



# MISSISSIPPI

## NATIONAL GUARD

### Noncommissioned Officers Association

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## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### 1. ELIGIBILITY:

#### a. Sponsor requirements:

(1) The sponsor must be an annual, enlisted, retired or life member of the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association before 1 January prior to the annual conference.

(2) If deceased, the sponsor must have been an annual, enlisted, retired or life member of the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association at the time of death.

#### b. Applicant requirements:

(1) The applicant must be an unmarried dependent child or the spouse of the sponsor. If the sponsor is deceased, the sponsor must not have remarried.

(2) The applicant must be a high school senior or equivalent, or must have at least one full semester remaining toward an undergraduate degree and must attend an accredited university, college, community college, vo-tech, business or trade school.

(3) Previous scholarship winners are not eligible to re-apply.

### 2. FISCAL:

a. The board of directors will determine the number and amount of scholarships each year.

b. A draft payable to the institution concerned will be presented to each recipient before school entry. A certificate will be presented during the annual conference.

c. The sponsor will be responsible for insuring the return of any unused funds, should the recipient fail to complete the term for which the scholarship is awarded, unless due to illness or a reason acceptable to the Board of Directors.

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**3. GENERAL:**

a. The selection committee will be made up in one of the following ways:

(1) The committee on scholarship shall have a chairperson and may have a vice-chairperson appointed by the president with board of director approval. This committee will be made up of personnel who are members of this association. This committee will have one member from the association auxiliary.

(2) A committee of professional educators.

(3) No consideration shall be given due to the sponsor's place of employment, friendships, positions, rank or grade. Neither shall the applicant's geographical residence be a consideration.

**4. APPLICATION:**

a. The attached application must be completed by the applicant and submitted to the committee chairperson postmarked on or before 1 February prior to the annual conference.

b. All applicants must be accompanied by:

(1) A copy of applicant's school transcript.

(2) A letter from applicant with specific facts as to desire to continue his/her education and why financial assistance is required.

(3) Three (3) letters of recommendation verifying this applicant and giving specific moral and personal traits (These may be from community leaders, ministers, educators, etc.).

(4) Letter of academic reference (Principal, Dean, or Counselor).

(5) Photo copy of state and/or National Membership Card (parent or spouse).

NOTE: The applicant may be required to appear in person in unusual circumstances.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_ SINGLE ( ) MARRIED ( )

Sponsor's current membership card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, rank, address, telephone number and unit of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date of enlistment of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Current status of applicant: (Check one)  
High School ( ) College ( ) Business or Trade School ( )

Number of brothers and sisters and their ages (if living at home):

Preschool \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Special or Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received any other scholarships? Yes ( ) No ( )

If so, specify: \_\_\_\_\_

List activities in which you have participated (school, church or community): \_\_\_\_\_

List offices to which you have been elected in any organization: \_\_\_\_\_

If additional space is needed to answer questions, you may use separate sheets and attach  
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List honors (school, athletic or citizenship, etc.) which you have been awarded:

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List names and addresses of university, college, business or trade school you plan to attend:

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I have answered the above questions to be best of my knowledge and belief:

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(Signature of Applicant)

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(Signature of sponsor)

If granted a scholarship, and I fail to complete the school term for any reason other than sickness or personal injury, I agree to return my scholarship money received by me to the Mississippi National Guard NCO Association.

I further state that I consent to providing the information requested in this application. I have provided this information freely, and voluntary, and hereby waive any objections to providing this information which might be made pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C., Section 552a. The Mississippi National Guard NCO Association had my permission to use the information given in considering and processing this application.

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(Signature of Applicant)

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(Date)

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**COMPLETE AND MAIL TO:**

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