On June 4, 2018 the Ohio Department of Higher Education issued Financial Aid Guidance Memo FA 19-002 which set the reimbursement rate of the Ohio National Guard Scholarship at 92% for fiscal year 2019. This reimbursement rate was in accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 5919.34 and was based on the original appropriation in Am. Sub. HB 49 of the 132nd General Assembly and projected program utilization rates for FY 2019.

Since issuance of that Guidance, the General Assembly has passed Am. Sub. S.B. 299 which provides an increase in the FY 2019 appropriation for the National Guard Scholarship Program. With this increased state support, the anticipated reductions in the reimbursement rates are no longer necessary. Therefore, scholarship coverage for all 2018-2019 academic year terms beginning on or after July 1, 2018 will be:

1. If a state institution of higher education: 100% of the institution’s tuition/general fees;
2. If a nonprofit private institution: 100% 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: 100% of the institution’s tuition/general fees, OR 100% 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 2018-2019 academic year.

In the interim, financial aid personnel should direct questions to Lonny Kirby, ONGSP Program Manager, at 614-3367143 or lonny.r.kirby.nfg@mail.mil.