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## UT Student graduates as Blackhawk mechanic

**GEORGETOWN, Tenn.**– Pfc. Jaeven Willis graduated from the Army's Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Eustis, Virginia, on March 20.

During this fast-paced 15-week program, Willis graduated as a UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter Repairer and trained in maintaining the Blackhawk helicopter. He is responsible for ensuring the safety and readiness of multiple aircraft in the Tennessee National Guard. He will now return to Troop D, 1st Squadron, 230th Assault Helicopter Battalion.

"The Army National Guard has opened a lot of possibilities, such as using the Tennessee STRONG Act for educational benefits," said Willis.

Willis is a full-time student at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

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Pfc. Jaeven Willis attends his final Recruit Sustainment Program drill before joining his unit as a fully qualified helicopter mechanic for the Tennessee Army National Guard. (submitted photo)

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