

Elizabeth City State University Military Tuition Assistance

Military Tuition Assistance is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine and Navy. Congress has given each service the ability to pay up to 100% for the tuition expenses of its members.

Elizabeth City State University, Office of Admission will maintain an environment that fosters trust and integrity. To avoid conflict of interest and the appearance of unethical behavior, the staff will:

- Refrain from high-pressure recruitment tactics such as making multiple unsolicited contacts, including contacts by phone, email, or in-person, and engaging in same-day recruitment and registration for the purpose of securing enrollments.
- Not be compensated by commissions, bonuses, or other incentive payments, based on the number of students referred, recruited, admitted, or enrolled.
- Not offer or accept any reward or remuneration to influence an admission, housing, scholarship, financial aid, or enrollment decision.
- To maintain a culture of collaboration and collegiality, staff should not disseminate inaccurate, misleading, or disparaging information about other secondary schools, colleges, organizations, or individual professionals.

The Office of Admission will adhere to the recruitment ethics; the staff will be an advocate for students' best interest in the admission process, being the primary ethical concern of Elizabeth City State University.

How to request Military Tuition Assistance

Speak with the local Education Office to ensure you are eligible for Tuition Assistance.

1. Follow the instructions provided by the Education Office on how to request Tuition Assistance for your course(s) for your school.
2. The military approves your Tuition Assistance (TA) request(s).
3. Verify that the Office of Military & Veterans Affairs and/or Student Accounts has received your approved Tuition Assistance (TA) to process.

Here you may find information on the general process to request TA and policies for utilizing Military Tuition Assistance.

Air Force

<https://afvec.us.af.mil/afvec/Home.aspx>

- May cover up to \$250 per credit hour
- Fiscal year cap of \$4500.
- Maximum of 18 credit hours may be covered per fiscal year.
- Airmen are limited to 124 credit hours to complete one undergraduate program and 42 credit hours to complete one graduate program (Some restrictions may apply).

ARMY (ArmyIgnitED)

[ArmyIgnitED](#)

- May cover up to \$250 per credit hour
- Fiscal year cap of \$4000.
- Maximum of 16 credit hours may be covered per fiscal year.
- Soldiers are limited to 130 credit hours to complete one Bachelor's Degree and 39 credit hours to complete one Master's Degree. Post-Graduate degrees typically do not qualify for Army Tuition Assistance. One Certificate program may be approved for Army Tuition Assistance.

COAST GUARD

<https://www.forcecom.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/FORCECOM-UNITS/ETQC/Voluntary-Education/Education-Service-Officers/>

- Active Duty or Reservists on long term orders (180 days+) are eligible
- Covers up to \$250.00 per credit hour
- Fiscal year cap of \$3750

MARINES

<https://www.marforres.marines.mil/General-Special-Staff/Marine-Corps-Community-Services/Marine-Family-Services/Voluntary-Education-Program/Tuition-Assistance/>

- Must be on Active Duty or “Activated Reservist” status to be eligible. Marines in an awaiting training (MAT) status are eligible as well.
- May cover up to \$250 per credit hour.
- Fiscal year cap of \$4500.
- Maximum of 18 credit hours may be covered per fiscal year.
- TA cannot be approved for more than two TA-funded classes simultaneously.

NAVY

[Navy College Program](#)

- Must be on Active Duty or “Activated Reserve” status
- May cover up to \$250 per credit hour
- Fiscal year cap of \$3000, or 12 credit hours (effective Oct 1, 2019)
- Must have 2 years minimum service to be eligible (effective Oct. 1, 2019)

TA Request Timeframes

- **Air Force**

- Start: **45** days before term starts
- End: **7** days before term starts

- **Army**

- Start: **60** days before term starts
- End: **1** day before term starts

- **Coast Guard**

- Start: **90** days before term starts
- End: **16** days before term starts

- **Marines**

- Start: **60** days before term starts
- End: **1** day before term starts

- **Navy**

- Start: **120** days before term starts
- End: **14** days before term starts

Class Fees

Tuition Assistance (TA) usually pays for tuition and ***will not*** pay for fees (class fee, transportation fee, etc.). The student is responsible for paying fees to their school.

Grades

the student will be responsible to repay any Tuition Assistance (TA) funds received for grades that are not considered passing. The following grades ***are*** acceptable and ***will not*** be recouped:

- Undergraduate: Grade of 'C' or higher
- Graduate: Grade of 'B' or higher

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Welcome to the Elizabeth City State University's Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships information section. We are excited to assist you! At Elizabeth City State University, we believe everyone should have access to higher education. The mission of the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (OSFAS) is to help remove financial barriers to assist students in meeting the cost of attendance at Elizabeth City State University. The role of the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships is to try to fill the gap that exists between the cost of attendance and funds available from your family, savings and other resources.

Our efforts will be to provide resources for you to obtain your degree in the form of federal and state grants, state and institutional scholarships, employment, and student loans. We are committed to helping students find appropriate ways to finance their education. The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships provides counseling and assistance in completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), evaluation of financial aid eligibility and determination of financial aid awards.

Due to limited funds in some programs, we are not always able to offer enough aid to meet each student's financial need. However, alternative sources of assistance are available to students.

The staff and I work hard to streamline application processing. However, on-time review and evaluation is a joint effort. You should start the financial aid application process immediately following October 1st of each year keeping in mind that there is a priority deadline of March 1st. This will allow us time to serve you better. The deadline to apply for student loans is October 15th for the Fall Semester, March 1st for the Spring Semester and June 20th for the Summer Semester.

Use the links provided in this section to assist you in your college planning. You will find explanations of the programs of assistance as well as procedures and deadlines for applying for financial aid. We wish you well in your academic pursuits and future endeavors!

Jeremi Watkins | jwwatkins@ecsu.edu
Director of Financial Aid

Apply for Aid

[Apply for Financial Aid | Federal Student Aid](#)

[Verification \(ecsu.edu\)](#)

[Scholarships \(ecsu.edu\)](#)

[Types of Aid \(ecs.edu\)](#)

[Reapplying for Aid \(ecs.edu\)](#)

Costs

[Tuition and Fees \(ecs.edu\)](#)

[Net Price Calculator \(ecs.edu\)](#)

[ecs-estimates-cost-worksheet.pdf](#)

Elizabeth City State University Office of Student Financial Aid does not offer private loans to any student. We are here to advise students who are considering private loan to financing their education. "Private and Alternative loans are offered by banks or lending institutions to help bridge the gap between the cost of education and the amount of financial aid received. These are loans that are not guaranteed by the federal government. Students and their families have the right to use a lender of their own choosing, will not be penalized in any way for exercising such an option and will receive assistance from the campus in processing the loan of the student's choice."

Private Loan information page which includes links to ELM Select private loan resource:

<https://www.ecsu.edu/academics/enrollment-management-retention/financial-aid/private-alternative-loans.html>

Withdrawals and Refunds

In accordance with regulations issued by the Department of Defense, Tuition Assistance funds are earned proportionally during the enrollment period, with unearned funds returned based upon when a student stops attending. If a Service member officially or unofficially withdraws from a course, Elizabeth City State University must return unearned tuition assistance (TA) funds on a proportional basis through at least the 60 percent portion of the enrollment period. In cases where some or all of the tuition assistance must be returned, the Service member will be responsible for all balances on his or her student account.

In instances when a Service member stops attending due to a military service obligation, ECSU will work with the affected Service member to identify solutions that will not result in a student debt for the returned portion.

The calculation is performed as follows:

| 16 - Week courses % Refund | | 8 - week courses % Refund | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-----|
| Week 1 (day 1 – 7) | 90% | Week 1 (day 1 – 7) | 80% |
| Week 2 (day 8 – 14) | 80% | Week 2 (day 8 – 14) | 60% |
| Week 3 (day 15 – 22) | 70% | Week 3 (day 15 – 22) | 40% |
| Week 4 (day 23 - 29) | 60% | Week 4 (day 23 – 38) | 0% |
| Week 5 (day 30 – 38) | 50% | | |
| Week 6 | 0% | | |

The Financial Aid advisor for Military and Veterans is:

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Student Services Specialist

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ACCREDITATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Elizabeth City State University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award degrees at the baccalaureate and master's levels. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4501 for questions about the accreditation of ECSU.



Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation



ECSU's Laboratory School
is accredited by the National
Association for the Education of
Young Children



Accreditation Board for Engineering
Technology



COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION
Council on Social Work Education

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Readmission to the University.

Elizabeth City State University shall readmit undergraduate and graduate students who were called to active duty. ECSU shall:

1. Readmit students who were in good academic standing at the time of their call to duty and who seek readmission no later than three years after the completion of the period of service,⁸ subject to campus safety policies and procedures.⁹

2. Waive any new application process or fees.¹⁰

3. Describe the process by which the student informs the appropriate campus body or official of intent to return to the institution upon completion of the period of service.

4. Adjust the registration window for students to allow for early registration, if possible.

5. Clarify variations in regulations for readmission for students: a. who were on academic probation or suspension; or b. who were away longer than three calendar years following the completion of service.

6. Indicate a process for reinstatement to a specific undergraduate program of study.
Scholarship Status. When possible, and depending on the availability of funds, undergraduate and graduate students receiving university scholarships at the time of their call to duty should be able to receive the remainder of the scholarship upon their return. ECSU policies related to the impact of call to duty on the scholarships they award. These policies must:

1. Include provisions to notify students about the status of their scholarships at the time of a military withdrawal or leave of absence; and

2. Describe the rules related to reinstatement of scholarships and the process to initiate reinstatement when possible.

National Guard and Reserves

1. ECSU will accommodate students who are required to participate in weekly or monthly meetings, weekend drills, annual trainings, Page 8 of 9 military schooling or other training or official military events as members of the National Guard or Reserves.

2. Students should be advised to inform their course instructors that they are members of the National Guard or Reserves. Furthermore, they should try to avoid registering for courses in which their academic performance and learning will be substantially and negatively impacted by absences due to military commitments.

3. If a student seeks to be excused from class for National Guard or Reserve duty, the student is encouraged to provide a copy of orders or a letter from the unit command to the course instructor, and to inquire about making up missed course work. The course instructor is encouraged to permit the student a reasonable amount of time to make up missed assignments.

I. Excused Absence for Time Missed Due to Being Placed on Active Duty by the North Carolina National Guard or Reserves. Any undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a constituent institution who is a National Guard service member, or a member of the Reserves, and who is called to either state or federal active duty not requiring withdrawal during an academic term shall:

1. Be given an excused absence for the period of time the student is on active duty;
2. Be given the opportunity to make up any test or other work missed during the excused absence;
3. Be given the option, when feasible to continue classes and coursework during the academic term through online participation for the period of time the student is placed on active duty;
4. Be given a temporary grade of incomplete (I) for any course that the student was unable to complete as a result of being placed on active duty; however, the student must complete the course requirements within the period of time specified by ECSU in order to avoid receiving a failing grade for the course; and
5. Be permitted to drop, with no penalty, any course that the student was unable to complete as a result of being placed on active duty status.