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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Rhode Island Army National Guard State Tuition Waiver Policy (NGRI-MPO Policy #16-05)

1. In accordance with RI State Law Chapter 30-3, Section 30-3-40.3 any person who is an active member in good standing of the Rhode Island Army National Guard, and who is eligible to attend any state college or university in Rhode Island will be eligible for a tuition assistance educational benefit amounting to five courses per semester, creditable towards an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree. Tuition for classes towards certificates are not waived. This policy establishes guidelines and the process for utilizing the tuition waiver system.
2. The tuition waiver only waives tuition. Books and fees are the responsibility of the Soldier. Soldiers must be in good standing; meaning actively drilling and cannot be designated an Unsatisfactory Participant. Soldiers who have separated, are on terminal leave, or assigned to the Inactive National Guard are not eligible. Soldiers who have a suspension of favorable action for height/weight failure or have failed an APFT are eligible. However, an Adverse Action flag will render the Soldier ineligible. A Soldier must have at least a one-year enlistment commitment at the end of classes for every 12 course credits waived. For less than 12 credits, a Soldier must be able to complete the courses before separation. The waiver can be used in conjunction with GI Bill benefits.
3. To process a tuition waiver a Soldier must first register for classes. They then bring their schedule to the Education Office and fill out the waiver. Education personnel verify eligibility and sign the form, and the Soldier submits it to the Bursar's Office at the school. Soldiers who are accessed into the Rhode Island Army National Guard in the middle of a semester are not eligible to have that semester's tuition waived.
4. POC for the state tuition waiver program is MAJ Christopher A. Toti, 401-275-4109, [christopher.a.toti.mil@mail.mil](mailto:christopher.a.toti.mil@mail.mil).

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