

# Educational Master's for Enhanced Readiness and Global Excellence (EMERGE)

## What Is It?

EMERGE is a Master's Degree tuition assistance program for members of the Kansas National Guard which will help make college education more accessible and affordable for service members. (Reference: Senate Bill No. 19; 2024 legislative session)

## How Do I Qualify?

- ◆ Must attend an accredited Kansas Educational Institution, part-time or full-time
- ◆ Must be accepted into an eligible Master's Degree program
- ◆ Must apply for FAFSA- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- ◆ Must apply for Federal Tuition Assistance, if eligible- <https://www.armyignited.army.mil>
- ◆ **Service Requirement/Additional Criteria:**
  - Service members are subject to a 48 month service obligation from last course end date
  - Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75
  - Must not be flagged
  - Must have passing fitness test within 14 months for M-Day & 8 months for AGR



Senate Bill No. 19



Eligible Institutions

## What Do I Get?

- ◆ 100% Tuition and required fees for not more than 15 hours per semester
- ◆ The aggregate amount of credit hours taken by a participant may not exceed 150% of the total credit hours needed for the Master's Degree



Application

## How Do I Apply?

- ◆ Submit Application via QR Code or <https://forms.osi.apps.mil/r/uUGp8MHXnb>
- ◆ Must submit Degree Plan from Eligible Institution via email to Education Office



FAFSA Example

## Upon selection:

- ◆ Must submit Statement of Understanding
- ◆ Provide proof of FAFSA submission to Education Office annually (receipt of State funds is not contingent on qualifying for financial aid; only proof of applying is required)
- ◆ Must provide proof Federal Tuition Assistance has been applied for



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## **DEADLINES:**

June 17th- all documents submitted for 2024-2025 School Year  
July 1st, TAG will make an election of selected members to KBOR



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