

## Army National Guard College Scholarships

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### Summary

The Army National Guard provides two major scholarships to students who wish to attend college and enlist in the Guard:

- Dedicated Army National Guard (DEDNG) Scholarship
- Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Contract

Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is the more familiar term for these programs. These scholarships are for full-time students and cover full tuition and mandatory fees, or room and board (not to exceed \$10,000 per year). In addition, Soldiers are paid a monthly stipend. Following graduation, Soldiers begin a new Military Service Obligation (MSO) contract and serve eight years in the Guard. This time includes training.

To receive one of these scholarships, the Soldier must be involved in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) with a National Guard Unit while in school, and have a letter of acceptance from a local Guard Unit stating that they accepted the Soldier in an SMP status.

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### Scholarship Summary

Title	Description
Dedicated Army National Guard (DEDNG)	There is no limit to the number of scholarships given out each year in every State and U.S. territory. This scholarship covers the full tuition. Recipients also receive up to \$1,200 for books and are paid a monthly allowance (\$350 during sophomore year, \$400 during junior year, and \$500 during senior year). Graduate students can also apply if they have only two years remaining until they graduate. In addition to a monthly allowance, Soldiers can also receive the drill pay of a Sergeant, approximately \$225 per month, when participating in the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP).

Title	Description
Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD)	This scholarship is similar to the DEDNG scholarship, but is mainly for students entering their junior year of college with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Soldiers also must join the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) of a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Unit on their campus. GRFD recipients are funded each year at full tuition and receive \$1,200 for books. Soldiers are given an ROTC allowance for 10 months of the year (\$400 per month during their junior year and \$500 per month during their senior year). As a member of the Guard, Soldiers also receive drill pay.

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Q. Are there requirements for the Guard Scholarships?

A. In order to qualify for the Guard Scholarships, a Soldier must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5
- Have minimum score of 920 on the SAT or 19 on the ACT
- Complete the ROTC Basic Course requirements or Basic Training
- Be medically and morally qualified

#### Q. What is the Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)?

A. Within the SMP, Soldiers participate in both the Guard and the school's ROTC program at the same time. During these two-years, Soldiers are paired with and mentored by a Unit Officer and receive a payment to drill once a month with the Guard Unit. Upon graduation, Soldiers receive a commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and serve in either the National Guard or in the Active Army. In addition, Soldiers may receive the following benefits:

- Qualify for coverage of up to 100% of tuition costs
- Earn a cash bonus depending on their MOS
- Receive a monthly allowance, based on their grade level
- Get more money each month through the Montgomery GI Bill and Guard Kicker

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### Links

- [Army National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment: Dedicated ARNG ROTC Scholarships](#)  
This website provides information about the dedicated ARNG ROTC scholarships.
- [ARNG Education Home Page](#)

This comprehensive website serves as the premier source for education, incentives, and employment services information as it applies to Army National Guard Soldiers.

- [National Guard: Guard Scholarships](#)  
This website provides information about the Dedicated Army National Guard (DEDNG) scholarship and the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) contract.

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## References

### Regulations

- [AR 621-5, Army Continuing Education System \(ACES\)](#)

### Documents and Forms

- [National Guard Education, Incentives and Employment: Education Benefits Handbook](#)

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## Points of Contact

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