

## **PRIOR SERVICE OPTION**

If you are a veteran, the Mississippi Army National Guard combined with Army ROTC can offer you exceptional benefits. The good news is that our benefits are paid in addition to your current Veterans benefits. The National Guard is offering a bonus of up to \$15K, \$4,500 per year in tuition assistance, and a GI Bill Kicker of up to \$350.00 per month that can be paid in addition to your current GI Bill Chapter 30 benefits. You will also be eligible to apply for the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarship which will pay for Room, Board, and Books on top of the of the benefits listed above when you become a junior. We currently have Active Duty Prior Service Soldiers who are receiving over \$2,000 per month (GI Bill Chp 30, ROTC Stipend, Kicker); \$4,500 in TA per year; plus room, board and books.

### **NOTES:**

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## **SMP**

Simultaneous Membership Program



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## NATIONAL GUARD COLLEGE FIRST/SMP

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The National Guard College First Program is designed for students who score at least a 50 on their ASVAB (Military Entrance Test) and want to attend college without the worry of being deployed. This program will guarantee that you will not be deployed for the first two years of college. The National Guard will pay \$4,500 per year towards tuition cost; The GI Bill and Kicker will pay \$667.00 per month while attending school Full Time, and you will be eligible for up to a \$20,000 bonus for enlisting. When you become a sophomore in college you are eligible to apply for admission into the ROTC Program and you can begin utilizing ROTC benefits on top of the National Guard benefits. If you contract with ROTC you will receive an additional \$350 per month as a sophomore, \$450 as a junior, and \$500 as a senior in addition to your Guard benefits. As a junior you are then eligible to apply for the Guaranteed Reserve Forces Duty (GRFD) Scholarship which will pay for Room, Board, and Books on top of the of the benefits listed above. As a junior you could be receiving **\$4,500** per year Tuition Assistance; Over **\$1,000** per month (no tax) paid directly to you (GI Bill, Kicker, ROTC Stipend); plus **Room, Board, and Books** if you take advantage of all these options. All this plus you will not be deployable due to the College First Program and then because you are in the ROTC program. Upon graduation you will be commissioned as an officer into the Army National Guard.

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## SMP OPTION (NO BASIC TRAINING)

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The SMP Enlistment Option allows a student to join the National Guard and Army ROTC without attending Basic Training. You can join the National Guard up to 365 days from the date you plan on contracting with Army ROTC. This is a great option for Junior College students who want to continue their education at a four year college or for freshmen who do not want to take a break from college in order to attend Basic Training. Upon joining the National Guard you will be eligible for Tuition Assistance up to \$4,500 per year plus monthly drill pay. Upon contracting with ROTC you are also eligible for the ROTC Stipend (\$350 SO, \$450 JR, \$500 SR) and can apply for the Dedicated Guard Scholarship which will pay for Room, Board, and Books.

## SPLIT TRAINING OPTION (JOIN GUARD AS A H.S. JUNIOR)

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Under the Split Training Option a High School junior who is at least 17 old can join the Army National Guard and split the Initial Training requirements into two summers. You will attend Basic Training during the summer between your junior and senior year of high school and then attend your Military Occupation Specialty (MOS) training the summer after you graduate High School. This option allows you to take advantage of the Maximum Guard benefits including the College First Program without having to sit out your first semester of college to attend Military Training.

There are several options available to you in the National Guard as a high school/college student which will pay for your college education and guarantee that you will not be deployed until after you finish college. The Simultaneous Membership Program, or SMP, affords ROTC Cadets the opportunity to serve in the National Guard as a member of a unit of their choice and utilize the benefits offered by ROTC and the National Guard at the same time. By combining the National Guard and the ROTC benefits your education can be paid for and upon graduation you will be commissioned as an Officer in the United States Military. You can then serve in the Army National Guard, the Reserve or on Active Duty.

### **WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?**

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A great place to start is with your Army National Guard Recruiter. Which program you choose depends on several factors: your current education status, how much money you need for school, etc. Please take a minute to compare the options listed in this brochure to your personal goals. There is a program available to meet your needs no matter where you are in your education track from a junior in High School to a graduate student.