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MEMORANDUM FOR All Units, Iowa National Guard

SUBJECT: Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship for Academic Year 23-24

1. References:

- a. Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship, [Iowa Code 261.86](#) (4 Dec 2021).
- b. Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship, [Iowa Administrative Code, College Student Aid Commission Chapter 283.20.1](#) (27 Nov 2019).
- c. [Iowa Student Financial Aid Guide](#), Chapter 9 (14 Jul 2021).
- d. [Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Designated Degree Program List](#) (17 Mar 21).
- e. Board of Regents, [State of Iowa, Approval of 2023-2024 Tuition and Fees & Common and University / Program Specific Fees](#) (14 Jun 23).

2. Purpose: This memorandum summarizes policy for the requirements for qualification and execution of the Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship for the Iowa National Guard and sets the award rate for the academic year.

3. I have set the maximum annual award for AY 23-24 at 100% of the cost of tuition not to exceed **\$8,798**, or \$4,399 each for fall and spring semesters. SMs may receive less than this amount based on the cost of tuition at their academic institution and their rate of enrollment.

4. Eligible Service Members must meet all the following:

- a. Be a resident of Iowa, attend an Iowa-based education institution, and a traditional M-day Service Member (SM) of the Iowa National Guard. Title 5 Federal Technicians, who are IANG SMs, are eligible to receive the INGSS and are considered M-day applicants.
- b. Has satisfactorily completed Initial Entry Training (IET) of the SM's service. ROTC Cadets are eligible once they've minimally completed their required Initial Active Duty for Training. Basic combat training completion is minimally required to qualify. Cadets receiving a scholarship are not eligible.
- c. Must be in good standing at deadline (not flagged, has satisfactory drill and AT attendance, passing record physical fitness test ACFT / PFT, passing height/weight requirements) and maintain good standing throughout the term of the scholarship.
- d. Has not utilized 120 semester hours of assistance or earned a bachelor's degree or equivalent. If SM is enrolled in a STEM program that qualifies for assistance under the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship, SM may receive benefits up to 130 credit hours by submitting proof of enrollment from the education institute to the INGSS Program Manager. It is recommended this is done pre-emptively prior to a disapproval of benefits.

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e. Has applied for the Iowa Financial Aid Application (IFAA) and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://iowacollegeaid.gov/IowaNationalGuard> by the application deadline date(s), 1 July for fall and spring semester or 1 December for spring semester only, unless excepted by policy or law. No exception to policy (ETP) request will be authorized for late applications. SMs on IADT or Title 10 mobilization orders over a deadline date have 30 days from end of orders (DD 214 separation date) to complete their applications.

f. Maintains attendance and academic progress at the educational institution.

5. Ineligible Service Members. SMs failing an element of eligibility will receive a disapproval email upon application review. AGRs, dual status military technicians, enlisted with ETS before end of semester, or a pending separation or IST before end of the semester are also ineligible, but are encouraged to apply. Ability to fund will be based on availability of funds and approved ETP. AGR and Military Technicians in the ARNG who are requesting ETP must have applied for Army Federal Tuition Assistance to be considered.

6. Exceptions to Policy. SMs who are disapproved may be eligible for an ETP if extenuating circumstance exist that require my attention. Each service (Army and Air) will determine their ETP process and consolidate requests under the IA ARNG Education Services Office for routing. ETPs must be received by the IA ARNG Education Services Office **NLT 45 days** after notification of disapproval. Contact the INGSS Program Manager to inquire if you are eligible for an ETP.

7. Funding:

a. Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship is a state funded program and based on annual appropriations from the state legislature.

b. Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship is encouraged to be combined with Federal Tuition Assistance ([ArmyIgnited](#)). Contact the Education & Incentives Branch for questions on use of this program.

8. Visit <https://www.iowanationalguard.com/education> and select Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship (INGSS) for further information.

9. Point of contact is 1LT Brandon Donoho, Education Services Officer at (515) 252-4468, brandon.t.donoho.mil@army.mil or SPC Megan Cowman, Iowa National Guard Service Scholarship Program Manager at (515) 252-4468, megan.a.cowman.mil@army.mil.



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