



2009–10 California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program NEW APPLICANT FACT SHEET



The California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program (CNG EAAP) is a state-funded program designed to provide an educational incentive to improve skills, competencies, and abilities for up to 1,000 service members who remain active 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, up to the University of California Cal Grant A amount for a recipient attending a non-public institution, or up to the Cal Grant A award plus \$500 for books and supplies for graduate studies.

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 or 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) in a qualifying institution; and
- Is a resident of California for at least one year immediately preceding the date of determination.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit an application and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) prior to the application deadline date of January 22, 2010. Applications will be processed, verified, and awardees selected.

On January 4, 2010, applications and program information will be 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 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 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 can not 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 2009-10 fiscal year.

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