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## Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States UnMet Needs Program

Guard unit leadership, "Unmet Needs," is a Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States program that gives financial aid to military families. Military members or their spouses may apply for financial aid through the Unmet Needs website at <http://www.unmetneeds.com/>. The VFW reviews the applications and makes contact with applicants, as well as their military commands or family support representatives, to talk about their specific financial needs. When approved, the money goes directly to the company or utility to whom the family owes money. Unmet Needs has raised over \$900,000 to help 1,000 military families since its inception in June, 2004.

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#### NEW PROCEDURES FOR SOLDIERS TO REQUEST TUITION ASSISTANCE EFFECTIVE 1 APR 06

1. The purpose of this message is to announce a new Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) Army Continuing Education System (ACES) process for automating tuition assistance (TA) through a new education website. Starting 1 Apr 06, Army TA will only be available through the education website, [www.GoArmyEd.com](http://www.GoArmyEd.com). Education centers will no longer issue TA for college courses that begin 1 May and beyond. This MILPER message expires NLT 1 Apr 08.
2. Soldiers on active duty, including enlisted Soldiers of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve on active duty pursuant to Title 10 or Title 32 are eligible to request TA online for courses that begin 1 May 06 and beyond.
3. The GoArmyEd website will provide one location for academic institutions to process credit-bearing enrollments, submit Soldier grades, verify and prepare invoices for payment, and access centralized support for troubleshooting, and information about Army TA processes and policies.  
All schools which have processed TA in the past with the Army will be listed in GoArmyEd. Soldiers who choose to attend a school with courses listed in GoArmyEd will receive up front TA. Soldiers choosing to attend a school that does not have any courses available in GoArmyEd will request TA prior to the start of class and self-pay tuition directly to the school. Authorized TA reimbursement will be paid through DFAS directly to the Soldier's bank account after receipt of successful grade. A listing of GoArmyEd schools that provide upfront TA are listed on the GoArmyEd website under the "Earn A Degree" link. Click on "Schools and Programs".
4. The primary advantages of GoArmyEd for the Soldier are equitable, virtual access to TA on a 24/7 basis (with no need to visit an education counselor) and interactive degree maps focused on degree completion. The advantages to schools are efficiencies in processing TA invoices and improved timeliness in receiving TA invoice payments. The anticipated advantage for the Army is improved management of TA dollars.
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