

# Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association College Grant Program

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association has established a grant program. The following persons are eligible:

1. WNGEA members
2. Unmarried son or daughter's of WNGEA members.
3. Spouse of WNGEA members.
4. Unmarried son, daughter, or spouse of deceased WNGEA members.

WNGEA member applicants, parent or guardian of an unmarried son or daughter who are applicants must have at least one year remaining on his or her enlistment following completion of the school year for which application is submitted or have served 20 or more years of service. Applicants must be enrolled as a full time, part time (minimum 9 credits), graduate or undergraduate student at a college, university, trade or business school.

Up to four college grants will be offered in the amount of \$500.00 each for the current school year of application for students taking at least 9 credits. One will be reserved for graduate students. In addition, we will have one yearly grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. That scholarship will be called the "RAYMOND A. MATERA SCHOLARSHIP" and will be awarded to the individual selected as the top applicant for the year. This award was established by our Executive Council in honor of MG Raymond A. Matera, the former Adjutant General for Wisconsin. One of the \$500.00 scholarships awarded will be from funds donated by USAA.

There shall be no consideration whatsoever given because of friendship, rank or grade of applicant, applicant's parents or applicant's spouse. Neither shall the applicant's geographical place of residence in the state be considered. The grants will be awarded on the basis of need, leadership, and good moral character.

## APPLICATION PACKETS WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. WNGEA College Grant Program application form..
2. Virgil R. Williams Scholarship application form. (If you want to apply for this scholarship also see "SPECIAL NOTES" below. Graduate Students are ineligible for this grant.)
3. Copy of latest school or college transcript. If applicant has been out of school for more than one semester, copy of most recent educational transcript **MUST** be included.
4. **Letter from the applicant with outlining facts as to:**
  - a. His/her desire to continue their education
  - b. Why financial assistance is needed.
  - c. Awards received accomplishments, volunteerism and hours volunteered per week or month.
  - d. Organizational membership and role in organization.
5. A **signed** letter of academic reference from Principal, Dean or Counselor.
6. Three **signed** letters of personal reference and recommendation from minister, community leader, etc., giving general personal traits. **If applicant is a National Guard member, one of these letters MUST be from their First Sergeant or Commander outlining the soldier's contribution to the unit.**
7. Proof of acceptance to the applicant's school or educational program.
8. Photocopy of WNGEA/EANGUS membership card of sponsor or member. Membership will also be check against the database.

A scholarship recipient may not reapply for two years after receipt of a grant. Those persons who applied and were not selected are encouraged to reapply.

If the awardees does not complete the school term for which the grant was awarded due to any cause other than sickness or physical injury, he/she will refund the award to the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association within 60 days of the date enrollment was terminated.

***Applications must be RECEIVED by the Chair no later than 01 MAY. No other application forms will be accepted other than the official WNGEA application. The deadline for applications will be observed in all instances. In the event of a full Mobilization, the grant program will be suspended and all money placed in a trust fund until such time as the WNGEA shall once again become active.***

The college grant/education committee of the WNGEA shall be made up as follows:

1. Chairman - This person will be appointed by the president of the WNGEA.
2. The remainder of the committee shall be made up of A, B or C below.
  - A. Voting members from the Air National Guard and the Army National Guard.
  - B. A committee of professional educators or
  - C. A combination of Air National Guard, Army National Guard members and professional educators.
3. The president of the WNGEA shall be a permanent member of this committee and will have no vote. He/she will serve in an advisory capacity only.

**SPECIAL NOTE: For those individuals who wish to apply for both the WNGEA grant and the Virgil R. Williams Scholarship, it will be necessary to submit two separate applications. They can be submitted to the Chair in the same envelope, but make sure all required documents and information are present for each scholarship. Please note that Auxiliary Scholarships are handled entirely by the Auxiliary and must be submitted through the Auxiliary members.**

**MAIL TO: WNGEA Scholarship Chairman  
ATTN: Mark Spitz  
407 N Mill Street  
Waldo, WI 53093-1322**

**Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association  
Educational Grant Application  
Must be received no later than 01 May**

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
(LAST) (FIRST) (MI)

2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY ST ZIP HOME PHONE

3. Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

4. Enlisted Association Membership:  I am a member  I am sponsored by my parent/spouse who is a member (check one)

5. Expiration of WNGEA Card \_\_\_\_\_ (Yours or Sponsor's)  
(DATE)

6. Your rank & unit/or if sponsored by another, their name, address, rank, unit and phone \_\_\_\_\_

7. Expiration term of enlistment (member/sponsor) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Current status of applicant: (check one)  High School, must be scheduled to begin college this fall.  College  
 Business/Trade School  Working.  Graduate School. If in high school or college, name and address of school and grade or term.

Full Time (12 or more credits)  Part Time (6-11 credits) (check one) **Must be completed.**

9. Have you applied for or received any other educational assistance?  yes  no (include GI Bill & WI Tuition Assistance)

If so, specify type and amount \_\_\_\_\_ Awarded? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you live with your parents? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you claimed by anyone as a dependent for tax purposes? \_\_\_\_\_

11. If you are claimed as a dependent, give the number and ages of other children living at home with financial dependence on parents, including those in college: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Approximate family income \_\_\_\_\_ Under \$25,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25,000-\$35,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$35,000-\$45,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$45,000-\$50,000 \_\_\_\_\_

\$50,000-\$65,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$65,000-\$75,000 \_\_\_\_\_ Over \$75,000 \_\_\_\_\_

13. Are you employed? If so, type of employment and employer? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Other sources of income? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Name and address of school that you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

A. I HAVE ANSWERED THE ABOVE QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

B. If I receive a grant, and I fail to complete the school term for reason other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any grant monies received by me to the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association.

C. I further state that I have provided this information freely and voluntarily and hereby waive any objections to providing this information which might be made pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5USC, Section 552a. WNGEA has my permission to use the information given in considering and processing this application.

**IMPORTANT**

**These items MUST be attached**

1. Latest transcript
2. Cover Letter from application (need For assistance, etc.)
3. Letters of recommendation (3)
4. Letter of academic reference
5. Copy of WNGEA membership card
6. Proof of acceptance to school

**Use this list as a checklist before you seal your Package for mailing.**

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR IF APPLICANT IS A DEPENDENT