



## California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program APPLICANT'S FACT SHEET



The California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNG EAAP) is a State-funded grant for up to 1,000 service members in the California National Guard (CNG) or the California State Military Reserve (SMR) or as many participants as the annual budget will allow. This Program authorizes the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) to make payments to eligible program participants. Participants can receive up to the amount of the Cal Grant A award for attending the University of California or the California State University, up to the Cal Grant B award for attending a community college, or up to the University of California Cal Grant A amount for attending a non-public institution. Graduates may receive an additional \$500 for books and supplies.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Is an active member of, and has served two (2) years in, the CNG or the SMR;
- Agrees to remain an active member in the CNG or the SMR throughout the participation period in the CNG EAAP;
- Agrees to use the award to obtain a certificate, degree, or diploma that is currently not held;
- Has been accepted to, registered at, or enrolled in a qualifying institution as defined by section 69432.7(l) of the California Education Code;
- Must maintain enrollment in at least three (3) academic units per term;
- Agrees to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) annually;
- Is a California resident as determined by the institution (based on resident and non-resident tuition); and
- Is not receiving a Cal Grant award check for the same academic year.

### HOW TO APPLY

Initial applicants must submit an EAAP Initial Application, the Statement of Understanding (SOU), and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to the application deadline dates indicated below. For initial applicants, the priority application period starts on January 15 (or the next business day) and ends on the priority deadline date of April 30. The application process will continue to remain open after April 30 on a first-come, first-serve basis until January 14, or until all awards have been exhausted.

Renewal participants must complete the EAAP Renewal Application and the Renewal Statement of Understanding. Renewal paperwork is available from January 15 (or the next business day) through the deadline date of June 1. Failure to renew will result in withdrawal from the CNG EAAP.

The Frequently Asked Questions and the links for the application process are found at [www.calguard.ca.gov/education](http://www.calguard.ca.gov/education).

### APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The Office of the Adjutant General will certify an applicant's status as a qualifying member of the California National Guard, State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia, and certify their active duty status according to CA Code of Regulations Title 5, Division 4, Chapter 1, Sections 30730-30736. The applicant is responsible for submitting any additional forms, including The Statement of Understanding, as required by the Office of the Adjutant General.

### SELECTION AND AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Office of the Adjutant General may select up to 1,000 participants for the program or as many participants as the annual budget will allow. The Office of the Adjutant General will review all applicants and rank eligible applicants by an established predetermined criteria. The Adjutant General will announce selected awardees by notifying selected participants.

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