

subject matter areas of importance to the military profession, technical-vocational courses, and university-level instruction offered by accredited civilian institutions of higher learning. These programs are responsive to command needs. Academic degree courses and programs are provided through the facilities of accredited colleges and universities under the tuition assistance program. Tuition assistance is provided all military personnel on active duty for attendance at off-duty college courses. The amount paid by the Department of Defense is up to 75 percent of costs, but not to exceed \$14.25 per semester hour.

3. History

Antecedents of the present program began during World War II as a means of bringing educationally substandard personnel to a useful level of achievement necessary for acceptable military service. It has continued to the present time, with orientation changing to meet altered training and career requirements of military service.

4. Level of operations. (See table 1.)

Program: Off-duty educational program.

Department or agency, and office or bureau: Department of Defense; Office of Training and Education.

TABLE 1.—Level of operations or performance, fiscal years 1964–67

Measure and unit	Fiscal year 1964	Fiscal year 1965	Fiscal year 1966 estimate	Fiscal year 1967 estimate
(a) Magnitude of the program (enrollments)----	549, 778	824, 689	669, 400	700, 500
(b) Applicants or participants.-----	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
(c) Federal finances (in thousands of dollars)---	16, 241	18, 490	18, 767	19, 674
(d) Matching of additional expenditures for the program (estimated cost to individuals under tuition assistance program) ² -----				
(e) Number of Federal Government employees administering (individuals)-----	1, 521	1, 432	1, 486	1, 524
(f) Non-Federal personnel employed in the pro- gram (nonpersonal services contracts teachers)-----	2, 304	2, 678	2, 785	2, 835
(g) Other measures of level or magnitude of the program:				
Preparatory-high school.-----	15, 569	17, 380	18, 000	18, 500
High school equivalencies.-----	84, 374	91, 171	93, 500	94, 750
1-year college equivalencies ³ -----	5, 104	4, 058	4, 000	4, 200
2-year college equivalencies (individ- uals)-----	676	637	660	690
Baccalaureate and advanced degrees earned.-----	⁴ 3, 158	3, 213	3, 273	3, 420

¹ Same as a.

² Military personnel enrolled in tuition assistance programs are required to pay the tuition not funded by the Armed Forces in addition to all other costs. The Armed Forces are authorized to pay 75 percent, not to exceed \$14.25 per semester hour, of the tuition fees. The estimate of total "matching" amount provided by military personnel varies between 20 and 50 percent of item c.

³ Records on this item are maintained by only 1 service.

⁴ Estimate.

5. Estimated magnitude of program in 1970

Estimate an approximate 8 percent increase over the fiscal year 1965 level depending upon No. 6 below.

6. Prospective changes in program orientation

(a)* Pending legislative proposals: Senate bill 9 is now before the Veterans' Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives. It would reenact expired veterans' benefit legislation to include financial

*Outdated by enactment of P.L. 39-358, Veterans Readjustment Benefits Act of 1966.