



INGSS

Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship

APPLICATIONS

Access both applications via <https://www.iowaCollegeAid.gov/iowaNationalGuard>

- **FAFSA**- Free Application for Federal Student Aid- Opens every 1 October.
- **IFAA**- Iowa Financial Aid Application- Opens every 1 October.

DEADLINES

Must apply for both of the applications by these dates for the perspective term(s).

- **1 July** for both the upcoming fall & spring terms.
- **1 December** for the upcoming spring term only.

ELIGIBILITY

Iowa residents currently serving in the Iowa National Guard who:

- Apply by the deadline date(s). Deadlines are:
 - July 1st for both Fall and Spring Semester.
 - December 1st for Spring Semester.
- Satisfactorily complete the required Initial Entry Training (IET) of the SM's service.
- Maintain satisfactory performance of duty throughout the program's use, (i.e. not flagged, has satisfactory drill and A.T. attendance, current passing physical fitness test, and satisfies height / weight requirements).
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a certificate or undergraduate degree at an eligible Iowa Institute of Higher Learning (IHL).
- Has not utilized 120 semester hours of assistance or equivalent, or earned a Bachelor's Degree or equivalent. * Exceptions up to 130 semester hours if in a qualifying STEM degree.
- Full Time Unit Support (FTUS) eligibility (i.e. AGRs, ADOS, ADSW, Temporary and Permanent Technicians) is determined by semester each fiscal year.

AWARD AMOUNTS AND FUNDING

- Awards shall not exceed the resident tuition rate at Iowa Regents Universities, or the tuition rate at the institution attended by the service member (SM), **whichever is lower**.
- Awards shall not be less than fifty percent of the Iowa Regent resident tuition rate, or less than fifty percent of the tuition rate at the institution attended by the service member, **whichever is lower**.
 - INGSS is a state funded program and disbursement is based on annual appropriations
- INGSS can be combined with other federally funded programs such as the Federal Tuition Assistance (ArmyIgnited) and the GI Bill programs to assist in covering education costs.

Iowa Code and the Iowa Adjutant General's policies are the official sources for program management and execution.