

Virginia National Guard State Tuition Assistance Program (VANGSTAP)

Who is Eligible?

- ✓ Active drilling member of the Virginia Air National Guard
- ✓ Member must have completed Basic Military Training, or ROTC Advanced Camp.
- ✓ Attendance at drill and Annual Training mandatory unless otherwise excused by unit leadership.

About the Program

- ✓ The VANGSTAP is a **Reimbursement Program** – up to \$10,000 per semester and \$20,000 cap per fiscal year.
- ✓ Based on funds available from the state budget and number of participants in and funding priorities of the program. VANGSTAP for summer semesters dependent on available funds
- ✓ **Must have 2 years remaining** with the Virginia National Guard on their contract at the end of the academic period for which the grant will be applied.
- ✓ School must have a physical location in Virginia. Visit State Council for Higher Education of Virginia (schev.edu)

Degree:

VANGSTAP Pay for:

- ✓ 1 Associates Degree
- ✓ 1 Degree Bachelors
- ✓ 1 Master's Degree
- ✓ 1 Doctorate
- ✓ Certificates (VANGSTAP will provide more guidance if using for Certificate Program)

How to Apply

1. Must be accepted/enrolled and registered for classes.
2. Register for a student portal account at <https://statetuition.vangweb.com/>
-You will use this account each time you apply.
3. Upload initial tuition bill/estimate.
-Required for consideration

Deadlines:

Application for a grant shall be made to the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) no later than 30 days prior to the beginning of an academic semester. The DMA shall determine whether a

Service Member is eligible for the grant and communicate acceptance and any additional requirements determined by the DMA in writing no later than 30 days after receipt of an application.

Application Deadlines:

Fall Application period opens 15 MAY / Deadline 01 JUL
Spring Application period opens 15 SEP / Deadline 01 NOV
Summer Application period opens 15 FEB / 01 APR

Approval & Disbursement:

- ✓ SMs are screened based on eligibility requirements and priorities of funding. The VANGSTAP cap is set based upon the fiscal year budget and the number of applicants.
- ✓ Application approvals are available for students to view on the website.
- ✓ SMs will provide their grades and a bursar's statement no more than 30 days following the end of the semester.
- ✓ Semester lump-sum payments will be initiated within 30 days following receipt of required documentation, funds disbursement could take longer.

Wing Education Contact:

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