

13-405. TUITION ASSISTANCE.

(A) DEFINITIONS.

(1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "INSTITUTION" MEANS:

(I) ANY CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, ANY COMMUNITY COLLEGE ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 16 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR ST. MARY'S COLLEGE;

(II) ANY PRIVATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT GRANTS A MEMBER A TUITION WAIVER OF AT LEAST 50%;

(III) ANY PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL OR TRADE SCHOOL; OR

(IV) ANY PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL OR TRADE SCHOOL THAT GRANTS A MEMBER A TUITION WAIVER OF AT LEAST 50%.

(3) "MEMBER" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) IS REGULARLY ENLISTED IN THE NATIONAL GUARD; OR

(II) HOLDS A COMMISSION IN THE NATIONAL GUARD AS:

1. AN OFFICER IN THE GRADE OF MAJOR OR BELOW; OR

2. A WARRANT OFFICER.

(4) (I) "TUITION" MEANS THE BASIC INSTRUCTIONAL CHARGE FOR UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT COURSES AND RELATED FEES AT AN INSTITUTION.

(II) "TUITION" DOES NOT INCLUDE CHARGES FOR SELF-SUPPORTING PROGRAMS.

(B) AMOUNT.

TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT MAY PROVIDE ASSISTANCE EQUAL TO 50% OF THE COST OF IN-STATE TUITION FOR ANY REGULARLY SCHEDULED UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT COURSE, VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL COURSE, OR TRADE COURSE FOR ANY ACTIVE MEMBER ATTENDING AN INSTITUTION WHO IS CERTIFIED AS ELIGIBLE BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

(C) ELIGIBILITY.

(1) THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY NOT CERTIFY A MEMBER AS ELIGIBLE UNLESS THE MEMBER IS:

(I) ENLISTED AND HAS AT LEAST 24 MONTHS REMAINING TO SERVE ON THE CURRENT ENLISTMENT OF THE MEMBER; OR