

**MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM  
STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING (MA NGFEP SOU)**

Controlled Unclassified Information  
The proponent for this checklist is NGMA-PEO-Education

**AUTHORITY:** Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 33, Section 137, MA National Guard Family Education Program Policy.

**PURPOSE:** Purpose is to identify individuals who elect to transfer Massachusetts National Guard Family Education Program (NGFEP) benefits to eligible family members with the understanding they will incur a service obligation.

**Section I. Individual Data**

Name:	Rank:
SSN:	Unit:

**Section II. Service Obligation (Member Will Initial and Fill In Information)**

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law CHAPTER 33, Section 137, I will incur a service obligation per the NGFEP. The service member obligation begin date will be the service member signature date of this Statement of Understanding. I understand I must request to transfer NGFEP benefits in the Massachusetts National Guard Tuition and Fee Waiver website after signing this document. Service Members who achieve 20 years of creditable service will not incur a service obligation beyond 20 years.

1. SM incurs a service obligation of \_\_\_\_\_ years, \_\_\_\_\_ months and \_\_\_\_\_ days, with a Service Obligation End Date of \_\_\_\_\_.

Remarks:

**Section III. Agreement (Member Will Initial)**

1. I am eligible for the Massachusetts National Guard Family Education Program, have satisfactorily completed a minimum of 6 years of qualifying service and am eligible for the transfer of my MA National Guard state educational benefits.
2. I have been provided MA NGFEP program information, understand that transferring benefits is a life and career planning event and that there are many considerations to consider, and was advised to seek face to face counseling with the appropriate office on matters to include but not limited to: a. Reenlistment/Extension/SRB considerations b. Personal Educational Goals c. Separation/Retirement Plans d. Family Considerations
3. I understand I may transfer up to 130 CREDITS (or remaining credits of entitlement, whichever is less) of my education benefits to my spouse or children or in combination; and I understand I may modify or revoke my election at any time, but my service commitment will not be automatically cancelled.
4. I understand my spouse may use the benefits immediately upon approval and the benefit will expire 10 years after I leave the Massachusetts National Guard.
5. I understand I must transfer the benefits to my children before their 26th birthday, but once transferred the benefit may be used by my children up until age 26.
6. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure all dependents are registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS). Dual military spouses need to ensure the dependent (transferee) shows in DEERS as transferor's dependent.
7. I understand it is my responsibility to obtain and retain the ability to fulfill the service obligation required. Upon approval, it is my responsibility to request the transfer in the MA STFW website, add my dependent to my profile and maintain my account.
8. Failure to serve the required service obligation will result in overpayment which will be recouped by the State of Massachusetts unless service obligation is deemed complete IAW the Service Obligation and/or Limitations and exceptions as outlined in MA NGFEP Policy dated 13 DEC 2022.
9. I understand transferred benefits may be terminated and/or subject to recoupment by the State of Massachusetts if I do not complete the entire service obligation.
10. I understand that I and the beneficiary of the benefits are both financially liable if the student fails or drops courses or the member does not complete the entire commitment.
11. To the best of my knowledge, this is a truthful claim to transfer educational benefits. Knowingly signing a false record or false official statement with intent to deceive for material gain is punishable under Massachusetts General Law.

**Section IV. Validation**

I understand that my service commitment is contingent on my continued service as a member in good standing in the MANG and a change may void or cancel my MA NGFEP agreement. As such, I acknowledge, understand, and accept the following service commitment.

Member POC (Email, Phone):	Member Signature:	Date:
Education Office POC (Rank, Name, Email, Phone):	Signature:	