

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Education Foundation for the Colorado National Guard
(The Education Foundation)

Mail ALL pages of this application with attached documents in one envelope to: **EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD, ATTN: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, P.O. Box 440889, Aurora, CO 80044-0889.**

Questions? Contact Bernie Rogoff (303) 909-6369 or BernieRogoff@comcast.net or FAX (720) 535-5925.

Applicant Information (Please type or print) Application School Year: _____

Semester: Fall Spring

Applicant's Name: _____
(First Name MI Last Name)

Home Address: _____
(Street/Apt. No. City State Zip Code)

Telephone: _____
(Home Work Cell)

E-Mail Address: _____

DOB: _____ *Current Education Level (check one): Undergraduate Graduate School Trade School

No. of credits completed: _____ Credits anticipated this semester: _____ Fulltime Part Time

Tuition is for: In-State Out-of-State

Applicant's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) _____

Applicant's Affiliation with CO National Guard: Member Spouse Dependent Child Retiree

* Applicants 24 years of age or older on the application deadline date do not qualify as a Dependent Child.

Member/Sponsor Information

Member of: Army (COARNG) Air (COANG) Expiration of Term of Service (ETS): _____

Current Rank: _____ Unit of Assignment: _____

Member of National Guard Association of Colorado (NGACO): Yes No

School Information

List name and full address of university, college, or trade school you plan to attend.

Name of Institution: _____

Address of Financial Aid Office: _____
(Street Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Telephone Number of Financial Aid Office: _____

Point-of-Contact at Financial Aid Office: _____

Student ID Number (if known): _____

Signature _____ & Date _____

(By signing, I agree to the terms of this Application, including those on the page 3)

On a separate sheet titled “Leadership, Honors and Volunteer Activities”:

1. List separately and describe all **leadership roles** and/or **positions of responsibility** you have held, the actual amount of time required by these, and the approximate start/end dates.
2. List separately and describe all **honors** awarded to you. Describe fully, the requirements for these honors and the significance of such honors or explain why you are proud of receiving this honor. For example, it can be an award or honor at school, church, in an organization, or in your community.
3. List separately and describe all **voluntary activities** (*not required by school curriculum and for which you did not receive payment*). For example, volunteer activities at a school, church, or in the community. Describe fully the role you played, the amount of time required to do these activities and the approximate start/end dates.

You may relist previous leadership roles, honors, voluntary activities but be sure to update information to reflect current efforts and accomplishments. Make sure to list all three categories separately.

The following items must be included with your application:

- 1) An **Official Transcript** of high school credits, or for applicants already in institutions of higher learning, a **current Official Transcript** of college credits or trade school.
- 2) An **Essay** (*not to exceed 2 pages, and double spaced*) to include a discussion of the following:
 - a) State your **current goals and desire** to continue your education and what personally motivates you to pursue further education.
 - b) **Your need of financial assistance.** Being as specific as possible, explain **your financial situation** relating to paying for school. This would include that of any parents/guardians if they are contributing to your support or the cost of your education as well as any sources of financial help including loans, employment, scholarships, or any other sources of financial aid.
 - c) Create a statement of **your commitment to academic excellence.** If your previous grades were less than optimal, explain why, and what your plans are to improve. If you are taking advanced courses or your curriculum is difficult, point this out and explain the circumstances.
 - d) Explain **your current situation.** This includes your course choices relating to your chosen degree or career. If your major or goals change, explain.

This application must be current. Return applicants discuss all changes in your goals, financial need, and/or academic record since your last application or award. *Resubmission of an old application will not be accepted. Less value may be given to any and all portions of an application that are virtually the same in previously submitted application.*

- 3) **One (1) signed and dated letter of recommendation** that states how and the circumstances under which the writer knows the applicant, giving specific moral and personal traits and observations that led the writer to these conclusions. These can come from community leaders, ministers, educators, etc. and should be someone who has had ample opportunity to observe the conduct and character of the applicant.

- 4) **One (1) signed, dated, letterhead letter of academic reference** from a principal, counselor, teacher, Dean or professor not related to the applicant who has currently had the opportunity to observe first-hand the applicant’s drive and application to academic studies. *Less weight may be given letters previously submitted.*

Letters must be current (within the last year) and be signed and dated by the individual making the recommendation. Less weight may be given to resubmitted letters. Copies of e-mails are not acceptable, but scanned or faxed letters with a date, signature, and letterhead when applicable are acceptable.

- 5) **Proof of military service by you or your sponsor:** For retirees, Form NGB22. For Current Military – a copy of your current (no more than 3 months old) leave and earnings statement. To protect your privacy, please black out your SSN on any documents submitted.

Please indicate how, where, and when you heard about this scholarship:

Additional Terms and Conditions of Scholarship:

- All applicants receive notification of results.
- Applicants must be enrolled at an accredited institution, full or part-time, at a college, university, trade, or business school. Undergraduates, graduate students and trade or business school students are eligible for scholarships.
- High school seniors may apply. Award of a scholarship is dependent upon acceptance into an accredited college, university, trade, or business school.
- Applications and supporting documents become the sole property of the Education Foundation and cannot be returned. As a recipient, your name and picture may be used for promotional purposes by the Education Foundation.
- Incomplete applications are not considered.
- Previous Education Foundation scholarship recipients may re-apply but must submit a new application packet each time, using the current version of the Application.
- The Board of Directors establishes the value of the scholarship funds available based on the amount of donations received. The scholarship committee determines the number of scholarships and individual values based on the applications received.
- The Education Foundation reserves the right to award all or none of the scholarship funds.
- If the award recipient does not complete the school term for which the scholarship is awarded, due to any cause other than severe illness, physical injury, deployment, or death, the recipient agrees to refund the award to the Education Foundation within sixty (60) days from the date enrollment is terminated.
- The Education Foundation reserves the right to make final selection of scholarship recipients based upon, but not limited to, the criteria contained in the application guidelines and the requirements described in this application.
- Applicant acknowledges and agrees to the foregoing terms and conditions by signing and submitting an Application.

Have you ever been convicted of any law violation? (Include any plea of "guilty" or "no contest". Exclude minor traffic violations)

No Yes If Yes: Misdemeanor Felony (A conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant for a scholarship)

Provide details: _____

CERTIFICATE

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge. If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete that school term for any reason other than severe illness, physical injury, deployment, or death, I agree to return any scholarship monies received by me or my school. I consent to providing the information requested in this application, freely and voluntarily and waive any objections to providing this information which might be made pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 USC Section 552a. The Education Foundation Inc. National Guard Association of Colorado has my permission to use the information given to consider and process this application.

 Applicant's Signature

 CO National Guard Member (Sponsor) Signature

 Date

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The Education Foundation, Inc. National Guard Association of Colorado does not discriminate with regard to race, creed, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental disability or marital status.

Any questions on this application which pertain to these issues are for statistical purposes only. The Board of Directors of the Education Foundation is comprised of both members of the military and civilians to ensure a wide range of views and experiences go into the evaluation of the applications.

Thanks to all who contribute time and /or financial support to administer scholarships to worthy applicants. If you are a donor or potential donor and would like to speak with a member of the scholarship committee regarding this application or the process, Mr. Rogoff would be happy to help you with the contact information. However, applicants cannot speak directly with the committee members.

Education Foundation Use Only			
Application Fully Completed & Signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership, Honors & Volunteer Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Academic Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>
Official Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Sponsor's Military Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reviewer	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Below are sections that can be given to individuals you are asking to write you a Letter of Recommendation, to provide them with additional information regarding what the EFCONG Scholarship Committee hopes to see in the document.

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- All Letters of Reference must be signed and dated within the last 6 months.
 - The Letter of Recommendation must establish how the writer knows the applicant (Please do not use a 'standard' Recommendation Letter...the Scholarship Committee looks for updated information in each submission regarding the Applicant's performance and progress).
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