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YOU WON'T HAVE TO PUT YOUR LIFE ON HOLD
AS A MEMBER OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD!

A FLEXIBLE LIFE ONLY THE GUARD CAN OFFER

If your goals include achieving a better work/life balance, the Army National Guard provides excellent flexibility with a part-time commitment. You can serve while still working toward your life goals no matter what they are. You can work full-time, attend college, or start a business while gaining valuable leadership and on-the-job training through the Illinois National Guard. Time away from your family and friends is kept to a minimum because you serve in your own community. The Illinois Army National Guard has over 45 armories located across the state, more than any other branch. If you do decide to relocate to another state, you have the ability to transfer and keep the service time you have accumulated for retirement.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

TO JOIN THE NATIONAL GUARD WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS MILITARY SERVICE, YOU MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 AND 35

- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Be at least a junior in high school, or have a high school diploma or GED certificate
- Meet weight, medical and moral requirements

PRIOR SERVICE:

Your skills and experience from any branch of service may transfer to the Guard.

Credit is given for total prior service.

Age is not a factor as long as you qualify for non-regular retirement pay by 60.

The biggest change will be increased flexibility in many aspects of your life—your schedule, choosing where you want to live and more. Contact a National Guard Recruiter or visit NATIONALGUARD.com to get additional details about minimum requirements.



MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD

ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD GRANT

With the Illinois National Guard Grant, you can attend any Illinois state funded university or community college of your choice, TUITION FREE, for the equivalent of four academic years of full-time enrollment. The grant will pay for eligible tuition and fees for undergraduate and graduate study at Illinois two or four year public colleges.

To qualify, you must be a current member of the Illinois Army National Guard; have completed one full year; and meet all necessary college or university entrance requirements. For more information, go to www.isac.org.

2 YEAR COLLEGES

Black Hawk College	Lincoln Trail Comm College
Carl Sandburg College	Malcolm X College
College of DuPage	McHenry County College
College of Lake County	Moraine Valley Comm College
Danville Area Comm College	Morton College
Elgin Comm College	Oakton Comm College
Frontier Comm College	Olive-Harvey College
Harold Washington College	Olney Central College
Harper College	Parkland College
Harry S. Truman College	Prairie State College
Heartland Comm College	Rend Lake College
Highland Comm College	Richard J. Daley College
Illinois Central College	Richland Comm College
Illinois Valley Comm College	Rock Valley College
John A. Logan College	Sauk Valley Comm College
John Wood Comm College	Shawnee Comm College
Joliet Junior College	S. Suburban Comm College
Kankakee Comm College	Southeastern Illinois College
Kaskaskia College	Southwestern Illinois College
Kennedy-King College	Spoon River College
Kishwaukee College	Triton College
Lake Land College	Wabash Valley College
Lewis & Clark Comm College	Waubensee Comm College
Lincoln Land Comm College	Wilbur Wright College

4 YEAR UNIVERSITIES

Chicago State University	S. Illinois Univ - Carbondale
Eastern Illinois University	S. Illinois Univ - Edwardsville
Governors State University	Univ of Illinois - Chicago
Illinois State University	Univ of Illinois - Springfield
Northeastern Illinois University	Univ of Illinois - Urbana
Northern Illinois University	Western Illinois University



THE MONTGOMERY G.I. BILL SELECTED RESERVE (MGIB-SR)

With the Montgomery G.I. Bill Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR), you may be eligible to receive up to \$14,000 cash to help with your education expenses while attending college full-time or part-time. This money is paid directly to you in monthly increments while you attend school.

Course Hours	Monthly Benefit	Maximum Months
12 or more	\$407.00	36
9-11	\$305.00	48
6-9	\$203.00	72
1-5	\$101.75	144

If you qualify, you could earn an additional \$200 per month with the Montgomery G.I. Bill "Kicker". Ask your recruiter for details.

EARN EXTRA MONEY

You will earn a good paycheck for serving in the Army National Guard. Guard members receive the equivalent of four days of active duty pay per drill weekend. The following are based on 2022 rates:

Pay Grade	Years of Service	Weekend Drill Pay	Hourly Rate*
E-1	< 2 Years	\$244.44	\$15.27
E-2	< 2 Years	\$273.96	\$17.12
E-3	2 Yrs	\$306.20	\$19.13
E-4	3 Yrs	\$353.60	\$22.10
E-5	4 Yrs	\$407.80	\$25.48
E-6	6 Yrs	\$473.16	\$29.57

* Approximate hourly rate is based on an eight hour duty day. Actual duty day will vary and can exceed eight hours.

FEDERAL TUITION ASSISTANCE

The Federal Tuition Assistance program funds up to \$250 per semester hour for up to 16 semester hours each fiscal year. Your college or university must be regionally or nationally accredited and a GoArmyEd participant.

\$50,000 STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

The Student Loan Repayment Program will pay up to \$50,000 in student loans for those who qualify. You cannot be in default of an existing loan at the time of contract.

ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD OFFERS GREAT BENEFITS & INCENTIVES

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100% TUITION GRANT

HEALTH INSURANCE

LIFE INSURANCE

SAVINGS PROGRAMS

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

SERVICE TO COUNTRY

RELOCATION FLEXIBILITY

CIVILIAN CAREER WHILE SERVING

SERVE & LIVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

FULL-TIME COLLEGE WHILE SERVING

MONTGOMERY GI BILL PROGRAMS



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ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD EDUCATION BENEFITS



ADDITIONAL THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Affordable medical and dental care for you and your family (TRICARE Reserve Select)
- Low-cost life insurance
- Earn a government retirement benefit after serving a minimum of 2 years
- Discounted and tax-free grocery and shopping privileges at post exchanges and commissaries
- Free military air flights based on space availability
- Free academic testing and counseling
- Access to recreational facilities on military installations



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*Army National Guard programs and benefits are subject to change.
Your Army National Guard Recruiter or State Education Officer are the best sources for up-to-date information on the range of opportunities available to you in the Army National Guard.

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MORE LOCATIONS THAN ANY OTHER BRANCH - YOU CAN SERVE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY

As a Citizen-Soldier®, your primary area of operation is your home state. Typically, Guard Soldiers live at home, where they can be near friends and family while holding a civilian job or going to school. Guard members train a minimum of one weekend a month and two weeks a year.

The Army National Guard is one of the very best places to find excellent career training. You'll be paid to learn job skills that fit you and your interests. And you'll get real-world training you can use right now—along with hands-on experience that will give you a head start toward your career.

Choose from more than 150 jobs in fields like medicine, technology, engineering, transportation, communications—serious jobs that can give you a real advantage over the competition. And you can take your career even further with the leadership opportunities available to Officers and Warrant Officers. Your future—it all begins here with Army National Guard careers.

QUICK PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES

- Completed 24 semester hours of college credit
- Completed two years of JROTC or ROTC
- Earned a Boy Scout Eagle Certificate/Girl Scout Gold Award Certificate
- Promotion for joining with a friend

The Army National Guard is America's oldest armed force, dating back to 1636, and the only branch that serves both the Federal and State governments. Today, National Guardsmen live, work and go to school in cities and towns all across America.



ILLINOIS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD LOCATIONS

