



New York Naval Militia



- **Tuition Assistance Programs: The NYNM offers tuition assistance programs: Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (RIRP).**
- The Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (RIRP) is a New York State program designed to recruit and retain quality members for the New York Army and Air National Guard and the Naval Militia. Effective 1 January 1997, any active member of the New York National Guard or Naval Militia, in good standing, is eligible to apply to receive tuition assistance, up to the cost of the State University of New York's (SUNY) maximum in-state undergraduate tuition, at any college, university, or community-technical college in the State of New York recognized and approved by the New York State Board of Regents or State University of New York.



Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (RIRP)



A New York State Program which pays 100% of the tuition for a CUNY or SUNY. The program can also pay up to SUNY tuition (currently \$3,235 per semester) to accredited private schools that are located in NYS. RIRP can only be used for an Undergraduate degree. For more information see **DMNA Reg 621-1** dated Mar 2003.



Eligibility Requirements



The following are the basic eligibility requirements. In addition, see DMNA REG 621-1: http://dmna.ny.gov/education/pdf/dmna621_1.pdf

- Attend an accredited school that is physically located in NYS
- Be a NYS resident for at least 186 days before using the program
- 1st Undergraduate degree only (up to Bachelors)
- Matriculated in a degree-producing program for a minimum of 6 credit hours
- per semester or 4 credit hours per quarter



Eligibility Requirements (Cont)



- Satisfactory Participant in the NYNM (SELRES)
- ETS date **beyond** the semester for which benefit is being requested
- Not be flagged for unfavorable personnel actions to include APFT
- Good academic standing according to the definition of both the college and Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC).



Application Procedures



1. Complete DMNA form 96-1 and Memorandum of Understanding and submit to Education Services Office (ESO) no later than established deadlines:

Fall Semester: 15 Aug

Spring Semester: 15 Dec

Note: The DMNA 96-1 and MOU can be submitted through email to

Jean.e.Walton.nfg@mail.mil, Fax 518-786-4427 and by mail to:

New York Naval Militia

330 Old Niskayuna Road

Latham, N.Y. 12110



Application Procedures

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2. Obtain a Letter of Acceptance from the college or university you wish to attend or a recent unofficial transcript if already attending and include with the package.
3. Complete the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA) (Pell Grant). Obtain Student Aid Report (SAR) as proof of PELL approval or denial. Final PELL determination is required before the complete package can be approved. (<http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov>)
4. Complete the application for Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Obtain ORIGINAL TAP Award Certificate as final proof of TAP approval or denial. Final TAP determination is required before the complete package can be approved. (<http://www.hesc.com>)



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Members, who submit the DMNA 96-1 by the deadline, will have an additional 60 days to provide the financial aid paperwork (FAFSA and TAP). **Applications will not be approved until all paperwork is received.**

Documents and instruction are on our web page at:
<http://dmna.ny.gov/nynm/?id=education>



Submission of RIRP TA Packets



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