**THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA**

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##### The National Guard Association of Florida (NGAFL) has established a scholarship program to assist members of the Florida National Guard in pursuing advanced educational and academic opportunities. The scholarship program is open to enlisted, commissioned and warrant officers of the Florida National Guard who are current members of their respective associations (NGOA-FL or ENGAF) and their dependents. Priority may be given to Guard members. These scholarships are awarded annually for eligible applicants who are currently attending or have been accepted for attendance at an accredited college, university, or vocational technical school. A joint NGOA-FL and ENGAF scholarship committee administers the program.

#### 1. Eligibility:

 a. Enlisted, warrants and officers in Florida National Guard **and a current member of their respective association (NGOA-FL or ENGAF);** or the

 b. Son, daughter or spouse of Florida **Guardsman who is a current member of their respective association (NGOA-FL or ENGAF);** and who is a

 c. Current student in good standing at an accredited college, university, or vocational technical school. Applicants may also be a graduating high school senior accepted to attend an accredited college, university, or vocational technical school.

 d. Previous recipients may apply and receive the scholarship. **Scholarships may not be awarded to a recipient more than two times.** Prior recipients compete on the same basis as a first-time applicant.

**2. Evaluation Criteria:** Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

 a. Academics: Applicants must be in good standing with their school as evidenced by including a current year transcript in their application. High school seniors must also include a copy of their college acceptance letter. Applicants must demonstrate average or above average academic achievement, as evidenced by transcript grades, test scores, etc.

 b. Citizenship: Applicants must show civic and moral leadership and character including truthfulness, courage, and devotion to the community and to the country as evidenced by letters, certificates, or other supporting documentation. No previous year’s letters accepted.

 c. Need: Applicants must submit information to show cost and need of financial assistance to attend college.

**3. Application procedures:**

 a. The NGAFL Executive Director notifies each FLNG unit via email in February of the application process and the deadline for packet submissions. Information concerning the scholarship is available on the NGAFL website at <http://www.floridaguard.org> .

 b. Applications must be completed by the applicant and received in the NGAFL office no later than ***15 May 2024***. **INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE BOARDED.**

 c. Each application is reviewed and boarded by a joint NGOA-FL and ENGAF scholarship committee. The applications are evaluated based on academics, citizenship and need. After the committee has processed the applications, the names of the recipient are submitted to the Executive Director for awarding. Recipients and non-recipients will be notified by the NGAFL Executive Director and checks will be presented during the Annual NGA Conference **June 29, 2024** at the **Embassy Suites Orlando Lake Buena Vista South.** Those unable to attend the conference will have their checks sent to them by Mid-August.

**4. Application packet contents:**

 a. Application packet checklist.

 b. Scholarship application form. **The applicant must sign application.**

 c. Copies of high school or college transcripts reflecting grades through the Fall semester immediately prior to the application deadline. On-line and “student copy” transcripts are acceptable. Graduating seniors must also include a copy of their college acceptance letter.

 d. A brief statement with specific facts as to the desire to continue education and anticipated occupation or profession. The statement must include the impact the scholarship would have on the applicant’s ability to reach their academic goals.

 e. **Three current letters** of recommendation that provide personal character references of the applicant. Letters may not be provided by individuals related to the applicant. Previous years letters are not accepted.

**Applications must be received by 15 May 2024**.

 **NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA**

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**ENLISTED NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Deadline 15 May 2024**

Mail or email to: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NGOA-FL and ENGAF Scholarship Committee

Post Office Box 3446

St. Augustine, Florida 32085-3446

email: ngafl1903@floridaguard.org

Applicant’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Full address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current status of applicant: (check one): \_\_\_\_\_\_ High school Senior \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ College Student

 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Business/trade school student

Relationship to Guard Member (check one): Guard Member \_\_\_\_\_\_; Spouse \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_;

 Son \_\_\_\_\_\_; Daughter \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Is Guard member a current member of NGOA/ENGAF?** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **(Requirement)**

Guard member’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Position:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current enlistment expiration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Full home address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously received a scholarship from NGOAFL & ENGAF Y\_\_N\_\_**(Only 2 awards allowed)**

School or college you attend (or have been accepted to) and the address:

Activities in which you have participated in high school, college and your community: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Honors (scholastic, citizenship, leadership etc.) which have been awarded to you: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

###### Statement of Financial Need

An approximate budget of college costs and an estimate of available resources must be outlined below. Include any extenuating circumstances such as family size, financial obligations and ability of the family to contribute to the costs of education.

**College Costs Available Resources**

Annual Tuition and Fees \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Family’s Annual Income \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Books/Supplies \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Savings Available \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Room/Board \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Loans Available \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Transportation \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GI Bill Benefits \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Personal Expenses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant’s Income \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Bright Futures \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Pell Grants \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Academic Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 EDD \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Tuition Assistance \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Costs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total Resources \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Statement of financial need:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief. In addition, if granted a scholarship and I fail to attend school for any reason other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any and all scholarship monies I received to NGOA-FL/ENGAF.

**Signature of Applicant**

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

**INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE BOARDED**

**ATTACH THIS CHECKLIST TO THE FRONT OF YOUR APPLICATION**

APPLICANT’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Application Checklist

\_\_\_\_\_ Applicant/ **Guard member is current member of**

 **NGOA/ENGAFL.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship application form **MUST** be signed by the applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_ Copies of high school or college transcripts reflecting grades

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 deadline. On-line and “student copy” transcripts are acceptable.

\_\_\_\_\_ College acceptance letter (graduating seniors only).

\_\_\_\_\_ A brief statement with specific facts as to the desire to continue

 education and anticipated occupation or profession. The

 statement must include the impact the scholarship would have

 on the applicant’s ability to reach their academic goals.

\_\_\_\_\_ Three **current** letters of recommendation giving character references of the applicant based on the personal knowledge of the individual providing the reference letter. Letters may not be provided by individuals related to the applicant. Letters must include the current address, email, and phone number of the individual signing the reference letter. No Previous year’s letters accepted.