

GRANT APPLICATION
Education Foundation for the Colorado National Guard
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Mail ALL pages of this application with attached documents (see page 2 for additional details) in one envelope to:

EDUCATION FOUNDATION FOR THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD

ATTN: GRANT COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 440889

Aurora, CO 80044-0889

Questions? Contact Bernie Rogoff (303) 909-6369 or BernieRogoff@comcast.net

Applicant Information (Please type or print) Application School Year: _____

Semester: ☐ Fall ☐ Spring

Applicant's Name: _____
(First Name, MI, Last Name)

Home Address: _____
(Street/Apt. No. City State Zip Code)

Telephone: _____
(Home Work Cell)

E-Mail Address: _____

DOB: _____ *Current Pursuing Level (check one): ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate School ☐ Trade School

Current GPA: _____ Credits anticipated this semester: _____ ☐ Fulltime ☐ Part Time Applicant's

Affiliation with CO National Guard: ☐ Member ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependent Child

Member/Sponsor Information

Member of: ☐ Army (COARNG) ☐ Air (COANG) Expiration of Term of Service (ETS): _____

Current Rank: _____ Unit of Assignment: _____

School Information

List name and full address of university, college, or trade school you plan to attend.

Name of Institution: _____

Address of Financial Aid Office: _____
(Street Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

Telephone Number of Financial Aid Office: _____

Point-of-Contact at Financial Aid Office: _____

Student ID Number (if known): _____

Signature _____ & Date _____

(By signing, I agree to the terms of this Application, including those on the page 3)

On a separate sheet titled “Leadership, Honors, and Volunteer Activities”

1. List separately and describe all **leadership roles** and/or **positions of responsibility** you have held, the actual amount of time required by these, and the approximate start/end dates.
2. List separately and describe all **honors** awarded to you. Describe fully, the requirements for these honors and the significance of such honors or explain why you are proud of receiving this honor. For example, it can be an award or honor at school, church, in an organization, or in your community.
3. List separately and describe all **voluntary activities** (*not required by school curriculum and for which you did not receive payment*). For example, volunteer activities at a school, church, or in the community. Describe fully the role you played, the amount of time required to do these activities and the approximate start/end dates.

You may relist previous leadership roles, honors, voluntary activities but be sure to update information to reflect current efforts and accomplishments. Make sure to list all three categories separately.

The following items must be included with your application:

- 1) An **Official Transcript** of high school credits, or for applicants already in institutions of higher learning, a **current Official Transcript** of college credits or trade school.
- 2) An **Essay** (*not to exceed 2 pages, and double spaced*) to include a discussion of the following:
 - a) State your **current goals and desire** to continue your education and what personally motivates you to pursue further education.
 - b) **Your need of financial assistance.** Being as specific as possible, explain **your financial situation** relating to paying for school. This would include that of any parents/guardians if they are contributing to your support or the cost of your education as well as any sources of financial help including loans, employment, scholarships, or any other sources of financial aid.
 - c) Create a statement of **your commitment to academic excellence.** If your previous grades were less than optimal, explain why, and what your plans are to improve. If you are taking advanced courses or your curriculum is difficult, point this out and explain the circumstances.
 - d) Explain **your current situation.** This includes your course choices relating to your chosen degree or career. If your major or goals change, explain.

This application must be current. Return applicants discuss all changes in your goals, financial need, and/or academic record since your last application or award. *Resubmission of an old application will not be accepted. Less value may be given to any and all portions of an application that are virtually the same in previously submitted application.*

3) **One (1) signed and dated letter of recommendation** that states how and the circumstances under which the writer knows the applicant, giving specific moral and personal traits and observations that led the writer to these conclusions. These can come from community leaders, ministers, educators, etc. and should be someone who has had ample opportunity to observe the conduct and character of the applicant.

4) **One (1) signed, dated, letterhead letter of academic reference** from a principal, counselor, teacher, Dean or professor not related to the applicant who has currently had the opportunity to observe first-hand the applicant's drive and application to academic studies. *Less weight may be given letters previously submitted.*

Letters must be current (within the last year) and be signed and dated by the individual making the recommendation. Less weight may be given to resubmitted letters. Copies of e-mails are not acceptable, but scanned or faxed letters with a date, signature, and letterhead when applicable are acceptable.

5) **Proof of military service by you or your sponsor:** For retirees, Form NGB22. For Current Military – a copy of your current (no more than 3 months old) leave and earnings statement. To protect your privacy, please black out your SSN on any documents submitted.

Please indicate how, where, and when you heard about this Grant:

***Letters of Recommendation and Official Transcripts, may be mailed directly to EFCONG from the author or institution. However, they must arrive no later than the application deadline in order for your application to be considered.**

Additional Terms and Conditions of Grant:

- All applicants receive notification of results.
- Applicants must be enrolled at an accredited institution, full or part-time, at a college, university, trade, or business school during the semester for which applying. Undergraduates, graduate students and trade or business school students are eligible for Grants.
- High school seniors may apply. Award of a Grant is dependent upon acceptance into an accredited college, university, trade, or business school.
- Applications and supporting documents become the sole property of the Education Foundation and cannot be returned. As a recipient, your name and picture may be used for promotional purposes by the Education Foundation.
- Incomplete applications are not considered.
- Previous Education Foundation Grant recipients may re-apply but must submit a new application packet each time, using the current version of the Application, which is available via download from www.efcong.org
- The Board of Directors establishes the value of the Grant funds available based on the amount of donations received. The Grant Committee determines the number of Grants and individual values based on the applications received.
- The Education Foundation reserves the right to award all or none of the Grant funds.
- If the award recipient does not complete the school term for which the Grant is awarded, due to any cause other than severe illness, physical injury, deployment, or death, the recipient agrees to refund the award to the Education Foundation within sixty (60) days from the date enrollment is terminated.
- The Education Foundation reserves the right to make final selection of Grant recipients based upon, but not limited to, the criteria contained in the application guidelines and the requirements described in this application.
- Applicant acknowledges and agrees to the foregoing terms and conditions by signing and submitting an Application.

Have you ever been convicted of any law violation? (Include any plea of "guilty" or "no contest". Exclude minor traffic violations)

☐ No ☐ Yes If Yes: ☐ Misdemeanor ☐ Felony (A conviction will not necessarily disqualify an applicant for a Grant)

Provide details: _____

CERTIFICATE

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge. If awarded a Grant and I fail to complete that school term for any reason other than severe illness, physical injury, deployment, or death, I agree to return any Grant monies received by me or my school. I consent to providing the information requested in this application, freely and voluntarily and waive any objections to providing this information which might be made pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 USC Section 552a. The Education Foundation Inc. National Guard Association of Colorado has my permission to use the information given to consider and process this application.

Applicant's Signature

CO National Guard Member (Sponsor) Signature

Date

Date

The Education Foundation, Inc. National Guard Association of Colorado does not discriminate with regard to race, creed, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, age, physical or mental disability or marital status.

Any questions on this application which pertain to these issues are for statistical purposes only. The Board of Directors of the Education Foundation is comprised of both members of the military and civilians to ensure a wide range of views and experiences go into the evaluation of the applications.

Thanks to all who contribute time and /or financial support to administer Grants to worthy applicants. If you are a donor or potential donor and would like to speak with a member of the Grant Committee regarding this application or the process, Mr. Rogoff would be happy to help you with the contact information. However, applicants cannot speak directly with the Committee members.

Education Foundation Use Only			
Application Fully Completed & Signed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership, Honors & Volunteer Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Academic Reference	<input type="checkbox"/>
Official Transcript	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of Sponsor's Military Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reviewer	<input type="checkbox"/>
FERPA Release Attached (signed)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

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Below are sections that can be given to individuals you are asking to write you a Letter of Recommendation, to provide them with additional information regarding what the EFCONG Grant Committee hopes to see in the document.

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- All Letters of Reference must be signed and dated within the last 6 months.
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Education Foundation for the Colorado National Guard FERPA Release Form

To: Postsecondary Institution: _____, Registrar's Office

From: _____

Student's First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Permanent Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), my institution listed above is permitted to disclose information to the Education Foundation for the Colorado National Guard.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I consent to the disclosure of any personally identifiable information, including but not limited to: transcripts, contact and enrollment information from my education records to the Education Foundation for the Colorado National Guard.

Signature: _____ Date: _____