

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

This Statement of Understanding highlights the administrative procedures in Adjutant General of Ohio Regulation (AGOR) 621-1 (Army)/35-1 (Air) pertaining to 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 critical information that could affect your participation in the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program (ONGSP).

- a. I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read this statement before signing it. I have familiarized myself with AGOR 621-1 (Army)/35-1 (Air). I fully understand all obligations, responsibilities, and standards set forth in that regulation.
- b. I understand that I may not be able to participate in the ONGSP at the time of initial or subsequent application because of 1) the limited numbers of full and part-time students authorized per school term by the Ohio Revised Code Section 5919.34, 2) the availability of funds, and/or 3) the priority system set forth in the regulation.
- c. I may apply to any institution on the ONGSP-eligible list. If I attend a state-assisted institution, 100% of my tuition charges will be paid. If I attend an approved private or proprietary institution, I understand that an amount equal to 100% of the average tuition charges of all state universities will be paid on my behalf.
- d. I understand that I must enroll and attend an eligible institution for a minimum of six 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.
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 1. This scholarship will be available to me until I accumulate ninety-six (96) eligibility units, as described in Ohio Revised Code Section 5919.34 and AGOR 621-1 (Army)/35-1 (Air) and only up to the eligible institution's requirements for a four-year undergraduate degree. Unused quarters or semesters will be forfeited upon receipt of a four-year degree.
 2. If I am a prior service enlistee and have shown evidence of at least four (4) years of active duty service in a branch of the United States Armed Services by attaching a copy of my DD Form 214 to my initial ONGSP application, I understand that I may only accumulate forty-eight (48) eligibility units as described in ORC Section 5919.34 and AGOR 621-1 (Army)/35-1 (Air). I understand that I have waived my right to accumulate ninety-six (96) eligibility units as evidenced by signing the Waiver Form and that I have been authorized to enlist in the Ohio National Guard for a period of three (3) years, in exchange for reduced eligibility in the ONGSP.

3. If I am an active duty participant, as described in the regulation, I understand that I will receive priority in completing the academic terms I missed or could have missed because of my active duty service. I understand that my continued participation will be equal to the number of academic terms (including partial academic terms) I missed because of my active duty service. I further understand that I can continue to participate even if I am no longer enlisted in the Ohio National Guard. However, if I am still a member in good standing of the Ohio National Guard, I must continue to meet all other eligibility requirements of the ONGSP.

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f. I have completed the “Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program Initial Application” (AGOH Form 621-2). I must also attach this completed Statement of Understanding and all other applicable documents to my application. My enlisting official or unit readiness NCO must also sign the application before they are forwarded to the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Office. I understand that, after completing the initial application (AGOH Form 621-2), I must complete a Reactivation Application (AGOH Form 621-3) for each subsequent term I desire to attend and submit it to the ONGSP Office by the established deadlines indicated below.

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| (1) FALL TERM | 1 JULY |
| (2) WINTER TERM (SPRING SEM/WINTER QTR) | 1 NOVEMBER |
| (3) SPRING QUARTER | 1 FEBRUARY |
| (4) SUMMER TERM | 1 APRIL |

g. I understand that for each school term in which I will seek ONG scholarships, I must apply for the Ohio Instructional Grant (full-time students only) by completing and submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); complete and submit the application for the Part-time Student Instructional Grant (part-time students only); complete and submit the application for the Ohio Student Choice Grant Program (part-time or full-time students enrolled in private non-profit colleges or universities). This requirement and my certification assure that I have accessed all available financial aid.

h. 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 before completion of my enlistment obligation for any reason other than: death, discharge due to disability or enlistment in the active component of the United States armed forces or the active reserve forces component of the United States armed forces.

i. I understand and agree that my enlistment obligation takes precedence over my undergraduate work. Military duties may require me, temporarily, to 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.

j. I will satisfactorily participate in all required training activities of the ONG. I understand the term "Satisfactory Participation" to be my full conformance to the military standards for attendance, personal appearance, weight, discipline and any other standard established by military regulation.

k. If I receive **any** unexcused absences from any drill periods, my unit commander shall temporarily remove me from participation in the program for at least one school term. When I have proven to the commander that I can again meet the required standards, he/she may request my reinstatement in the program.

FULL SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL; PRINTED NAME, SSN, GRADE Date
Signed

FULL SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF INDIVIDUAL Date
Signed
IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

FULL SIGNATURE OF ENLISTING OFFICIAL/READINESS NCO Date
Signed
OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP OFFICIAL
AGOH Form 621-1 (1 September 2005) Other editions of this form are obsolete.