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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. National Guard members with ten years of service may be eligible for six years of 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 summer at <http://www.isac.org/students/during-college>.

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 Certification Request Form to our office.

III. Student Portal

Register for the ISAC student portal at studentportal.isac.org. The portal assists with the college planning and financial aid process. Registering for the portal will allow you to have access to the Illinois National Guard Grant application and will give you access to see how many units of the benefit you have used.

IV. 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). With ten years of service you may be eligible for, up to 180 units. You are charged eligibility units corresponding to your semester hours of enrollment according to the following schedule:

Number of hours Semester school

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.

V. Satisfactory Progress Standard

In order to continue making satisfactory academic progress for this benefit, students are required to meet the minimum cumulative college GPA requirement:

<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>GPA</u>
1-11 inclusive	1.5
12-22 inclusive	1.6
23-32 inclusive	1.7
33-44 inclusive	1.8
45-55 inclusive	1.9
56 and above	2.0

If you do not maintain this GPA standard, 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://isac.org>

Parkland College ensures equal educational opportunities are offered to all students regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, veteran/Vietnam veteran era, age, or religion, and is Section 504/ADA compliant. For additional information or accommodations call 217-351-2505. (3/2023)