

Golden Eagle Tuition Program

The “Golden Eagle Free Tuition Program” (FTP) benefits Mississippi National Guard (MSNG) Members (Army and Air Force) attending The University of Southern Mississippi as fulltime undergraduate (12 Semester Hours) students. Qualifying students must apply for State Education Assistance Program (SEAP) or Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), depending on their qualifications, as early as possible to ensure MSNG and Southern Miss have adequate time for processing.

MSNG Member Responsibilities:

1. Qualify for SEAP or FTA
2. Notify the USM Business office of intent to participate in this program by completing this form
3. Complete FAFSA
4. Apply for State Aid as early as possible (For those enrolled in **less than 15** Semester Hours, **NO** application for State Aid is necessary)
5. Enroll in a full-time undergraduate status of at least 12 semester hours
6. Have no flags for adverse actions
7. Cannot be within a year of Expiration of Term of Service (ETS) or Mandatory Removal Date (MRD).
8. Maintain a 2.0 GPA to remain eligible
9. Visit or make email connection with USM Business Office
- 10. Turn this completed form in to USM Business Office or Veteran Representative prior to the Tuition payment deadline each semester**

Participants in the “Golden Eagle FTP” acknowledge that their funds can be used in conjunction with other benefits (Pell/State Aid/Scholarships) to ensure a zero tuition balance. USM will have the ability to apply any remaining monetary allocation of SEAP funds to the population of MSNG SEAP and FTA students. This program excludes distance education fees above 12 Semester Hours, and distance tuition above the 12-19 Semester Hour Flat Rate.

I will participate in the “Golden Eagle Free Tuition Program” this Semester using:

*Circle One: **SEAP** **FTA**

*Student #: _____ Signature: _____

SEAP POC: Ms. Penny Boggan, MSNG
FTA POC: Mr. David Jolly, MSNG
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