

**OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

This Statement of Understanding highlights the administrative procedures within the Adjutant General of Ohio Regulation (AGOR) 621-1 (Army)/35-1 (Air) pertaining to the enrollment and participation in the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program (ONGSP). The purpose of having you read and sign this Statement of Understanding is to assure that you are aware of the critical information that could affect your participation in the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program (ONGSP).

- a. I may apply to any institution on the ONGSP-eligible list. If I attend a public institution, 100% of tuition charges will be paid for. If I attend an approved private or propriety institution, I understand that an amount 100% of the average tuition charges of all Ohio public universities will be paid on my behalf.
- b. I understand that I must enroll and attend an eligible institution for a minimum of three credit hours per term to be eligible for an ONG scholarship. I understand that if I do not meet the application receipt deadlines stated in paragraph g., I will not be allowed to participate in the program for that term.
- c. I understand that I am required to be a Service Member in good standing in order to receive the ONG scholarship. Furthermore, I understand a Service Member in good standing means I will not be flagged for any reason to include but not limited to APFT, height and weight, unauthorized periods of absence, drug and alcohol policies, and I will conduct myself in accordance with law, policy and regulation.
- d. I understand and agree that my enlistment obligation takes precedence over my college attendance. Military duties may require me to temporarily interrupt my academic program to serve annual training periods, active duty training exercises, required service school, state active duty, mobilizations, or other active military service.
- e. I will satisfactorily participate in all required training activities of the ONG. If I receive any unexcused absences from drill periods, my unit commander will remove me from participation of the ONGSP for at least one academic term. When I prove to the commander that I am able to meet the required standards, he/she may request my reinstatement in the ONGSP.
- f. If under a 6-year enlistment, I understand that I will accumulate ninety-six eligibility units as described in the Ohio R.C. Section 5919.34 and AGOR 621-1 (Army)/35-1 (Air). This scholarship will be available to me until I have used said ninety-six units or I obtain a four-year undergraduate degree, whichever comes first. Upon receipt of a four-year undergraduate degree, all unused units will be forfeited.
- g. If under a 3-year enlistment, I understand that I will accumulate forty-eight eligibility units as described in the Ohio R.C. Section 5919.34 and AGOR 621-1 (Army)/35-1 (Air). This scholarship will be available to me until I have used said forty-eight units or I obtain a four-year undergraduate degree, whichever comes first. Upon receipt of a four-year undergraduate degree, all unused units will be forfeited.
- h. If under a 3-year enlistment, I understand that I have waived my right to accumulate ninety-six eligibility units evidenced by my signing of the Agreement of Partial ONGSP Benefits—Prior Service (AGOH 621-5, dated 1 JUN 16, Appendix E) or the Agreement of Partial ONGSP Benefits—Non-Prior Service (AGOH 621-6, dated 1 JUN 16, Appendix F) and that I have been authorized to enlist in the Ohio National Guard for a period of three years in exchange for reduced ONGSP eligibility units.
- i. If activated, as described in AGOR 621-1 (Army)/35-1 (Air), I understand that I have up to five years after a “Honorable” separation to utilize remaining eligibility units. Time allotted to utilize remaining units is equal to the number of academic terms missed (full or partial) due to an active status, not to exceed five years. If I am still a member of the Ohio National Guard, I must continue to meet eligibility requirements to continue participation.
- j. I understand that I must submit an application for each subsequent term I desire to attend by the deadlines indicated below:

[1] FALL TERM	1 JULY
[2] SPRING SEMESTER	1 NOVEMBER
[3] WINTER QUARTER	1 NOVEMBER
[4] SPRING QUARTER	1 FEBRUARY
[5] SUMMER TERM	1 APRIL
- k. I understand that for each school year in which I seek ONG scholarships, I should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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- i. If I enlisted prior to 1 April 2012, I understand that I am liable to the state of Ohio for repayment of a pro-rated share of all ONG scholarships paid on my behalf if I am discharged from the Ohio National Guard before completion of my enlistment obligation for any reason other than death or discharge due to disability or enlistment in the active component of the United States armed forces or the active reserve component of the United States armed forces.
- m. If I enlisted on or after 1 April 2012, I understand that I am liable to the State of Ohio for repayment of a pro-rated share of all ONG scholarships paid on my behalf if I am discharged from the Ohio National Guard before completion of my enlistment obligation for any reason other than death or discharge due to disability. I further understand that if I am discharged from the Ohio National Guard in order to enlist, appoint or commission in the active component of the United States armed forces or the reserve component of the United States armed forces or National Guard of another state, I will be liable to the state of Ohio for recoupment.

I understand that as a scholarship recipient under this section who fails to complete the terms of enlistment, re-enlistment, or extension of current enlistment at the time a scholarship was paid on my behalf, I am liable to the state of Ohio for repayment equal to a percentage of all Ohio National Guard scholarships paid plus 10 % interest per annum calculated from the dates the scholarships were paid. The percentage shall equal the percentage of the current term of enlistment, re-enlistment, or extension of enlistment a recipient has not completed as of the date of discharge from the Ohio National Guard.

The Attorney General may commence a civil action on behalf of the chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to recover the amount of the scholarships, the interest provided for in this division and the expenses incurred in prosecuting the action to include court costs and attorney fees.
- n. I understand that if I am eligible for Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) I am required to apply for and use FTA first. I further understand that my ONG scholarship will be reduced by the amount equal to my FTA eligibility consistent with Federal Tuition Assistance policy, AR 621-5.
- o. I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read this statement of understanding in its entirety prior to signing it. I have familiarized myself with AGOR 621-1 (Army)/35-1 (Air). I fully understand all obligations and standards set forth in said regulation.

I affirm that I understand the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program State of Understanding

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SIGNATURE DATE

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN IF INDIVIDUAL IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE DATE

SIGNATURE OF ENLISTING OFFICIAL OR READINESS NCO DATE