

SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This award has been established to provide incentives for enlisting or remaining for a specified time in either the South Carolina Army or the Air National Guards (SCNG).

Initial Eligibility Requirements

Program Benefits and Maximum Assistance

- A. Qualifying members of the National Guard may receive college assistance program benefits up to an amount equal to one hundred percent of college cost of attendance. These college assistance program benefits, in combination with all other grants and scholarships, shall not exceed the cost of attendance at the student's institution in any given award year; and the cumulative total of all college assistance program benefits received may not exceed eighteen thousand dollars.
 - 1. These SC National Guard College Assistance Program (CAP) benefits cover the cost of attendance as defined by Title IV regulation up to a maximum of four thousand five hundred dollars each award year; however, the benefit maximum per award year may be reduced if in combination with other financial aid, the cumulative total of all aid received would exceed the cost of attendance. Disbursements of this grant will typically be paid in two (Fall semester, Spring semester, or its equivalent) equal disbursements. If the recipient is in his/her final semester of enrollment as required for degree completion, the recipient may receive up to the full annual benefit in the final semester.
- B. A member may not qualify for college assistance program benefits for more than one hundred thirty semester hours.
- C. Student's who have been awarded a bachelors' or graduate degree are not eligible for the College Assistance Program benefit. Benefits are not to be awarded for graduate degree courses.

- D. The South Carolina National Guard College Assistance Program benefits cannot exceed the cost of attendance. The yearly amount is \$4500 (based on full-time enrollment) and the cumulative total of all college assistance program benefits received may not exceed \$18,000. Benefit funds will be awarded prorated, to students not enrolled full-time. The prorated method (based on semester calculation) will be based on the Pell Grant model.
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| 1. Full-time | \$2250 |
| 2. Quarter-time | \$1687.50 |
| 3. Half-time | \$1125 |
| 4. Less than half-time | \$562.50 |
- E. A new application must be submitted by the Guard member for each separate academic year to the South Carolina National Guard identifying their home institution and their intent to enroll at that institution.

Continued Eligibility and Transfer Students

- A. Students must meet the following criteria to renew eligibility for CAP Benefit:
1. Continue to meet all eligibility requirements as stated by the Guard.
 2. Students who initially enroll in college mid-year (spring term) may be eligible to receive the tuition assistance for the spring and summer terms..
- B. Transfer students who receive/participate in CAP and transfer mid-year to another institution may be eligible to receive the assistance for the spring term if they met the eligibility requirements at the end of the previous academic year.
- C. The institution where the student is transferring will determine the classification of the entering transferring student based on initial college enrollment and will use this classification to determine the remaining terms of eligibility.
- D. The home institution will be responsible for obtaining official certification of the student's grade point average, credit hours earned, and satisfactory academic progress for the purposes of determining eligibility for scholarship renewal for the next academic year.