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Illinois National Guard Grant Information

On behalf of the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services, we would like to welcome you to Parkland College. We trust your educational objectives will be met as you attend Parkland College. If you have questions pertaining to the Illinois National Guard Grant, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Members of the Illinois National Guard or the Illinois Naval Militia who have served at least one year and who are currently in the guard or militia may apply for this grant which covers tuition and certain fees for credit classes for eight semesters of full- or part-time study. This grant is open to all officers, as well as enlisted personnel. Note: If you are eligible for the Illinois National Guard Grant, you cannot use the Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant.

I. Annual Application

The Illinois National Guard Grant application needs to be completed and mailed to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) to determine your eligibility. READ THE APPLICATION CAREFULLY AND ANSWER IN FULL. Note: You must submit a new application annually for this benefit. You can fill out the application online each year in April at <http://www.collegezone.com/12523.htm>.

II. Letter of Eligibility

A letter of eligibility will be mailed to you from ISAC. When you receive your letter, you need to submit a copy of it to the Parkland Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services. Your eligibility letter will indicate the semesters in which you are entitled to receive this benefit. We will credit your student account for tuition and fees (excluding course fees) for each semester covered by this letter, after you have submitted the **Veterans' Benefit Request Form** to our office.

III. Length of Eligibility

This grant may be used for a period equivalent to four academic years, or 120 units, whichever comes first (including summer terms). You are charged eligibility units corresponding to your semester hours of enrollment according to the following schedule:

<u>Number of hours Semester school</u>	
12 or more hours	12 units
09-11.99 hours	9 units
06-8.99	6 units
03-5.99	3 units
00-02.99	1 unit

Please note: If portions of your tuition and fee charges are paid by this grant, at least one eligibility unit will be charged to you.

IV. Satisfactory Progress Standard

In order to continue making satisfactory progress for your Illinois National Guard Grant, you must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA once you have attempted 60 credit hours. If you do not have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA at that time, your benefit will be suspended until you've met the standard.

ISAC Contact Information:

Illinois Student Assistance Commission
1755 Lake Cook Road
Deerfield, IL 60015-5209
1-800-899-4722 <http://www.collegezone.com>