

MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

PURPOSE

The Missouri National Guard Association offers one-year scholarships to Annual, Association, and Lifetime members of the Association or their dependents. These scholarships are for students wishing to continue their formal education in an accredited junior college, 4-year college or university who have demonstrated scholarship, citizenship and leadership to a high degree. The scholarships shall be administered through the scholarship committee of the Missouri National Guard Association.

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships will be awarded in two categories. Category I is for those individuals who are members in **good standing** of the Missouri National Guard Association. Category II is for dependents of members in **good standing** of the Missouri National Guard Association. Individuals who qualify as Guard members and dependents will be considered in both categories and will be awarded only the scholarship of the higher value. **The 2018 recipients of a MONGA scholarship are not eligible to apply for a 2019 scholarship.** The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of:

SCHOLARSHIP:

Each applicant must meet requirements for entrance in the school of his/her choice and the applicant must have received average or above average academic achievement.

CITIZENSHIP:

Each applicant must show evidence of moral force of character (Truthfulness, courage, devotion to duty, unselfishness and consideration for others). Testimonials from school officials are excellent sources for this information.

LEADERSHIP:

Each applicant must demonstrate leadership in (a) Home, (b) School, (c) Religious, and (d) Community activities. In case of two applicants with similar qualifications, extra-curricular activities at school may be considered in order to make a decision. However, undue emphasis upon extra-curricular or high scholastic achievement is to be discouraged.

NEED:

The need for financial assistance in order to continue with formal educational studies will be considered in cases involving students with similar outstanding qualifications in areas described above.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The following items must accompany the completed application:

1. A copy of the applicant's high school or college transcript (First semester freshman must submit a copy of their high school transcript.)
2. A letter from the applicant stating the following:
 - a. The desire to continue his/her education.
 - b. Description of how he/she has demonstrated scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.
 - c. Requirement for financial assistance.
3. Three letters of recommendation attesting to the degree to which the applicant has demonstrated scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

Four scholarships will be awarded this year from the Missouri National Guard Association.

Two scholarships will be available for members of the association.

Two (2) in the amount of \$1000.00

Two scholarships will be available for dependents of members of the association.

Two (2) in the amount of \$750.00

One (1) in the amount of \$500.00

One scholarship is sponsored by USAA and is designated for enlisted members of the association.

One (1) in the amount of \$1000.00

STIPULATIONS

1. If the winner finds he/she cannot use the scholarship due to an emergency, or for any reason does not use it beginning on later than the second semester of the academic year following the date of the award, the award will go to one of the alternates selected, and the winner may resubmit next year.
2. There must be repayment of the scholarship if the student withdraws from the school by his/her own desire or school administrator's request. The scholarship committee is given the authority to waive this requirement under personal hardship conditions.
3. **If awarded a scholarship the recipient must attend the Annual Missouri National Guard Association Banquet scheduled for April 13, 2019 at The Adam's Mark Hotel in Independence, MO .** Only the recipient registration expenses for the banquet will be covered by the Missouri National Guard Association. Any family or guests are the responsibility of the recipient.

4. The sponsor of a dependent recipient must be a **current Missouri National Guard Association member** with a paid banquet registration and is responsible for any guests accompanying the recipient.
5. Recipients of the member or enlisted scholarships must be a **current member of the Missouri National Guard**. Only the recipient registration expenses for the banquet will be covered by the Missouri National Guard Association. Any family or guests are the responsibility of the recipient.
6. If a recipient is unable to attend a request will be considered by the Missouri National Guard Association Board of Directors on a case by case basis.

APPLICATION FORMS

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP ALL APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2019 OR DELIVERED TO THE ADDRESS ON THE APPLICATION NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2019.**

Applicants may telephone or e-send any questions or inquiries to the Scholarship Committee at: 573-999-6387 or jpmartin1969@gmail.com

Additional application forms for scholarship awards may be obtained from the Missouri National Guard Association website at: mongaonline.com

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

February 1st, 2019 – Application and information posted to MONGA Website

March 1st, 2019 - All applications due to the Scholarship Chairperson – an email will be sent to the email on scholarship application confirming receipt

March 10th, 2019 – Applications reviewed by Scholarship Committee

March 15th, 2019 – Selected recipient names and recommendation of award sent to the Missouri National Guard Association Executive Board for approval

March 22nd, 2019 – Recipients notified of selection

April 13th, 2019 – Recipients awarded scholarships at Missouri National Guard Association banquet at The Adam's Mark Hotel, Kasas City, Missouri

**MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP
(LIMITED TO UNDERGRADUATES – NO ADVANCED DEGREES)**

Name of Applicant

Street

City

State

Zip

Applicant E-mail

Check the box(es) that apply: I am applying for this scholarship as:

(a) A member of the Missouri National Guard Association. Yes No

(b) A dependent of a member of the Missouri National Guard Association.

Yes No

Member's Name: _____
(Print Name)

Current School and grade level:

If currently not attending school state reason:

List organization and activities in which you have been most active:

List honors (scholastic, citizenship, etc), which have been awarded to you:

Have you received a Missouri National Guard Association Scholarship before?

Yes No

If yes, what year(s) and the amount of the scholarship(s) received:

What accredited school or college do you wish to attend and what do you plan to study?

Have you been accepted Yes No Application Pending

ENDORSEMENTS

ENDORSEMENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN (IF APPLICANT IS A DEPENDENT)

As the parent/guardian of the scholarship applicant, I declare that the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing statements are complete and correct. I am also attesting I am a current member, in good standing, of the Missouri National Guard Association. I approve of this application:

Printed Name and Signature

Date

ENDORSEMENT OF NATIONAL GUARD ADMINISTRATOR

Not required if member is a Retiree

As the unit administrator of (MONGA Member's unit): _____

I declare that the Guard member is in good standing with this unit and has no AWOL's within the last 12 months.

Unit Administrator's Signature
(Please print name)

Date

Phone

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT

I signify that I have answered each question honestly and to the best of my ability and agree to the stipulation that I will repay any scholarship money received if I withdraw from school by my own desire or at the request of the school.

Signature of the Applicant

Date

Phone

Return this application not later than March 1, 2019 to:

Missouri National Guard Association
Rodney Ginter
Scholarship Committee Chairperson
2302 Militia Drive
Jefferson City, MO 65101-1203

Office Use Only:

Date received _____