

# SMP CADETS

CAN QUALIFY FOR THE MOST BENEFITS

	ROTC	SMP	POTENTIAL EARNINGS
100% Paid Tuition - Public	Tuition or Rm/Board	✓	100%
100% Paid Tuition - Private	Tuition or Rm/Board	✓	100%
College Room and Board	Tuition or Rm/Board	✓	100%
\$1200 ROTC Book Allowance	✓	✓	100%
ROTC Monthly Stipend	✓	✓	100%
Federal Tuition Assistance Program <i>\$4500 Annual Assistance</i>		✓	100%
Montgomery GI Bill <i>Full-time Student - \$384 per month</i>		✓	100%
Montgomery GI Bill Kicker <i>Additional \$350 per month stipend</i>		✓	100%
E-5 Drill Pay <i>\$311.04 per month</i>		✓	100%
National Guard Grant <i>4 year scholarship to any public college</i>		✓	100%
GRFD/DEDNG Scholarships		✓	100%
Additional Hands-on Experience <i>Leading Soldiers in the Army National Guard</i>		✓	

## ADDITIONAL THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Affordable medical and dental care for you and your family (TRICARE Reserve Select)
- Low-cost life insurance
- Free academic testing and counseling
- Begin planning for your retirement by using the Blended Retirement System (BRS)
- Discounted and tax-free grocery and shopping privileges at post exchanges and commissaries
- Free military air flights based on space availability
- Access to recreational facilities on military installations



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## SIMULTANEOUS MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

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**STUDENTS BECOME LEADERS**





# MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS ATTEND ROTC WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD



## RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS (ROTC)

Army Reserves Officer's Training Corps (ROTC) is a college elective curriculum that allows you to earn a commission as a military officer. Army ROTC classes normally involve one elective class and one lab per semester. Although the classes involve hands-on fieldwork as well as classroom work, they are standard college classes that fit into a normal academic schedule.

Unlike traditional college courses, Army ROTC gives a wide range of experiences while you work toward a degree. You'll combine classroom instruction with practical experience, learning skills that are sure to give you an edge over your peers when it comes time to look for a job.

## SIMULTANEOUS MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP) allows you to attend Army ROTC while serving in the Army National Guard as an officer trainee. SMP cadets apply knowledge learned in the classroom with hands-on training leading Soldiers in the Guard.

In addition to the training and experience, SMP cadets qualify for additional pay, benefits, and scholarship programs such as:

- National Guard Grant
- Montgomery GI Bill and GI Bill Kicker
- Federal Tuition Assistance Program
- Military Drill pay at E-5 rate (approx \$311 per weekend)
- Low cost Healthcare and Life Insurance options

Upon graduation from Army ROTC, you will earn the rank of Second Lieutenant, be commissioned into the Illinois Army National Guard and become a leader for life.



## ROTC AND NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIPS

Whether you're a college bound high school student or already attending a college or university, Army ROTC has scholarships available. Scholarships are awarded based on a student's merit and grades, not financial need.

Accepting an ROTC scholarship incurs a military service obligation. Scholarship winners must serve for eight years: non-scholarship Cadets who enroll in the ROTC Advanced Course must serve for six years. All who graduate and complete ROTC training are commissioned as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserves or Army National Guard.

### ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS CONSIST OF:

- Two-, three- and four-year scholarship options based on the time remaining to complete your degree and the desired branch of commissioning.
- Full-tuition **OR** the option for room and board in place of tuition, if you should qualify
- \$1200.00 annual allowances for books and fees

### LIVING EXPENSES

ROTC scholarships also provide monthly living allowances of \$420 per month each school year.

Army National Guard Soldiers can take advantage of numerous combinations of the benefits listed above and more. Contact your local Army National Guard Recruiter for more information or visit [www.nationalguard.com/careers](http://www.nationalguard.com/careers) for more information.

## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AVAILABLE TO SMP CADETS

### NATIONAL GUARD GRANT

12 months after joining the Army National Guard, this entitlement will cover 100% tuition at any state funded university or community college for up to four years (eight semesters). It can be used for undergraduate or graduate programs.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

Recipients of the scholarships listed below will choose to use their awards for either 100% coverage of tuition and mandatory fees (at a state or private school) OR \$10,000/year for room and board.

- Minuteman Scholarship: One of the only 4-Year Scholarships available to ROTC Cadets - high school seniors and college freshmen are eligible to apply.
- Dedicated Army National Guard Scholarship (DEDNG): Up to a 3-Year Scholarship award available to Cadets who want to obtain a commission in the National Guard.
- Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty Scholarship (GRFD): Up to a 2-Year Scholarship award available to Cadets interested in commissioning into either the National Guard or Army Reserve.

### FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE (FTA)

The Federal Tuition Assistance Program can fund tuition at any public and private colleges and universities, both inside and outside the state of Illinois. The amount of FTA shall not exceed \$250.00 per semester hour, up to \$4,500.00 per fiscal year. Tuition Assistance can also be used to fund clock hours for vocational/technical courses offered by accredited colleges/universities.

### MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL AND G.I. BILL KICKER

The G.I. Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) provides up to \$13,500 cash to help with education expenses. The money is paid directly to you in monthly increments while you are attending school. The FY 2019 rate for a full-time student is \$384 per month.

As an SMP cadet, you could earn an **additional \$350 per month** with the Montgomery G.I. Bill "Kicker".