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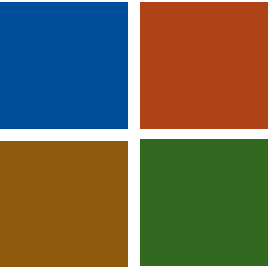


OKLAHOMA NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW: WHAT IS THE EAP

An expanded benefit for Oklahoma Guard members.

Senate Bill 1418, passed in 2022, established the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program — replacing the previous Tuition Waiver program with broader coverage for Guard members pursuing higher education.

Tuition

Full coverage (**Max 18 hrs**) of resident tuition charges at any institution within the Oklahoma State System.

Mandatory Fees

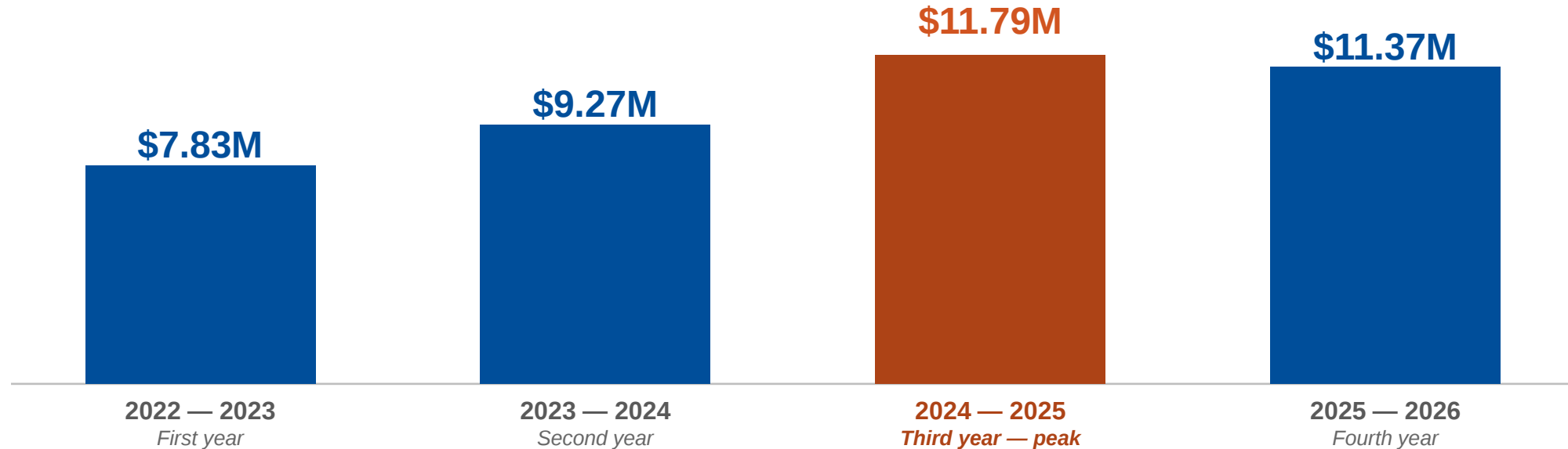
Required institutional fees assessed to all enrolled students for the term.

Academic Service Fees

Fees tied directly to enrollment in academic courses and programs of study.

PROGRAM IMPACT & GROWTH: FOUR YEARS IN

\$40M+ disbursed to Oklahoma institutions since launch.



Total disbursed to Oklahoma institutions **\$40.26M+**

2025–26 SNAPSHOT: WHERE THE FUNDING WENT

\$11.37M served **almost 1,500 Guard members** across **28 institutions**.

DISTRIBUTION BY INSTITUTION TIER

66.5%
of funding

Research universities
\$7.56M · 49.0% of recipients

27.0%
of funding

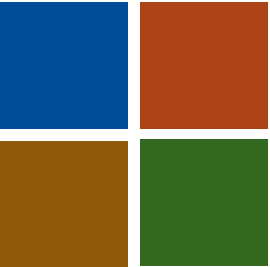
4-year regional institutions
\$3.08M · 31% of recipients

6.5%
of funding

2-year colleges
\$0.74M · 20% of recipients

TOP INSTITUTIONS BY DISBURSEMENT

Oklahoma State University		\$3.85M
University of Oklahoma		\$3.57M
University of Central Oklahoma		\$1.44M
Rogers State University		\$0.36M
Northeastern State University		\$0.34M
Southwestern Oklahoma State University		\$0.32M
22 additional institutions		\$1.49M



2025 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: REMINDER FROM LAST YEAR

House Bill 2257 amends the EAP.

HB 2257

ENACTED 2025

Amended the Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program. **In effect now.**

AMENDMENT 1

Caps & program limits

Allows the Military Department to set caps on assistance and limit certain programs — in coordination with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE).

AMENDMENT 2 • NEW ELIGIBILITY RULE

MOS / AFSC requirement

After their first semester, Guard members must hold a Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) or Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) to remain eligible.

2025–26 ADJUSTMENTS: STAYING WITHIN THE \$12M APPROPRIATION

Three Guard-led changes took effect last year.

In response to sustained demand and a fixed annual appropriation, the Oklahoma National Guard adjusted program scope and timing for 2025–26. Funding for excluded programs continues for **students already receiving benefits**, but no new participants are accepted.

EFFECTIVE FALL 2025

Flight fees excluded

EAP no longer covers flight fees associated with flight programs. Tuition and mandatory fees for those programs remain covered.

NO NEW ENROLLMENTS

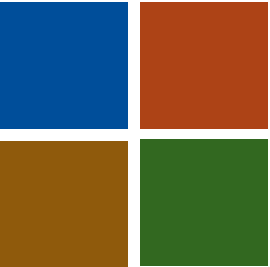
Executive MBA at OU

New enrollments in the Executive MBA program at the University of Oklahoma are no longer covered. Current participants continue through completion.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Earlier deadlines

Application deadlines moved earlier in the cycle — improves processing time but shortens the late-applicant window.



COMING FALL 2026: UPDATED CLAIMS REPORTING RULES

Effective Fall 2026

Reporting on the initial claims form

- ▶ Colleges and universities must report all hours for first and second eight-week courses for both the spring and fall semesters on the initial claims form.

Classes added after the initial claims form

- ▶ Any classes added after the initial claims form has been updated and returned by the institution become the financial responsibility of the service member.

COMING SOON: HB 3940 — DEPENDENT TRANSFERABILITY

EAP benefits will be transferable to spouses and dependent children beginning November 1, 2026.

HB 3940

EFFECTIVE NOV 1, 2026

Became law without the Governor's signature on May 13, 2026.
70 O.S. § 3231.1 (new) · cross-references 44 O.S. § 271

WHO QUALIFIES

Member service requirements

- Service requirements set in statute;
- final eligibility criteria pending AG rules.

DEERS enrollment required.

WHO CAN RECEIVE

Spouse

Usage provisions set in statute.

Dependent children under 26

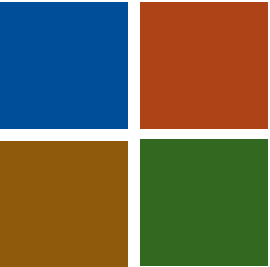
Additional statutory conditions apply.

All transfers subject to Adjutant General approval.

PENDING AG RULES

Details coming soon

Final implementation rules are being set by the Adjutant General.



EAP ELIGIBILITY (PART 1 OF 2): INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

Four requirements to **begin** receiving EAP.

1

**Active Guard member
in good standing**

Current Oklahoma National Guard member, as determined by the Guard.

2

**High school diploma or
GED**

Completion of secondary education or equivalent.

3

Admitted and enrolled

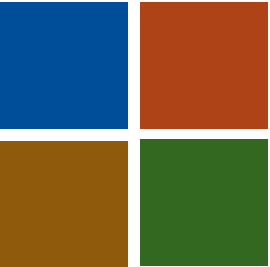
At an institution of higher education within the Oklahoma State System.

4

**One year remaining on
enlistment**

At the beginning of the semester for which assistance is sought.

All four must be met.



EAP ELIGIBILITY (PART 2 OF 2): CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY

Four requirements to **keep** receiving EAP.

1

Minimum 2.0 GPA (3.0 graduate)

Cumulative grade point average across the program of study.

2

Good academic standing

Meet your institution's standards for retention and degree completion.

3

Satisfactory Guard participation

Remain in active, good-standing service with the Oklahoma National Guard.

4

Hold an MOS or AFSC

After the first semester, possess a Military Occupational Specialty or Air Force Specialty Code.

New under HB 2257.

Eligibility is re-checked each term.

AWARD LIMITATIONS: WHAT THE BENEFIT COVERS

Caps by degree level, term, and credit hours.

B.A. →
M.A.

TIER UP ONLY

Higher degree only

Covers degrees higher than the member's current one, up to a master's.

18

HOURS / SEMESTER

Per-semester cap

Maximum of 18 credit hours of assistance per semester.

120

HOURS UNDERGRADUATE

Associate or bachelor's

120 credit hours *or degree completion, whichever comes first.*

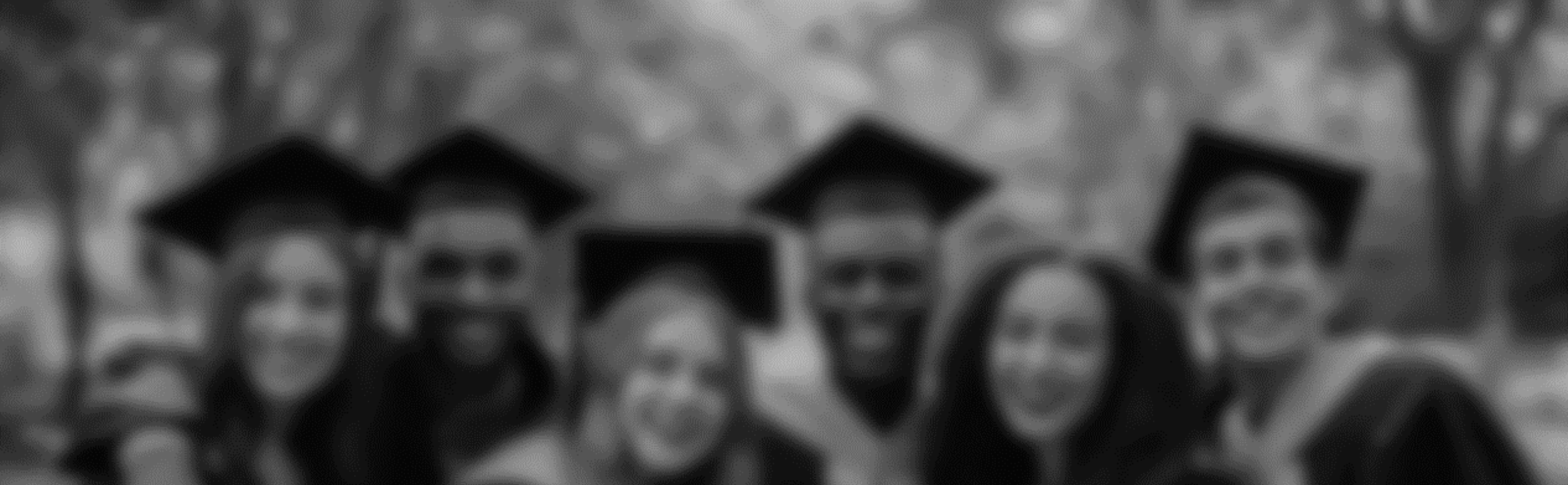
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HOURS GRADUATE

Master's programs

40 credit hours *or degree completion, whichever comes first.*

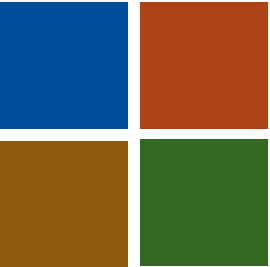
Note: Assistance is **not available** for the summer semester.



SECTION TWO

THE EAP PROCESS

How certifications flow between the Oklahoma National Guard, your institution, and OSRHE — semester by semester.



OSRHE SECURE ACCESS FILE EXCHANGE: THE PLATFORM

O-SAFE keeps personally identifiable information secure.

A secure access file exchange system used across all OSRHE state programs to share **Personally Identifiable Information (PII)** with colleges, universities, and partner organizations. **Never send these files by email.**



Secure data exchange

Move sensitive data between OSRHE and external partners.



FERPA compliant

Meets all data security regulations governing student education records.



Encrypted file transfer

All transfers move through an encrypted channel — never sent in the clear.



Automatic file deletion

Files are deleted automatically after **20 days**.

O-SAFE ACCESS: HOW TO LOG IN

Sign in, recover, and request access.

URL okhighered.org/O-SAFE/Login.aspx



The screenshot shows the O-SAFE Login page. At the top, there is a header for the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) with the text "OSRHE Secure Access File Exchange". Below this, the page is titled "O-Safe: Login". A welcome message reads "Welcome to the new O-Safe." followed by a note: "For all technical issues, please contact your program administrator." Below this, a prompt says "Input your user name and password to login to O-Safe." There are two input fields: one for "User Name" and one for "Password". Each field has a small icon of a person and a text prompt: "Input your user name." and "Input your login password." respectively. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Login" and "Forgot Password".



Sign in Enter your username and password at the URL above.



Forgot password Use the "Forgot Password" button to receive a reset via email.



Locked account Three failed attempts locks the account. Our office is notified and will unlock it.



Add or remove coordinators Email our office to request access or remove someone who has left the role.

OSRHE PROGRAM CONTACTS: WHO TO REACH

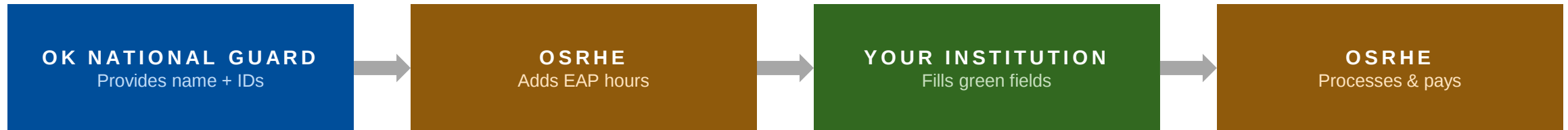
Your OSRHE staff contacts.

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SCHOLARSHIP CLAIM FORM: AT A GLANCE

How the claim form moves — and who fills what.



All transfers via **O-SAFE**

PEACH Pre-filled before you see it

From the OK National Guard:

- Service member name · Student ID · DOD ID · Last 4 of SSN

Added by OSRHE before routing:

- Total & Remaining undergraduate EAP hours
- Total & Remaining graduate EAP hours

GREEN Your institution fills

- Degree program (*Associate / Bachelor / Master*)
- Cumulative GPA (**≥ 2.0 required**)
- Semester hours (**max 18**), tuition, mandatory & academic service fees
- Total award, adjusted award (note in comments)
- *Plus institution, semester, year, and certifier contact info.*

The 18-hour cap is firm. Report only up to **18** semester hours.

INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATION (PART 1 OF 2): HEADER

Coordinator contact — who completed it, who to notify.

Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP)			
Scholarship Claim Form			
Institution: Example State University		Semester Fall	Participants receiving the award for the first time are not subject to the GPA requirement.
Person to whom check should be mailed or email notice given: scholarships@example.edu (please provide email address if applicable)		Year 2026	
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
Pat Doe		Scholarship Coordinator	(405) 555-0123

COORDINATOR CONTACT

Notification email(s)

Email addresses of scholarship coordinators who should receive **payment notifications**.

Certifier identity

Name and contact number of the coordinator who **completed the certification** so we can reach out with questions.

Semester and Year

The semester and academic year for which the claim is being submitted.

Keep contacts current. Payment notifications go only to the emails listed here — update them whenever your coordinator changes.

INSTITUTIONAL CERTIFICATION (PART 2 OF 2): STUDENT ROWS

Reporting the right numbers, per student.

National Guard			OSRHE				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	
Smith, John M.	12345	2000	25	89	0	40	Bachelor	3.42	6	\$ 1,561.08	\$ 247.62	\$ 635.40	\$ 2,444.10	
Johnson, Maria A.	67890	4521	120	0	12	19	Master	3.85	9	\$ 3,204.00	\$ 420.50	\$ 580.00	\$ 4,204.50	
Williams, Robert T.	33421	7842	48	60	0	40	Bachelor	2.14	12	\$ 1,985.00	\$ 285.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 4,204.50	
Davis, Linda K.	90112	1093	0	120	0	40	Bachelor		9	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 1,800.00	new student

1

Degree program

Associate, bachelor, or master only.

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No concurrent HS students

Flag in the comment column.

2

GPA ≥ 2.0 (3.0 grad)

First-term students with no GPA yet — leave blank and explain in comments.

3

Credit hours — max 18

Do not report more than 18 per semester.

4

Tuition & fees

No amounts in excess of 18 credit hours.

SPOT THE ERRORS: PRACTICE BEFORE YOU CERTIFY

NEW EMAIL — FROM A PARTNER COLLEGE

To: You, OSRHE EAP Coordinator

Subject: Spring 2026 EAP certification — please process attached

DO NOT DO THIS

Every entry in the attached roster has a mistake — spot each one before you certify.

Sample entry	Degree program	GPA	Hours	Tuition & fees
Highschool Hannah	High school (concurrent)	3.75	12	\$3,600.00
Overload Olivia	Bachelor	2.9	21	\$6,300.00
Newbie Newton (first term)	Bachelor	0.00	15	\$4,500.00
Double-Dip Dexter	2nd bachelor's	3.2	12	\$3,600.00

YOUR TURN

Which field is wrong in each row? Advance to the next slide to reveal the answer key.

SPOT THE ERRORS: THE ANSWER KEY

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH EACH ONE

Highschool Hannah — Concurrent high-school students are not eligible. Flag in the comments; do not certify.

Newbie Newton — First-term students have no GPA yet. Leave GPA blank and explain in comments — never enter 0.00.

Overload Olivia — 21 hours is over the 18-hour cap. Report no more than 18 hours and the matching charges.

Double-Dip Dexter — A second degree at the same level is not covered. The benefit only steps up to a higher degree.

DISBURSEMENT ROSTER: STEPS 4 & 5

Review your roster and report any discrepancy — no formal sign-off needed.

STEPS 4 & 5 OF 5

Academic Year	2026	Oklahoma National Guard Educational Assistance Program Disbursement Roster													
Semester	Fall														
Institution	Example State University														
Institution Sum	\$ 11,239.10														

Student Information								Undergraduate (Bachelor or Associate) Hours			Graduate (Master) Hours			Disbursement			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Student ID #	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 Fees	Academic Service Fees	Total Award
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			0		0	Pass	Pass	0	0	120	0	0	40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

4

Review the roster

OSRHE returns the roster after processing. Check that the total paid, student count, and each student's amount match your own records.

5

Report any discrepancy

If every figure matches your records, you are done. If a total looks off — or anything changed since you certified — tell us and send an updated certification (shown next).

CERTIFICATION ADJUSTMENTS: WHEN & HOW

Submit only the students who changed — **do not resend the entire roster.**

ONE ROW PER CHANGED STUDENT **ONG_OU_Sp26_2** - **RETURNING**

Scenario	Hours	Tuition	Mand Fees	Acad Svc	Total Change
Drop-It Drew: Dropped a course — not charged Adjust hours down so remaining EAP is accurate.	-3	-\$780.00	-\$45.00	-\$120.00	-\$945.00
Refund Rita: Returning funds — hours unchanged Over-requested; do not adjust hours.	—	-\$150.00	—	—	-\$150.00

SUBMIT AN ADJUSTMENT WHEN...

Student withdraws

Reduce the award if the student withdraws from courses after initial certification.

Hours drop or change

Enrollment hours, tuition, or fees changed after initial certification was submitted.

Refund is owed

Funds are to be returned to OSRHE.

You spot an error

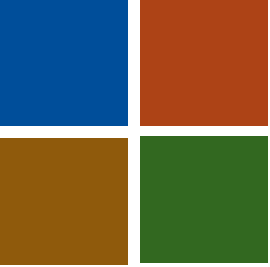
Corrections to GPA, degree program, or any field on the initial cert.



OPEN DISCUSSION

QUESTIONS?

Open floor — what would you like to talk through?



CONTACT INFORMATION

Reach OSRHE or the Oklahoma National Guard.

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