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End of FY dollars available for Tuition Assistance – get those requests in NOW!

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Sailors planning to use Tuition Assistance (TA) for courses should submit their requests as soon as possible, according to an interview with the Navy's senior Voluntary Education (VOLED) managers on Sept. 10.

Ernest D'Antonio, VOLED director for the Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC), said TA is fully funded for this fiscal year and his team is working hard to ensure TA requests that meet policy requirements get processed as quickly as possible.

"We are finishing up TA requests for term starts in September," said D'Antonio. "Provided a Sailor meets all Navy eligibility requirements, we are authorizing TA requests based on term start dates."

According to Lt. Cmdr. Mark Wadsworth, NETPDTC VOLED Operations director, beginning 30 days in advance of the term start is not too early.

"Your TA request must be authorized by the VOLED team before the term start date, and submitting your application as early as possible gives us time to work with you to resolve problems if there's an issue with the TA application," Wadsworth said. "Annual TA funding and credit hour caps reset

October 1st and FY16 TA applications can and should be submitted in advance.”

Wadsworth added that if a Sailor owes the Navy money from a failed course, a voluntary withdrawal from a course, or a grade earned that is below policy requirements, or if a Sailor needs to report a grade for a completed class, the Navy College Offices or the Virtual Education Center will work with Sailors to get those issues resolved.

D’Antonio also stressed that getting TA applications in early allows time for the Sailor’s command to review and approve the TA application. Sailors can check the status of an application online.

“They can check whether they have submitted their requests correctly, whether it’s been submitted to their command approver and if the request has been funded by Navy VOLED personnel,” said D’Antonio. “If TA requests are received by the VOLED team on or after the class begins, the TA requests will be denied in accordance with policy guidelines, putting Sailors in a potentially tough financial situation if the course is not dropped; that’s why early TA submission coupled with a well-defined education/degree plan is strongly recommended.”

Navy VOLED contact and other information can be found on the Navy College Office Web page, along with the My Education portal:

<https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/> or toll-free at 1-877-838-1659; DSN 492-4684 or Commercial 757-492-4684.

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