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MEMORANDUM FOR See Distribution

SUBJECT: National Guard Education Assistance Program (NGEAP) for Academic Year 2010-2011

1. Authority: In accordance with Iowa Code 1999 Section 261.86, the National Guard Education Assistance Program (NGEAP) will provide assistance to members of the Iowa National Guard.
2. Purpose: This memorandum establishes policy guidance for the National Guard Education Assistance Program (NGEAP). NGEAP is to be administered by the Iowa College Student Aid Commission for members of the Iowa National Guard who have not met the requirements of a baccalaureate degree and are enrolled in an Iowa college or university accredited by the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools.
3. Eligibility: The Adjutant General of Iowa determines eligibility for NGEAP.
 - a. Service Members must meet the following prerequisites.
 - 1) Be an active member of the Iowa Army or Air National Guard
 - 2) Be a resident of the state of Iowa (residency is determined by the Adjutant General)
 - 3) Have satisfactorily completed initial entry training through one of the following:
 - a. Completed Basic Training (BT) and Advanced Individual Training (AIT) or TECH school.
 - b. Completed One Station Unit Training (OSUT).
 - c. Completed ROTC Leader's Training Course (LTC) and be contracted as a Cadet in an ROTC program within the state of Iowa.
 - d. Enlisted under the Iowa National Guard Officer Candidate School (OCS) option (eligible upon enlistment).
 - 4) Be attending an Iowa college or university accredited by North Central Association (NCA) of Schools and Colleges.
 - 5) Have NOT met the academic requirements for a Baccalaureate degree or a total of eight Semesters.
 - 6) Not be an AGR or Technician of the Iowa National Guard.
 - b. To remain eligible for NGEAP soldiers must meet the following requirements.
 - 1) Maintain satisfactory performance of duty.
 - 2) Maintain satisfactory academic progress as determined by the institution for which benefits are utilized or applied.

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c. Members of the Iowa National Guard who are awarded NGEAP funds and then become ineligible may have their awards recouped.

4. Funding:

a. Funding for NGEAP is subject to annual appropriation by the Iowa General Assembly. In all cases, the amount of assistance awarded under this program cannot exceed the member's cost of attendance as determined by the member's respective college.

b. Maximum NGEAP awards this academic year 2010-2011 may be approximately 80% of tuition costs or \$2,856.00 per semester. Actual awards will be calculated based on the number of NGEAP applications received for each term by the deadline and the actual cost of tuition charged by institutions. Spring awards may be adjusted up or down based upon available funds in order to stay within budget requirements. NOTE: NGEAP will not fund summer terms.

c. The Adjutant General of Iowa can make changes to funding limits at any time during the 2010-2011 academic years to ensure fair and equitable distribution of funds to applicants.

d. Members of the Iowa Army National Guard may use NGEAP in conjunction with federally funded programs such as the Army National Guard Federal Tuition Assistance program (ARNG-FTA). Members receiving federal benefits which pay tuition benefits directly to the institution are eligible to receive NGEAP; however, the combination of federal benefits and NGEAP shall not exceed 100% of the cost of attendance at the institution attended by the guard member.

e. In some cases, receiving financial aid from other sources may reduce the NGEAP award. Questions about financial aid packaging should be directed to the Iowa National Guard Guidance Counselor or the college/university financial aid office.

5. Application Process:

a. Eligible Guard Member completes and submits application online.

b. Applications must be submitted by 31 August for fall term and 15 December for spring term.

c. Education Services Officer approves or denies application based on eligibility and date of submission.

d. Iowa College Student Aid Commission compiles lists and posts approved roster on website.

e. Schools financial aid office will verify enrollment and coordinate with the Iowa College Student Aid Commission for payment of NGEAP awards.

f. Approved applicants should inquire at their schools as to how and when the school will request certification for the NGEAP award.

Note: Soldiers and Airman gaining eligibility between 31 August and 15 December should apply before 15 December to receive a NGEAP award for the spring term.

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6. Application: Apply on line at <https://ihaveaplaniowa.gov/default.aspx> , go to www.iowanationalguard.com/Education/TuitionAssistance.htm for instructions. Hard copy applications are no longer accepted.

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