# **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). Up to 100 applicants per school year accepted, with a

cap of 200 applicants allowed in the program.

### **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

#### What Do I Get?

- ◆100% Tuition and required fees for approved Master's Programs
- ◆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

## How Do I Apply?

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

## **Upon selection:**

- Must submit Statement of Understanding
- ♦ Provide proof of FASFA 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

**DEADLINES:** June 15th- for FALL semester

> November 15th- for SPRING semester April 15th- for SUMMER semester









FASFA Example











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