 1-SEPT 30			
Semester Hours	18 Units	\$250	\$4,500
Quarter Hours	27 Units	\$166.67	\$4,500
Clock Hours	270 Hours	\$16.67	\$4,500



TA FUNDED ACADEMIC LEVELS

The hierarchy of academic levels is defined as:

*Certificate(s)

Associate's -60 credit hours (undergraduate)

Bachelor's - 120 credit hours (undergraduate)

Master's/Post Baccalaureate (graduate)

*Marines who previously <u>have not earned a degree</u>, may use

TA toward more than one academic certificate

(stackable certificates are encouraged)

*All Marines, during their career, are entitled to obtain one certificate at any level regardless of credentials currently held



TA FUNDED ACADEMIC LEVELS CONT'D

- Lateral degrees, those on the same level of the hierarchy, will not be funded.
 - For example, if a Marine has completed an Associate's degree, the next TA funded degree must be a Bachelor's degree.
- TA may only be authorized for one program of study at a time
- TA is not authorized for graduate studies beyond the master's degree level



Schools Aboard MCB Quantico

Colleges and Universities (in-class and online) for Associate through Master Degrees and Certificates

Resident Schools





<u>Visiting Schools</u>















IMPORTANT TA TERMINOLOGY

Approval Versus Authorization

TA Approval = Marine receives command approval from appointed Unit Education Officer / TA Approver to participate in higher education courses

TA Authorization = Marine receives funding authorization, from the Voluntary Education Officer, for TA to cover the tuition cost of the higher education course approved by the Unit Education Officer / TA Approver

*Please contact the Voluntary Education Center (VEC) for the list pointed Unit Education Officers / TA Approvers



Knowledge Check



- How much TA funding do Marines receive every fiscal year?
- What are the TA funded academic levels?
- What is the difference between TA approval and TA authorization?



TA ELIGIBILITY PROCESS

All Marines must be eligible for promotion and be PME complete appropriate to their rank

- 1. Review this TA Orientation Brief
- 2. Complete the Personal Readiness Seminar course
- 3. Complete the Skills and Interests Survey on Career Path Decide
- 4. Possess a GT Score of 100 and above.

*If GT score is 99 or below, speak with an Education Staff member.



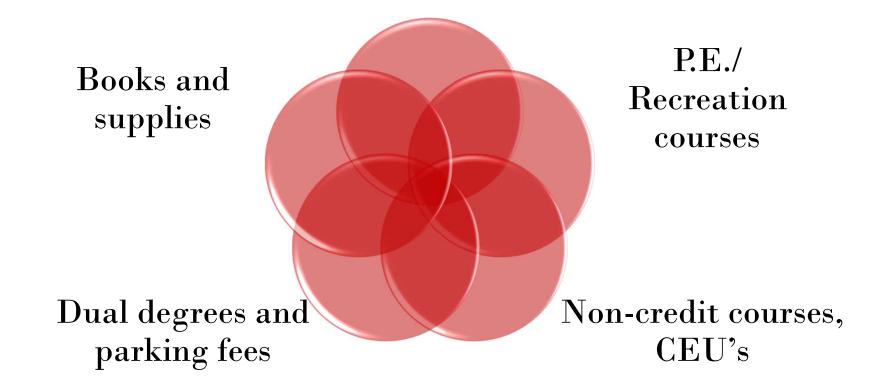
IMPORTANT TA INFORMATION

- First-time TA users will receive TA funding for only one course; unless Marine has 31 previous college credits completed with a minimum of 2.5 GPA.
 - ➤ Unofficial transcript must be uploaded by the Marine to his/her TA account
- Marines will not actively participate in more than two TA-funded classes simultaneously
- TA will not be approved or authorized retroactively



TA DOES NOT FUND

Graduation and registration fees





Knowledge Check



- What are the TA eligibility requirements?
- What are 3 things TA does not fund?

• How many courses can a Marine take simultaneously?



- TA Application for command approval (to appointed Unit Education Officer / TA Approver) may be submitted up to 60 days prior to start date of the class
- Turn final grades within 30 days of class completion. Final grade reports must be uploaded to TA account (by the Marine). Once uploaded, Marine must send email to MCCSQuanticoEdCenter@usmc.mil to inform the VEC that the grade report has been uploaded
- Upload an <u>approved degree plan</u> to the TA account before completing 6 TA funded credit hours



APPROVED DEGREE PLAN

Degree plans must be received from a school's official (academic counselor, Registrar, etc.) and must show the following:

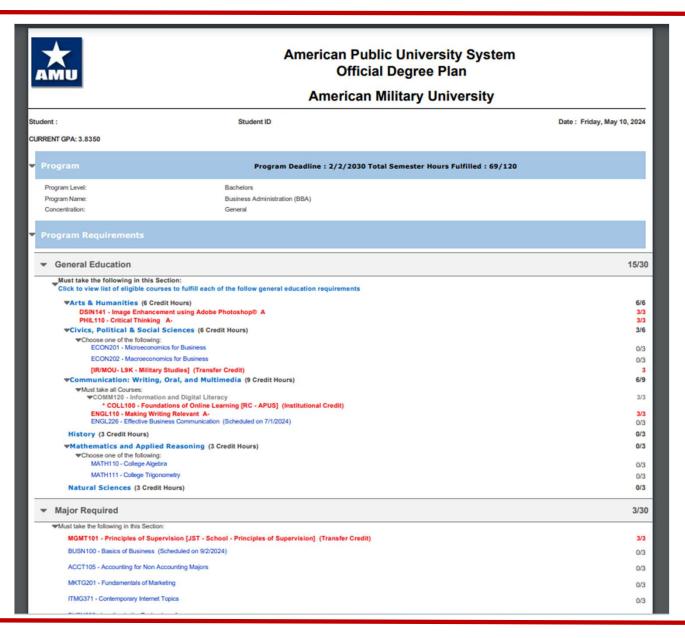
- Your school's name in the Letterhead
- Your name
- The degree you are achieving
- Course that transferred: JST or other School's credits
- Courses you need to take for your specific degree to include course codes. For example: *ENGL148*, *COMM312*

FYI Electives are can vary, so pay close attention to what is required.

TA ONLY FUNDS CLASSES LISTED ON THE INDIVIDUAL DEGREE PLAN (IDP)



SAMPLE DEGREE PLAN





Knowledge Check



• What 5 things must be on a degree plan?

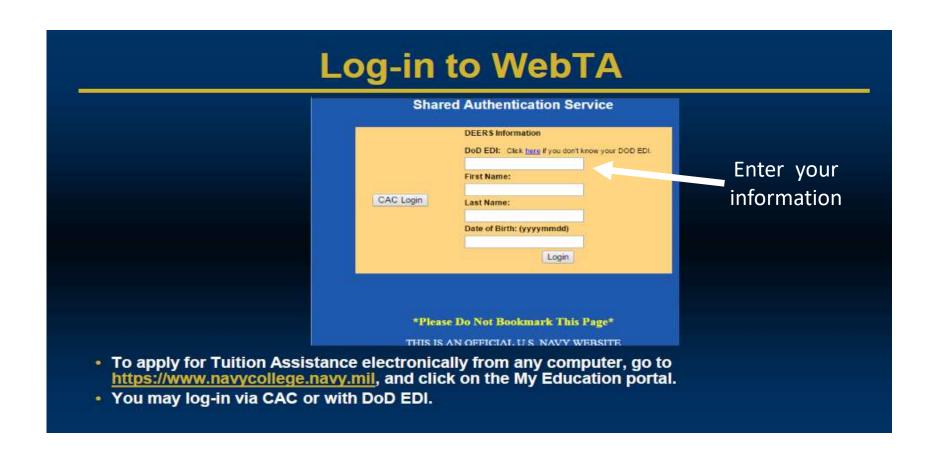
• Will TA funding be authorized for courses not listed on the degree plan?

How soon can you submit a TA application?



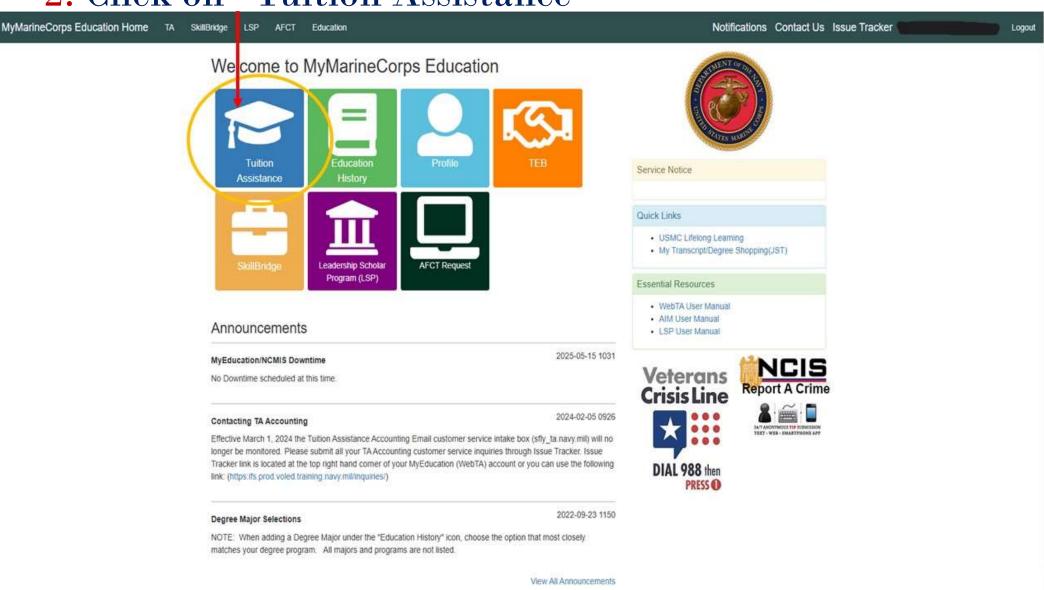
1. Access your TA account:

https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/webta/home.html#nbb



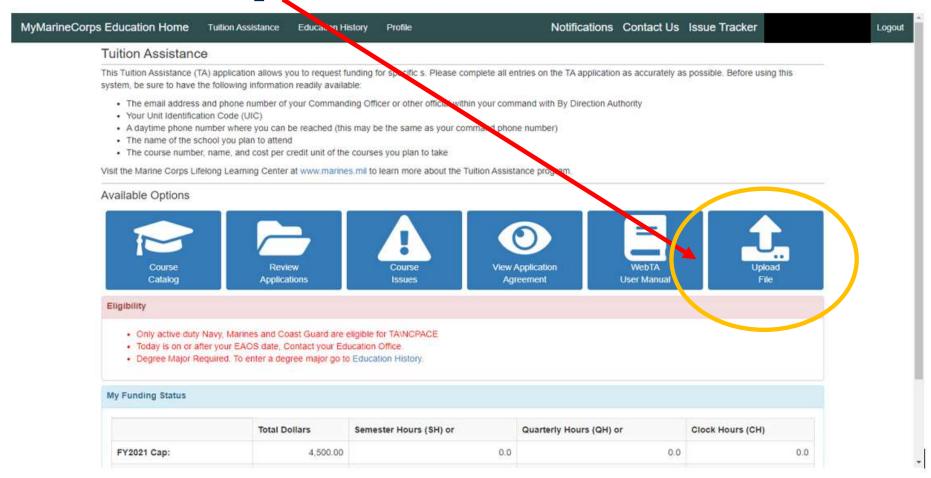


2. Click on "Tuition Assistance"



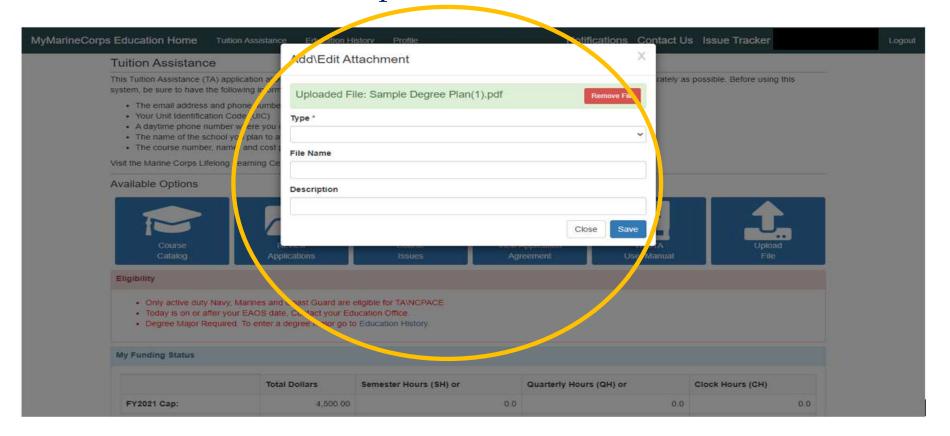


2. Click on "Upload File"





- 3. Type information pertaining to the file and click "Save"
- 4. send email to MCCSQuanticoEdCenter@usmc.mil to inform the VEC that the file has been uploaded





TA will be authorized for only one course in the next academic term if:

- Undergraduate cumulative GPA falls between 2.0 and 2.5, graduate cumulative GPA falls below 3.0.
- A grade of "D" or "F" is received in any course during the previous term in which TA was used.
- A voluntary or involuntary withdrawal occurred from any course during the previous term.
 - *Exceptions to policy may be submitted to ESO for consideration.



- Collectable Grades:
 - Undergraduate: Funds will be recouped from Marines for "D" and "F grades
 - Graduate: Funds will be recouped from Marines for "C", "D," and "F" grades.



- Withdrawals and Incompletes:
 - Funds will be recouped from Marines for unresolved "I"/Incomplete, or courses from which the Marine *voluntarily* withdrew, resulting in a "W" grade
 - Recoupment for withdrawals related to duty, medical or emergency circumstances may be waived
 - TA funds for approved involuntary withdrawal waivers and failed courses will count toward individual fiscal year ceilings



- Open issues in Marines' TA accounts in NCMIS must be resolved prior of any future TA requests
- Marines assigned to Military Occupation School or residential Professional Military Education (i.e., Command and Staff college, Sergeants Course, SkillBridge, etc.) shall not receive TA funding until they return to their regular or permanent duty
- Marines who have completed an initial master's degree through the Military Studies program at Command and Staff Marine Corps University, will be eligible for TA funding for courses toward a second master's degree at the same TA rates.



- Enlisted Marines must have an EAS at least 60 days beyond the completion date of the course to receive TA funding
- Marine Warrant Officers (WO) and Limited Duty Officers (LDO) who have not completed a Bachelor's degree, must have an EAS date at least 60 days beyond the end date of the course to receive TA funding.
- WOs and LDOs who currently hold a Bachelor's degree must have an EAS date at least 24 months beyond the end date of the TA-funded course



- Commissioned Officers must agree to remain on active duty for two continuous years after completing TA funded course(s)
- If an officer retires, voluntarily separates or is separated due to misconduct from active-duty service, the individual shall reimburse the Marine Corps an amount proportionate to the amount of un-served duty



Knowledge Check



- What are the TA GPA requirements?
- What is considered a collectable grade?
- Do voluntary withdrawn courses count towards the fiscal year ceiling?



TA APPLICATION INFORMATION REQUIRED

Command TA Authorizing Official Information

- ✓ Approver's name (Appointed Command TA Approver)
- ✓ Approver's work mail
- ✓ Approver's work phone

Academic Information

- ✓ Name of Military Installation
- ✓ Schools name
- ✓ Start and end date of the term

Courses/Class Information

- **✓** Course Number
- **✓** Course Name
- ✓ Course Level (upper. Lower, graduate or vocational)
- **✓** Location
- ✓ Credit Unit (semester, quarter, or clock)
- **✓** Tuition Rate



WEB TA- LET'S GET STARTED

Log-in to WebTA Shared Authentication Service

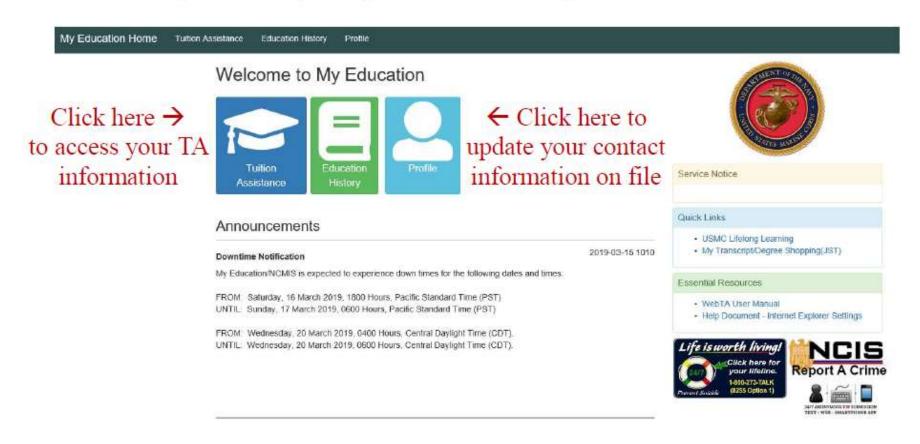


- To apply for Tuition Assistance electronically from any computer, go to https://www.navycollege.navy.mil, and click on the My Education portal.
- You may log-in via CAC or with DoD EDI.
- Log on to the Web TA URL: https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/webta/home.html#nbb
- You may log-in via CAC or with DoD EDIPI



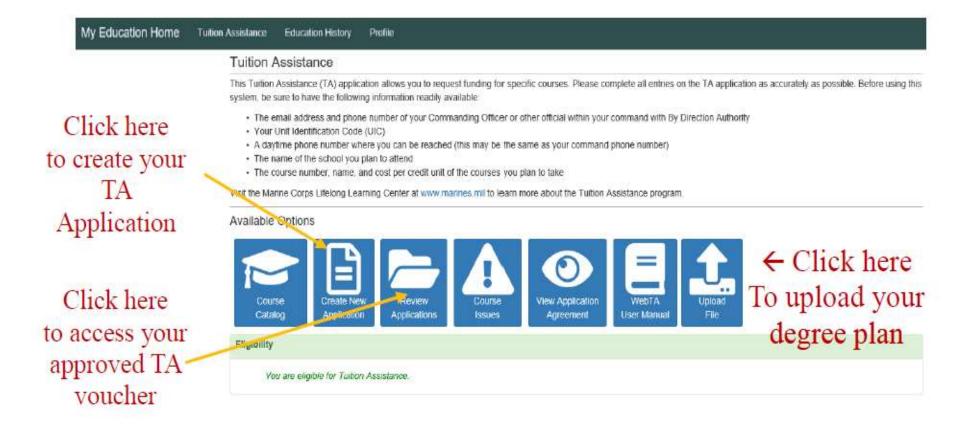
NAVIGATING THE WEB TUITION ASSISTANCE (TA) PLATFORM

TA account login link: https://myeducation.netc.navy.mil/webta/home.html#nbb





Per MCO 1560.25 CH 6 SEC 6: e, an approved degree plan or SOCMAR student agreement is required. (Your Academic Institution may refer to this document as a degree audit, academic agreement or academic plan)





NAVMC 10883 TUITION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZATION/VOUCHER MHC202405515

08-Jul-2024

RATE: MSGT

SCHOOL: 3389A

American Public University System

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

START: 02-Sep-2024 TERM DATES END: 27-Oct-2024

COURSE TITLE HOURS GOV SHARE STU SHARE \$750.00 \$0.00

BASICS OF BUSINESS BUSN100 3.0

> TOTAL: \$750.00 \$0.00

I have read, understand and will comply with the provisions of NETCINST 1560.3, the Tuition Assistance (TA) student agreement and the TA application form. I understand this voucher is valid only for the courses and term dates listed. I am responsible for contacting my service branch voluntary education office for any changes or cancellations to this voucher. Failure to notify my service branch voluntary education office of course cancellations or amendments may result in a collection against me, via my Commanding Officer. I hereby authorize the release of my grades and notification of degree completion to my respective branch of service. Non receipt of grades will prohibit additional TA being authorized. If I separate, my indebtedness will be referred to the Defense Finance and Accounting Services for collection.



Return a copy of this form to your Marine Education Office if it is canceled or amended in any way. Indicate action taken on the returned form. Failure to notify your Marine Education Office of course cancellation or amendment may result in a collection action against you, via your Commandi Officer. Student info can be found at: http://www.marines.mil

Schools should send invoices electronically via iRAPT (formerly WAWF). Schools can find reference material for invoicing using the TA IRAPT (formerly WAWF) Guide and grade submission information using the GEAP (Grade Entry Application) User Guide at: https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/ta_info.html

Correspondence may be sent to:

SAMPLE TA VOUCHER

Marine must deliver TA voucher to the school



OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

Education and Career Goals: "I want to be a......"

• Career Path Decide (DANTES.MIL)

Explore. Set a Goal. Close Education Gaps using your voluntary education benefits

 $\underline{https://www.careerpathdecide.org/career-planning/build-your-target}$

Kuder Journey (DANTES.MIL)

Learn about you! Create an education and career path focused on your skills and goals

https://dantes.kuder.com/landing-page

My Next Move

What do you want to do for a living?

https://www.mynextmove.org/

• DOD Libraries

https://dodmwrlibraries.org/



OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

• Always submit your Joint Services Transcript (JST) to your school for official evaluation

https://jst.doded.mil

• Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year you will be attending

https://studentaid.gov/

• If you are attending a public institution, always inquire about in-state tuition for active-duty service members



OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

- Maintain constant communication with your School's Academic Counselor to ensure you are making academic progress towards degree completion
- Read your school's catalog it contains important information about your school, degree major, and course categories and descriptions (lower and upper level, electives, general education, etc.)
- Know these three dates from your school:
 - ✓ Drop /Add
 - ✓ Withdrawal
 - ✓ Final exam date



Voluntary Education Services

Educational Counseling

 Assist with selecting a degree program or school and review Joint Service Transcripts (JST)

Financial Assistance

• Provide guidance on financial aid, scholarships, tuition assistance, GI Bill benefits.

Testing Center

• Proctor Military Classification tests: DLAB, DLPT, OPI, AFCT, AFCDA, TABE,

Schools Aboard Quantico

- Representatives from a range of higher education institutions are available for academic advising
- Classes offered at the Voluntary Education Center

Resource Information

• Liaison for GI Bill Information, Marine Corps Cool, USMAP, SkillBridge, DANTES programs



Questions?





VEC CONTACT INFORMATION

Email Contact Information:

TA and General Inquiries: MCCSQuanticoEdCenter@usmc.mil

Testing: MCCSQuanticoVECTesting@usmc.mil

Counseling Assistance: MCCSQuanticoVECAdvising@usmc.mil

Office Phone:

703.784.2375 /3308

Education Services Officer (ESO)

703-784-4010



P&PD CONTACT INFORMATION

Personal and Professional Development Programs

- Information and Referral
- Personal Finance
- Transition Readiness Program/ SkillBridge
- Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP)

Email: MCCSQuanticoPPDRegistration@usmc.mil



VALIDATION OF TA ORIENTATION BRIEF REVIEW

By signing below, I confirm that:

I reviewed this TA Orientation Brief in its entirety

I reviewed the TA Directives listed herein (Slide 3) and,

I understand the regulations and responsibilities associated with TA usage

Rank / First & Last Name / EDIPI

Signature & Date