The following points are meant to help Airmen, Soldiers, Leaders and University Administrators who have questions about using STRONG Act tuition reimbursement for graduate programs.

- STRONG Act tuition reimbursement funds may be used for graduate programs for the Fall 21 semester; members must submit applications for reimbursement within 90 days of the last day of instruction for the applicable academic period.

- STRONG Act tuition reimbursement cannot exceed 40 semester hours towards a first master’s degree.

- TNG Members must apply for and use Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), if eligible, through appropriate service branch as applicable.

- STRONG Act tuition reimbursement funds may not be used retroactively for any semester prior to Fall 21.

- TNG Members who used the STRONG Act to fund any portion of their undergraduate degree, have attained a bachelor’s degree, and wish to pursue a master’s degree will establish funding eligibility upon graduation from advanced leadership training. Advanced leadership training is defined as:
  - **ARMY**
    - Advanced Leaders Course (ALC) for Enlisted Soldiers
    - Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) for Warrant Officers
  - **AIR**
    - Airmen Leadership School (ALS) for enlisted Airmen
    - Squadron Officer School (SOS) for Officers
    - Captains Career Course (CCC) for Officers

- Many graduate programs have additional fees specific to each program. Fees will be processed as follows:
  
  - Fees may be paid if they are included in tuition and if they are the same for most students, regardless of discipline, i.e., standard library fees, standard technology fees, etc.
  
  - Fees may be paid if they are required by all students in a unique discipline to complete the degree program, provided the fee is included in tuition and is for a class or lab taught in a traditional academic environment.
  
  - Fees will not be paid, regardless if they are included in tuition, if they are specific to a unique discipline and they are taught outside of the traditional academic environment, including but not limited to aviation flight training fees, nursing co-op fees, fees for courses of study conducted abroad, or any fee listed by the university as a ‘special’ fee which is not imposed on all or most students attending the university.

- SM’s who have received a master’s degree from a US Military Academy (i.e. US Army War College) are ineligible to use STRONG Act funds for a graduate degree from a civilian institution.