



2012–13 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 National Guard, the State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia. 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 California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia;
- Agrees to remain an active member in the California National Guard, the State Military Reserve, or the Naval Militia 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;
- Agrees to maintain enrollment in at least three (3) academic units per semester, or the equivalent, at a qualifying institution;
- Agrees to maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) annually in a qualifying institution; and
- Has been for at least one year and maintains California residency.

HOW TO APPLY

Initial and Renewal applicants must submit an EAAP Application and the Statement of Understanding (SOU) prior to the application deadline dates indicated below. Initial applicants must also submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For renewal applicants, application paperwork is available from January 15 (or the next business day) through the deadline date of June 1.

Applications for initial applicants will be accepted, processed, verified, and awardees selected until all awards are exhausted. For initial applicants, application paperwork becomes available April 15 (or the next business day) through the priority deadline date of June 15. The online application will remain open after June 15 on a first-come, first-serve basis until April 14, or awards have been exhausted.

Applications, the FAFSA, and SOU are available online at www.csac.ca.gov and by request from the Office of the Adjutant General.

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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 will review all applicants and rank eligible applicants by an established predetermined criteria. The Adjutant General will announce selected awardees by notifying selected participants. Selected participants cannot receive funds from both the Cal Grant Program and the CNG EAAP for the same academic year. Participants must choose between the Cal Grant Program and the CNG EAAP. 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.

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