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Tuition Assistance will be suspended starting at 5 p.m. today

FORT BENNING, Ga. – Due to the current fiscal challenges, the Secretary of the Army has approved the suspension of tuition assistance effective at 5 p.m. EST today. The suspension applies to all components and will remain in effect until the fiscal situation matures.

Beginning at 5 p.m. today, Soldiers will no longer be permitted to submit new requests for tuition assistance through the GoArmyEd portal. Soldiers currently enrolled and participating in courses approved for tuition assistance are not affected and will be allowed to complete current course enrollments.

Locally, Dr. Grey Edwards, Education Center chief at Fort Benning, said that a number of registrars who had not planned on working today are now at work, trying to make the most of the time remaining to get Soldiers registered and new tuition assistance applications submitted.

Edwards said that if a Soldier is currently enrolled in a class and using tuition assistance, the class will still be covered. If he or she can get enrolled for the next semester and submit a new tuition assistance application today, tuition assistance will cover the following semester. However, after 5 p.m. today, new tuition assistance application won't be approved.

Soldiers can continue to access their GI Bill benefits, if applicable (either the Montgomery GI Bill or the Post 9/11 GI Bill), or use another funding sources (i.e. grants or scholarships). Soldiers are encouraged to contact their local education centers for additional information. Updated information will also be posted to www.goarmyed.com.

The Army understands the impacts of this decision and will re-assess as the fiscal situation matures, said Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, Deputy Chief of Staff for Army G-1, in a message to education centers.

Army National Guard Soldiers may still use state tuition assistance.

For more information, visit the Fort Benning Education Center inside Building 2602 at 7184 Collins Loops in Soldier's Plaza off of Dixie Road, or call 706-545-7397.

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