

Due to the government shutdown that began on 1 Oct 25 and the subsequent lack of Army funding, Army Continuing Education Division (ACED) began canceling all Tuition Assistance (TA) requests for Soldiers, regardless of component. Timeline of the actions that occurred after the beginning of the government shutdown is as follows:

On 31 Oct 25, HQDA published FRAGO 7 to EXORD 322-25 (Continuation of Operations in the Absence of Available Appropriations). The FRAGO included guidance that TA for active-duty Soldiers and activated Reservists was an excepted activity based on the One Big Beautiful Big Act (OBBA) TA funding. It directed the return to work of select Civilian employees to administer the TA program.

On 12 Nov 25, Congress passed a Continuing Resolution, ending the government shutdown.

On 13 Nov 25, the TA program reopened for Soldiers in all components.

On 12 Dec 25, the Army approved the use of Historical Tuition Assistance Requests (HTARs) for Active-duty and activated Reserve Component Soldiers on Title 10 orders who attended TA eligible courses with term start dates from 1-30 October 2025. Funding for these HTARs is limited to that approved in the OBBBA.

Active-Duty and activated Reserve Component Soldiers on Title 10 Orders who had their TA requests deleted, due to the government shutdown, and attended a TA eligible course, or, due to the government shutdown, those Soldiers who were unable to request TA and attended a TA eligible course, with term start dates from 1-30 October, are eligible to submit an HTAR. Soldiers who attended TA eligible courses with term start dates 1-30 October and want to request TA, must submit their completed HTAR packets through the Fort Sill Education Center between 17 Dec 25 and 31 Jan 26. The Army will use the normal HTAR process and Soldiers must submit completed HTAR packets with all supporting documents.

**Soldiers with courses that began 6 October and did not have an approved Tuition Assistance Request (TAR) in ArmyIgnitED before the shutdown will not be eligible for an HTAR as they had an eligibility window of 7 August through 29 September to request TA and have an approved TAR.**

Eligible Active-Duty and activated Reserve Component Soldiers on Title 10 Orders, who desire to submit an HTAR, may send an email to the Fort Sill Education Center at: [usarmy.sill.id-training.mbx.dhr-education-center@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.sill.id-training.mbx.dhr-education-center@army.mil). Email should include the Soldier's eligibility justification and their desire to submit an HTAR packet. HTAR packet with instructions will be sent to eligible Soldiers for completion and inclusion of all supporting documentation. Eligible Soldiers should monitor their email closely as communication is critical to ensure HTAR packets are completed correctly and submitted on time.

Soldiers who **self-funded**, received a **scholarship from the Academic Institution**, or used **FAFSA or GI Bill** should coordinate with their Academic Institution to determine if they need TA and an HTAR or if an HTAR is not needed. A memo from the Academic Institution regarding the tuition that was paid with other funds is not required.