



OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD

Educational Assistance Program (EAP)

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OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP)

- ▶ Senate Bill 1418 passed in 2022 created the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP).
- ▶ This program replaced the previous Oklahoma National Guard Tuition Waiver program.
- ▶ The program provides expanded educational benefits, including: coverage for tuition, mandatory fees, and academic service fees.



EAP Program Impact and Growth

- 2022-2023 First-Year Disbursement: \$7.8 million
- 2023-2024 Disbursement: \$9.27 million
- 2024-2025 Disbursement: \$11.79 million
- Total Disbursed (3 Years): \$28.8 million+





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- ▶ House Bill 2257, passed in the 2025 legislative session, amended the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program by
 - ▶ Allowing the Military Department to **set caps on assistance and limit certain programs** in coordination with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE).
 - ▶ Introducing a requirement for Guard members to hold a **Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) or Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC)** after their first semester to remain eligible.



EAP ELIGIBILITY (KEY REQUIREMENTS)

➤ Initial Eligibility:

- Current member of the Oklahoma National Guard (Guard) in good standing as determined by the Guard;
- High school diploma or have completed the General Educational Development (GED) requirements; and
- Admitted to and enrolled in an institution of higher education within the Oklahoma State System.
- Must have at least one (1) year remaining on their enlistment contract at the beginning of the semester for which assistance is sought.

➤ Continued Eligibility:

- Must maintain a **minimum grade point average of 2.0**.
- Maintain **good academic standing and satisfactory academic progress** according to the standards of the Oklahoma educational institution in which the member is enrolled, including meeting retention and degree completion requirements.
- Must maintain **satisfactory participation** in the Oklahoma National Guard.
- After the first semester, must **possess a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) or Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC)**.



EAP AWARD LIMITATIONS

- Assistance can only be used to obtain a degree higher than the service member currently holds, up to a master's degree.
- Assistance is capped at 18 credit hours per semester.
- Assistance for associate/baccalaureate degree limited to 120 credit hours or completion of degree requirements, whichever comes first.
- Assistance for graduate program (Master's degree) limited to 40 credit hours or completion of degree requirements, whichever comes first.
- Assistance is not available for summer semester.



EAP PROCESS



1. Nat'l Guard sends certification with eligible service members to OSRHE via O-SAFE.



2. OSRHE adds remaining undergrad/grad hours to certification and uploads it to O-SAFE for the institutional coordinator.



3. Institutional coordinator completes certification form and uploads it to O-SAFE.



4. OSRHE processes certification, sends disbursement roster to institution and OSRHE business office.



5. Electronic payment is made to the institution for eligible service members, OSRHE notifies institutional coordinator of funds transfer.





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CERTIFICATION FROM OK NATIONAL GUARD

Each semester, the Oklahoma National Guard populates institutional certifications with eligible service members.

- ▶ **Name Formatting:** Ensure names are presented in the correct format. The preferred formats are "Last Name, First Name MI" or "Last Name, First Name".
- ▶ **SSN Verification:** Check that the last four digits of the Social Security Number on the certification match the ones on file. If you notice a discrepancy, correct it.
 - ▶ **Comment Field:** If there are any corrections to the SSN, document these in the comment field.
- ▶ **Tracking EAP Hours:** OSRHE uses the combined information of name and SSN as identifiers to track the usage of undergraduate and graduate EAP hours by each service member.
- ▶ **Please note, it is important not to add or remove students from the certification. Concurrent high school students are not eligible for this award.**



| National Guard | | | | | | | OSHRE | | | |
|------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| Name (LAST,FIRST M.) | Student ID | Last 4 of SSN | Total Undergraduate EAP Hours | Remaining Undergraduate EAP Hours | Total Graduate EAP Hours | Remaining Graduate EAP Hours | | | | |
| ALTIZER, LUKE S. | 945658 | 1234 | 16 | 104 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| AMES, CORI C. | 945659 | 1235 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| CHAPPELL, SARAH E. | 945660 | 1236 | 17 | 103 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| CROWELL, GRACE E. | 945661 | 1237 | 12 | 108 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| FREEMAN, CODY W. | 945662 | 1238 | 15 | 105 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| GRANT, ROCHELLE C. | 945663 | 1239 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| GUTIERREZ, VINCENT C. | 945664 | 1240 | 18 | 102 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| HALE, ALEXA T. | 945665 | 1241 | 12 | 108 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| HARRIS, SAMUEL N. | 945666 | 1242 | 18 | 102 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| HUNTER, MINETRIA | 945667 | 1243 | 12 | 108 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| JENKINS, JOSHUA B. | 945668 | 1244 | 13 | 107 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| MADISON, DAVID R. | 945669 | 1245 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| MCMILLAN, BRITTANY E. | 945670 | 1246 | 15 | 105 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| MITCHELL, CHELSEA L. | 945671 | 1247 | 12 | 108 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| MURALI, ARINRUTH | 945672 | 1248 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| NOLAND, JAZZLYNN S. | 945673 | 1249 | 16 | 104 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| NORRIS, TYLER G. | 945674 | 1250 | 13 | 107 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| PATTERSON, MATTEW P. | 945675 | 1251 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| PICKENS, ANTON J. | 945676 | 1252 | 17 | 103 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| RAMSEY, CASSANDRA M. | 945677 | 1253 | 18 | 102 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| SANDOVAL, ABEL H. | 945678 | 1254 | 15 | 105 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| SMITH, NYKITA A. | 945679 | 1255 | 6 | 114 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| UNDERWOOD, JONATHAN R. | 945680 | 1256 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| WRIGHT, SARAH C. | 945681 | 1257 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | | | | |
| GODFREY, CHRISTINA M. | 945682 | 1258 | 0 | 120 | 16 | 24 | | | | |
| TURNER, KENT L. | 945683 | 1259 | 0 | 120 | 3 | 37 | | | | |



INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATION

Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP)

2022-23 Scholarship Claim Form

Institution:

Cameron University

Semester

Spring

Participants receiving the award for the first time are not subject to the GPA requirement.

Person to whom email notice given for payment:

BURSAR@CAMERON.EDU; JSMITH@CAMERON.EDU

(please provide email address if applicable)

Year

2023

I certify that the awards for students listed below have been awarded within the student's federal cost of attendance limit.

(Must provide name and title below or claims will not be paid.)

| Name | Title | Contact Number |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| JANE SMITH | SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR | 405-501-6011 |

| National Guard | | | OSHRE | | | | Institution | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Name (LAST, FIRST M.) | Student ID | Last 4 of SSN | Total Undergraduate EAP Hours | Remaining Undergraduate EAP Hours | Total Graduate EAP Hours | Remaining Graduate EAP Hours | Current Degree | Cumulative GPA (≥ 2.0 Required) See Comment Above | Total Semester Hours (Max 18) | Tuition | Mandatory Fees | Academic Service Fees | Total Award | Adjusted Award (Mark Y if applicable) | Comments |
| ALTIZER, LUKE S. | 945658 | 1234 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | High School Student | 2.977 | 16 | \$2,680 | \$896 | \$380 | \$3,956.00 | | Concurrent Student |
| AMES, CORI C. | 945659 | 1235 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | | 14 | \$2,345 | \$784 | \$440 | \$3,569.00 | | New Student |
| FREEMAN, CODY W. | 945662 | 1238 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 1.9 | 16 | \$2,680 | \$896 | \$431 | \$4,007.00 | | New to ONG |
| GRANT, ROCHELLE C. | 945663 | 1239 | 26 | 94 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 1.167 | 3 | \$1,005 | | | \$1,005.00 | | |
| SANDOVAL, ABEL H. | 945678 | 1254 | 24 | 96 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 3 | 21 | \$3,178 | \$728 | \$195 | \$4,100.50 | | |
| SMITH, NYKITA A. | 945679 | 1255 | 30 | 90 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 2.914 | 12 | \$2,010 | \$672 | \$398 | \$3,080.00 | | |
| SMITH, JOHN | 945684 | 1256 | 0 | 120 | 3 | 37 | Associate | Yes | 6 | \$1,005 | \$336 | \$180 | \$1,521.00 | | |



INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATION

- ▶ **Provide Email Address(es):** provide email addresses of scholarship coordinators who should receive notifications regarding payment.
- ▶ **Identify the Coordinator:** Provide the name and contact number of the coordinator who completed the certification, so we can reach out directly if there are any questions or clarifications needed.
- ▶ **Check Degree Program:** Service members must be enrolled in an associate, bachelor, or master degree program to qualify.
 - ▶ Non-degree, professional degrees, or certificates, are not eligible for the benefit.
 - ▶ At the graduate level, the benefit can only be used for master's degrees.



INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATION

- ▶ **Check GPA Requirement:** A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher must be maintained by service members. Exceptions are made for those receiving the benefit for the first time.
 - ▶ Please provide the GPA as a numerical value.
 - ▶ If a service member does not yet have a GPA, leave the Cumulative GPA field blank and note "new student" in the Comment column for clarification.
- ▶ **Report Credit Hours:** Do not report more than 18 total semester credit hours.
- ▶ **Report Tuition and Fees:** Do not report tuition and fee amounts in excess of 18 credit hours.
- ▶ For detailed breakdowns of tuition and fees, please refer to the following resources:
 - ▶ The "Tuition and Fee Rate Booklet" provides comprehensive breakdowns of expected costs.
 - ▶ The Policy Manual (pages 57-58) defines "tuition," "mandatory fees," and "academic services fees".



DISBURSEMENT REPORT

| Academic Year | 2023 | Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program Disbursement Roster | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| Semester | Spring | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Institution | University of Central Oklahoma | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Institution Sum | \$ 447,045.91 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Student Information | | | | | | | | Undergraduate (Bachelor or | | | Graduate (Master) Hours | | | Disbursement | | | |
| Last | First | Middle | Student | Last 4 of SSN | Degree | GPA <2.0 | Under 18 hours | New Semester Hours | Previous Semester Hours | Remaining EAP Hours | New Semester Hours | Previous Semester Hours | Remaining EAP Hours | Tuition | Mandatory | Academic | Total |
| Name | Name | Initial | ID # | | | | | | | | | | | | Fees | Service Fees | Award |
| ALSUP | TY'TIANNA | A | 00000234 | 1234 | Bachelor | Pass | Pass | 14 | 0 | 106 | 0 | 0 | 40 | \$ 3,278.80 | \$ 563.78 | \$ 773.76 | \$ 4,616.34 |
| ANDERSON | MATHEW | T | 00000234 | 1234 | Bachelor | Pass | Pass | 6 | 12 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 40 | \$ 1,509.30 | \$ 241.62 | \$ 659.52 | \$ 2,410.44 |
| ARAIN | FIZA | A | 00000234 | 1234 | Bachelor | Pass | Pass | 7 | 0 | 113 | 0 | 0 | 40 | \$ 1,662.45 | \$ 281.89 | \$ 746.32 | \$ 2,690.66 |
| BALDWIN | LAYNI | D | 00000234 | 1234 | Bachelor | Pass | Pass | 12 | 13 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 40 | \$ 2,810.40 | \$ 483.24 | \$ 877.92 | \$ 4,171.56 |
| BAXTER | KYLEIGH | P | 00000234 | 1234 | Bachelor | Pass | Pass | 16 | 15 | 89 | 0 | 0 | 40 | \$ 3,747.20 | \$ 644.32 | \$ 762.06 | \$ 5,153.58 |
| BENTLEY | DESTIN | L | 00000234 | 1234 | Bachelor | Pass | Pass | 12 | 12 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 40 | \$ 3,018.60 | \$ 483.24 | \$ 1,319.04 | \$ 4,820.88 |
| BLACKWELL | IAN | R | 00000234 | 1234 | Bachelor | Pass | Pass | 12 | 9 | 99 | 0 | 0 | 40 | \$ 3,018.60 | \$ 483.24 | \$ 1,319.04 | \$ 4,820.88 |



CERTIFICATION ADJUSTMENTS

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Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP) Scholarship Claim Form

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|--|
| Institution: |
| University of Oklahoma |
| Person to whom check should be mailed or email notice given: |
| (please provide email address if applicable) |

Semester

Spring

Year

2024

Participants receiving the award for the first time are not subject to the GPA requirement.

I certify that the awards for students listed below have been awarded within the student's federal cost of attendance limit.
(Must provide name and title below or claims will not be paid.)

| Name | Title | Contact Number |
|-------------------|-------|----------------|
| Crystal Armstrong | | 405-XXX-XXXX |

| National Guard | | | OSHRE | | | | Institution | | | | | | | | | Comments |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------------|---------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------|
| Name (LAST,FIRST M.) | Student ID | Last 4 of SSN | Total Undergraduate EAP Hours | Remaining Undergraduate EAP Hours | Total Graduate EAP Hours | Remaining Graduate EAP Hours | Current Degree | Cumulative GPA (≥ 2.0 Required) See Comment Above | Total Semester Hours (Max 18) | Tuition | Mandatory Fees | Academic Service Fees | Total Award | Adjusted Award (Mark Y if applicable) | | |
| Barnes, Addison E. | 000000001 | 1122 | 24 | 96 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 3.778 | 0 | -1338 | -301.66 | 1000 | -639.66 | Y | | |
| Bell, Ronnie D. | 000000002 | 1123 | 28 | 92 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 2.365 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 524.85 | 524.85 | Y | | |
| Bunch, Tyrone E. | 000000003 | 1124 | 24 | 96 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 2.933 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 676.35 | 676.35 | Y | | |
| Cooney, Bradley A. | 000000004 | 1125 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 2.675 | -3 | -1014 | -904.98 | -485.85 | -2404.83 | Y | | |
| Fixico Paizley, Nicole S. | 000000005 | 1126 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 485.85 | 485.85 | Y | No previous enrollment/No cumulative GPA. | |
| Flores, Brittanie A. | 000000006 | 1127 | 13 | 107 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 2.960 | -14 | -2535 | -2262.45 | -2291.8 | -7089.25 | Y | | |
| García, Alfonso M. | 000000007 | 1128 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 2.971 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 485.85 | 485.85 | Y | | |
| Jannaman, Trenton P. | 000000008 | 1129 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | | 3 | 0 | 0 | 485.85 | 485.85 | Y | No previous enrollment/No cumulative GPA. | |
| Lian, Cing D. | 000000009 | 1130 | 18 | 102 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 2.873 | 6 | 507 | -943.95 | 1914.5 | 1477.55 | Y | | |
| Li Darren Y | 000000010 | 1131 | 12 | 120 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 4.000 | -6 | -507 | 943.95 | -414.5 | 22.45 | Y | | |
| McKinney, Lincoln H. | 000000011 | 1132 | 14 | 106 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 3.400 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 485.85 | 485.85 | Y | | |
| Morales, Christian C. | 000000012 | 1133 | 0 | 120 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 173.25 | 173.25 | Y | No previous enrollment/No cumulative GPA. | |
| Morris, Emma L. | 000000013 | 1134 | 28 | 92 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 3.440 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 485.85 | 485.85 | Y | | |
| Myers, Austin B. | 000000014 | 1135 | 13 | 107 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 3.114 | -3 | 0 | 0 | -524.85 | -524.85 | Y | | |
| Wilson, Remi T. | 000000015 | 1136 | 16 | 104 | 0 | 40 | Bachelor | 3.114 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123.6 | 123.6 | Y | | |



ADJUSTMENTS TO DISBURSEMENT

- ▶ When submitting your subsequent certification form, include a numeric identifier in the file name for ease of tracking.
 - ▶ Example: ONG_OU_Sp24_2
- ▶ Only provide the adjustment to credit hours, tuition, and fees, indicating either an increase or decrease as appropriate.
- ▶ Mark the adjustment field with a 'Y', if the service member's information was previously included on a certification for the semester.



QUESTIONS?





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