

**NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE
FOUNDATION**

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“Serving Tennessee Guardsmen Since 1924”

17 November 2025
Applications due 9 January 2026

**NGATN FOUNDATION
2026 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT**

1. The National Guard Association of Tennessee (NGATN) Foundation has allocated **\$38,000** for Scholarship grants for 2026. **Deadline for applications is 9 January 2026.** The **three (3)** types of Scholarships which may be awarded are as follows:

- a. **One (1) \$5,000 MG Gus Hargett Scholarship** is for an *active member of the Tennessee National Guard and an Active Annual or Lifetime Member of NGATN*. This scholarship will be awarded for Graduate level classes leading to a Masters or Doctoral degree.
- b. **Ten (10) \$3,000 Scholarships** for *spouses and children of Active Annual or Lifetime Members of NGATN*. This scholarship will be used for a *first post-secondary degree or diploma.
- c. **One (1) \$3,000 Retiree Legacy Scholarships** for *spouse, child or grandchild of Retired Lifetime Member of NGATN*. This scholarship will be used for a *first post-secondary degree or diploma.

* For the purposes of this scholarship program, “first post-secondary degree or diploma” refers to:

- Associate’s degree
- Bachelor’s degree
- TCAT or similar institution certification

2. Scholarship checks will be paid directly to the College or University of the recipient's choice for use from their Student Account. Scholarship funds must be used in the 2026-27 school year.

3. Information pertaining to eligibility, applications, and submission deadlines is contained in the attached announcement sheets, as well as on the NGATN website at www.ngatn.org.

4. We are proud of our Scholarship program and the investment it is making in the families of our members! For additional information please contact COL (Ret) Byron Deel at (615) 833-9100 or byron@ngatn.org.

Capt Stephen West
Foundation Chairman

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NGATN FOUNDATION **2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Date of Application: _____

1. NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)
2. ADDRESS: _____
(Street Number and Name or Route #) (City) (State) (Zip Code)
3. PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
4. Are you now in College? _____ If so, where and what year? _____
5. College or University you plan to attend and when you will enroll: _____

6. Are you presently a member of the Tennessee Army or Air National Guard? _____
If so, what unit and grade/rank? _____
7. Have you previously been awarded an NGATN sponsored scholarship? _____
8. If you are not a member of the Tennessee National Guard, through whom do you qualify as an applicant? _
 - a. Name of Guard Member: _____ Grade/Rank: _____
Unit Assigned _____
 - b. Relationship to Guard Member: _____
 - c. Is Guard Member retired from the Tennessee National Guard? _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE ANSWERED ALL THE ABOVE QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

(Signature of Applicant)

**In an attempt to help you obtain additional financial assistance, your information may be provided to a Tennessee National Guard recruiter.*



NOTE: THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION:

1. **Official transcript** of High School Record if you are a High School Senior.
2. A copy of **latest college transcript** if you are presently enrolled in college.
3. **Three (3) Letters of recommendation** from individuals (High School Principal, Teacher, Coach, Counselor, Professor, community leader, etc.) recounting extracurricular activities.
4. A **letter from applicant** addressing the following question:
 - "Why do you think you are deserving of this scholarship and what are your goals for the future?"

(The letter is limited to one typewritten page using 11 point font size. The use of "AI" in generating your response will negatively impact your selection.)

Application forms with supporting documentation must be completed and received by the NGATN Staff ***no later than 9 January 2026:***

-You may **mail** application packet to:

-NGATN Scholarships
4332 Kenilwood Drive
Nashville, TN 37204

OR

-**Email** application packet to byron@ngatn.org

Good luck!!

Byron Deel

COL (Ret) Byron Deel
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