STATE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(MING STAP)

1. **What Is the MING STAP Program?**
   - Provides financial assistance for voluntary off-duty education programs to support a Michigan National Guard (MING) Service Members (SM) and Family Members (FM) in their professional and personal self-development goals.

2. **How Do Service Members Qualify?**
   - Is a current active drilling member of MING (Inactive National Guard not eligible)
   - Is not under UCMJ (Uniformed Code of Military Justice) disciplinary action and no FLAG
   - Must have a passing APFT within the last 12 Mo (6 AGR) or have a physical profile exemption
   - Eligible immediately upon enlistment (Basic Training not required)
   - Eligible schools must have physical location in MI and be eligible to receive FTA

3. **What Do Service Members Get?**
   - Yearly Caps: $600 per Semester Hour (SH)/$6,000 Grad and Cert/$14,400 Undergrad courses
   - Lifetime cap: $86,400 undergrad/ $25,200 grad and certificate
   - Must obtain a 2.0 undergrad/ 3.0 grad on 4.0 scale or must have passing grade
   - All payments reimbursed directly to the SM AFTER the course has completed
   - Eligible degrees: **FIRST** associates, bachelors, masters, training
   - Can combine with FTA (not to exceed 100% tuition and fee charges), GI Bill & FAFSA

4. **Duplication of Benefits: ARNG ONLY (ANG and FM exempt)**
   - Must use Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) first with the following exceptions:
     - SM working on a degree higher than a Master’s (Doctorate or Professional)
     - APFT/HT/WT information is not correct due to the lag time between IPPS-A and AIED
     - SM used the max 16 credits or $4000 of FTA for the fiscal year
     - ROTC SMP Scholarship cadets (tuition or room & board)

5. **Can MING STAP Be Used by Family Members?**
   - SMs and FMs can use MING STAP alone or combined, not to exceed the SM’s year and lifetime caps.
   - FMs located in DEERs will qualify; Spouse, Dependent Child/Stepchild (Must have completed Highschool/equivalent or reached 18th birthday. Ends at age 26)

6. **How Do Soldiers and Family Members Apply?**
   - Create a user account: Go to [https://www.dmva.state.mi.us/mingstap](https://www.dmva.state.mi.us/mingstap)
   - Tips Applications for Fiscal year must be submitted NLT 14 days after Fall course start date
   - Grade, billing & FTA AUTH must be submitted NLT 60 days from end date each term

**For More Information:**
- Contact your State Office: mingstap@michigan.gov
- Join us on FACEBOOK: [https://www.facebook.com/MIARNGEducationIncentives](https://www.facebook.com/MIARNGEducationIncentives)

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