



FINANCIAL AID GUIDANCE MEMO

REFERENCE: **FA 18-006**
TOPIC: **OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**
DATE: **1 AUGUST 2017**
RELEVANT STATUTE: **OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTION 5919.34**

Ohio Revised Code

The Ohio Revised Code for the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program (ONGSP) can be found at:
<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5919.34>.

Per ORC 5919.34, if the amounts appropriated for the ONGSP are not adequate to provide full scholarships in the amounts specified for all eligible applicants, the Chancellor shall do all of the following:

(1) Notify each private institution of higher education, where a scholarship recipient is enrolled, that, by accepting the ONGSP as payment for all or part of the institution's tuition, the institution agrees that if the Chancellor reduces the amount of each scholarship, the institution shall provide each scholarship recipient a grant or tuition waiver in an amount equal to the amount the recipient's scholarship was reduced by the Chancellor.

(2) Reduce the amount of each scholarship proportionally based on the amount of remaining available funds. Each state institution of higher education shall provide each scholarship recipient a grant or tuition waiver in an amount equal to the amount the recipient's scholarship was reduced by the Chancellor.

In accordance with this authority, the primary purpose of this correspondence is to notify all institutions that amounts appropriated in Am. Sub. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly (the fiscal year 2018-2019 state operating budget) are not expected to be adequate to provide full scholarships for all eligible applicants as prescribed in ORC 5919.34. Therefore, institutions are required to provide each ONGSP scholarship recipient with a grant or tuition waiver in an amount equal to the amount the recipient's scholarship is reduced in academic year 2017-2018.

After reviewing the fiscal year 2018 appropriation for the ONGSP as compared to projected program utilization rates, scholarship coverage for all 2017-2018 academic year terms *beginning on or after August 1, 2017* will be:

1. **If a state institution of higher education: 96% of the institution's tuition/general fees;**
2. **If a nonprofit private institution: 96% of the average tuition/general fees of all state institutions of higher education;**
3. **If an institution that holds a certificate of registration from the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools: the lesser of the following: 96% of the institution's tuition/general fees, OR 96% of the average tuition/general fees of all state institutions of higher education.**

Additional correspondence will be forthcoming from the Adjutant General's Department in the form of scholarship approval rosters for the 2017-2018 academic year.

In the interim, financial aid personnel should direct questions to Lonny Kirby, ONGSP Program Manager, at 614-336-7143 or lonny.r.kirby.nfg@mail.mil.