

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE - MONTANA NATIONAL GUARD ELIGIBILITY, INSTRUCTIONS, AND AWARD GUIDELINES

## Montana National Guard Tuition Scholarship (Army and Air Guard members)

STUDENTS MUST APPLY and be approved prior to the beginning of the term for which the scholarship will be applied. (retroactive awards are not made for previous semesters)

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

An Undergraduate student who is enlisted with the Montana National Guard is eligible for a tuition scholarship\*\*, provided the student:

- Is an enlisted and serving member of the Montana National Guard at the start of the semester for which the student is enrolling;
- Has been certified as a Montana National Guard member in good standing by the Adjutant General who has also completed Initial Entry Training;
- Does not hold a bachelor's degree or higher;
- Has enlisted for a six year commitment;
- Meets all admission requirements of Rocky Mountain College;
- Maintains reasonable academic progress in accordance with RMC's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy used in administering federal financial aid; and
- Has an outstanding tuition balance after applying all other sources of aid (see award calculation example below).

#### **AWARD GUIDELINES:**

The Montana National Guard Tuition Scholarship is a last dollar award and is calculated based on the current term's tuition rate. All federal, state, and private grants and/or scholarships sent to RMC on behalf of the student, must be deducted from tuition before the scholarship can be applied. Scholarships will only be applied if there is an outstanding tuition balance after all other sources of aid have been applied (see example below). GI Bill benefits are not included in the tuition waiver award calculation. Students who are receiving ROTC scholarships are not eligible for this award.

Students who meet the above criteria but are not eligible to receive Federal military tuition assistance due to breach of contract or other circumstance are still eligible for this scholarship. However, the institution reserves the right to account for what the student would be eligible for when determining the Montana National Guard Tuition Scholarship amount.

For questions regarding how this benefit will be calculated for your specific circumstances, please visit the Financial Aid Office.

**TUITION ONLY (No Fees) (no special program fees)** 

Minus Federal Military Tuition Assistance (Equivalent of Chapter 1606 monthly benefit)

Minus Federal Grants (PELL Grant, SEOG, etc.)

Minus State Grants and/or scholarships

Minus Private grants and/or scholarships

Minus Institutional grants and/or scholarships

TUITION Balance\*\*\*

<sup>\*\*</sup>The waiver covers TUITION ONLY, and is NOT available for special program fees.

### = Montana National Guard Tuition Scholarship (up to tuition)

## **APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

- MUST APPLY for this scholarship prior to the beginning of the term for which the student plans to attend (retroactive awards are not made for previous semesters)\*\*\*\*;
- APPLY for a Federal Aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); and
- Submit your application online.

\*\*\*\*If you are enrolled in the Program, but have a break in enrollment or eligibility, you will need to reapply for the waiver for future semesters, no later than the beginning of the semester for which you are applying.

## RESOURCES

For a complete list and breakdown of education and tuition assistance through the National Guard visit the <u>Montana National Guard online</u>.