



NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF INDIANA

2019 Educational Grant Program Application

1 November 2018

2019 National Guard Association of Indiana Foundation (NGAIF) Educational Grant Applicants:

The National Guard Association of Indiana has been promoting the Indiana National Guard since 1940 and the association incorporated in 1964.

The purpose of the National Guard Association of Indiana, Inc. (NGAI) is to promote the growth and development of the Indiana Army and Air National Guard, foster friendship and cooperation among the Officers and Enlisted Personnel of the National Guard and provide services that will provide for a better quality of life for its members and their dependents.

Embodied in our purpose is to further the educational opportunities of Service Members and their families and to support educational, literary or scientific activities, including the granting of educational grants to annual and life members of the National Guard Association of Indiana and their dependents.

In 2015, NGAI realized the need for a foundation and so the National Guard Association of Indiana Foundation incorporated in 2016 as a separate 501 C (3) organization. Due to the philanthropic nature of the educational grant program, it was determined it would be administered by the foundation.

The National Guard Association of Indiana Foundation was created to bring awareness of and access to military benefits and services to the members of the Indiana National Guard and to other military veterans, as well as to provide scholarship assistance to qualified family members of Indiana National Guard soldiers.

This year the application has changed so please be sure to read thoroughly prior to completing. We have included a checklist to assist you. Please ensure you complete the entire application as incomplete applications will reduce your potential score.

Thank you for taking the time to apply for the NGAIF 2019 Educational Grant.

National Guard Association of Indiana Foundation
Educational Grant Committee



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Educational Grants offered by the National Guard Association of Indiana (NGAI) are open to all Indiana National Guard members and their dependents who meet the eligibility requirements.

Scholarship Details:

- NGAI Educational Grant Program is not an entitlement and applications are not automatically approved. Students must reapply each year and are eligible to receive funds for up to four academic years.
- Award amounts vary and are not guaranteed year to year. Award amounts are determined based on the total budget allotted, the number of applications received, and each applicant's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) reported on the Student Aid Report (SAR).

Eligibility Requirements:

- Member of the Indiana National Guard or their dependent, or
- Retired member of the Indiana National Guard or their dependent
- The Indiana National Guard member or retired member must be a member of NGAI in good standing. Good standing requires that NGAI dues are paid in full at the time the application is submitted.
- Student must be enrolled, accepted, or pending acceptance as a full-time student in an accredited post-secondary or vocational institution listed in the US Department of Education's Database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions (<http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>).

School Time Frame: The 2019 grant covers a full school year from Fall of 2019 to Spring of 2020.

Application Deadline: All applications must be received by the National Guard Association of Indiana by **8 March 2019**. Applications received after that date will only be accepted if the mailed application is postmarked before midnight **8 March 2019**. Applications may be dropped off at the office until **1600 hours on 8 March 2019**; or email to membership@ngai.net. If sending via email, please note the size of the file may pose a problem. Make sure you receive confirmation the email and attachments were received.

Grant Recipient Information: Grant recipients will be announced at the NGAI Annual Conference at French Lick, Indiana on 6 April 2019. Recipient letters will be emailed in April. Make sure you include a valid email address in the application.

Special Considerations: Please read through the entire application before you begin filling out the application. We have included a checklist below. Please ensure you complete the entire application as incomplete applications will automatically remove you from grant consideration.

Application Checklist/Criteria: The application process includes several components and criteria. A checklist is included to assist you in this process. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Note: if there are extenuating circumstances regarding an incomplete application submission, include an explanation and the educational grant committee will review the circumstances.

NGAI Contact Information: Please contact the NGAI office if you have any questions. We are located at Stout Field at 2002 S Holt Road, Building #5, Indianapolis, IN 46241. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 am to 4 pm (0800 to 1600). The telephone number is 317-247-3196 or 1-800-219-2173.

Failure to complete a required entry may result in the application being removed from consideration

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please select appropriate boxes:

Guard Member Dependent

NGAI Member

EANGUS Member

NGAUS Member

Annual Life

Annual Life

Annual Life

Applicant Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Telephone: () _____ Evening Telephone: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

If a Guard Member Enter Rank/Pay Grade: _____

If a Guard Member Enter Unit of Assignment: _____

Are you a previous NGAI Grant recipient: Yes No If yes, year(s) received: _____

Are you currently receiving the National Guard Supplemental Grant: Yes No

Are you currently utilizing Federal Tuition Assistance: Yes No

SPONSOR INFORMATION (Complete only if you are applying as a dependent of a Guard Member)

Sponsor (Guard Member) Name: _____

Rank/Pay Grade: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Telephone: () _____ Evening Telephone: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Unit of Assignment (for retired members, last Unit): _____



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APPLICANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The steps below **MUST** be completed and the information included with your application:

1. Complete the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application online as soon as possible after 1 October, at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. You must include the student's and parent's income. A hard copy of the FAFSA can be obtained at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/fotw1819/pdf/PdfFafsa18-19.pdf>, but filing by paper will take longer to process. We recommend you complete the FAFSA online. Help filling out the FAFSA is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out>.
2. After you submit your FAFSA, you should receive an email from FAFSA within 3 to 5 days with instructions on how to access an online copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) which will include your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). If you do not provide a valid email address on your FAFSA application, your SAR will be mailed to you within 7 to 10 days. You can also retrieve the SAR by logging onto the FAFSA website. After login, click View Processed Information and choose the pdf version of the SAR. Save it on your computer.
3. The SAR should then be included with your application. We require the COMPLETE SAR and will not accept a SAR that does not include ALL pages. We do not accept the FAFSA confirmation or acknowledgement pages.

SCHOLASTIC HISTORY

High School Attended: _____

City and State of High School: _____

Date graduated from High School: _____

College to which admitted: _____

College address: _____

Year (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.): _____

Major: _____

Status: _____

(Full-time = 12+hrs, $\frac{3}{4}$ time = 9 – 11 hrs, $\frac{1}{2}$ time = 6 – 8 hrs, less than half time = 5 or fewer hours)

SAT score or ACT score (if taken): _____

Scholastic Honors: _____



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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Each application packet should include at least two (2) signed and recently dated Letters of Recommendation for the applicant.

- At least one from an educational institution you have attended
- At least one from a non-family community member

Each letter should make specific references to the applicant's character and activities in the educational institution and/or community.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Document all extra-curricular activities in which you have participated:

- Community Involvement (volunteer work, church groups, school clubs, etc.)
- Leadership Roles (civic, government, military, etc.)
- Employment/Work history

Please provide detailed information on each applicable extra-curricular activity you have been involved in the last 2 years.

Community Involvement: _____

Community/Civic Leadership: _____

Student Government: _____

Military/Leadership: _____

Employment/Work History: _____

NGAI/EANGUS/NGAUS Conference Attendance by Sponsor or Dependent:

NGAI Year(s) _____ EANGUS Year(s) _____ NGAUS Year(s) _____



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APPLICANT CHECKLIST:

I have attached the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Application, pages 3 – 6 completed, with page 6 signed and dated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Application Essay – one (1) typed page double spaced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Copy of high school or college transcripts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Letter of Acceptance from college/university (if not currently attending) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing (ACT) scores, if taken |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | Documentation of Extracurricular Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | At least two (2) recently dated Letters of Recommendation, one from an educational institution, and one from a non-family community member |

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I understand that my application and **all required documentation** must be received by the National Guard Association of Indiana **no later than 8 March 2019** and that I or my sponsor (guard member) is a current member in good standing in the National Guard Association of Indiana. I understand that failure to attach any of the required application items will result in my application being removed from consideration for a grant.

I hereby certify that the information given on the application is complete and accurate. I understand that I am responsible to submit all required items in one complete package to the National Guard Association of Indiana. I fully understand that the National Guard Association of Indiana has the right to cancel all benefits of this program if irregularities are verified. I also understand that I must enroll in and complete the school term or refund the full or pro-rated amount. If awarded a grant, authorization is given to the National Guard Association of Indiana to verify completion of the school term.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

Educational Grant Committee
Attn: Judi Perkins
National Guard Association of Indiana
2002 S. Holt Rd, Bldg #5
Indianapolis, IN 46241-4839

or email to : membership@ngai.net

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DESCRIPTIONS OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS – DUE NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM EDT on 8 March 2019.

APPLICATION

The 2019 Educational Grant Program Application is available on the NGAI website after 1 November 2018.

2019-2020 STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)

We will be using the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to determine each applicant's need. The FAFSA must be completed after 1 October each year at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The SAR can be downloaded from the FAFSA website a few days after the FAFSA application is completed. Be sure to complete the FAFSA early enough to allow time to receive your SAR. When you get your SAR, review it carefully to make sure it's correct and complete. We require the COMPLETE SAR with the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) in the upper right-hand corner of your SAR.

TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts must include all completed course work through the student's Summer 2018 semester and reflect the cumulative GPA. If the student has previous college credit, submit college transcripts. If no previous college, submit high school transcripts. A copy of permanent academic record or unofficial transcripts are acceptable as long as they include the student's name, school name, and cumulative GPA. Transcripts must be in a non-editable format (such as pdf).

LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

Letters of acceptance must be on the college letterhead and include your proposed enrollment date.

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (SAT) or AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT) SCORES

If possible, SAT or ACT scores should be on the form received from the testing organization.

APPLICATION ESSAY

Describe how you will utilize this grant if you are selected as a recipient. The suggested length of the essay is one (1) typed, double-spaced page.

PLEASE NOTE: All documents and the application must be submitted to NGAI prior to the 8 March 2019 deadline. NGAI assumes no responsibility for applications or supporting documents not received by this office or not received in a timely manner. **APPLICATIONS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER 4:00 pm EDT on 8 March 2019.**