Human Resources Services Branch (NGGA-PES-SVC)

# Service Cancelable Loan (SCL) or Georgia Guard Service Scholarship (GNG SCL)

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# SUMMARY OF CHANGE

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No change.

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# Chapter 1 Overview

# 1-1. Applicability

Eligible Army National Guard Soldiers attending a Georgia Public or Private accredited postsecondary institution who wish to use the Service Cancelable Loan.

# 1-2. References

See appendix A.

# 1-3. Point of contact

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# Chapter 2 Service Cancelable Loan (SCL) or Georgia Guard Service Scholarship (GNG SCL)

#### 2-1. Guidelines and Limitations

a. Georgia Guard Service Cancelable Loan (SCL) pays up to 100% of the undergraduate tuition rate, for up to 120 semester hours at any Georgia public college or university, (and a limited group of Private Schools – see attached list).

b. Soldier can apply SCL funds for any degree offered at their selected school (certificate, diploma, Associate's, Bachelor's, Master's, or Doctorate), regardless of prior degrees.

c. Two years of service in good standing with the Georgia Army National Guard cancels the loan: no cost to the Soldier.

d. Soldier must maintain a 2.0 GPA and turn in a Verification of Status form every year or SCL will convert to a regular student loan.

e. Soldier must be enrolled at least half-time in a certificate, diploma, baccalaureate, graduate, or professional degree program.

f. Soldier must not be in default on a federal Title IV, State of Georgia Educational Loan, or owe a refund on a Federal or State of Georgia Student Financial Aid Program.

g. Recipients who fail to meet the requirements of the SCL must repay the amount received, plus interest, in accordance with the SCL promissory note signed by the recipient.

#### 2-2. Applying for Cancelable Loan (SCL) or Georgia Guard Service Scholarship (GNG SCL)

a. Go to: <u>https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/</u> to review all current and applicable additional information on the program.

b. Complete current year application and promissory note. Use attached seven-page document or download from <u>https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/state-aid-applications/state-program-request-forms</u>. Soldier completes Part A.

c. Soldier requests that their Unit Supervising Officer (or delegate) sign in Part B.

d. Soldier/Student returns application to school financial aid office. The school financial aid office will mail it to the Georgia Student Finance Authority whose address is in Part C (Page 2) of the form.

#### Attachments:

Attachment 1- SCL Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) 2024-2025 Eligible Institutions

Attachment 2 - SCL Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) 2024-2025 Award Amounts

Attachment 3- SCL Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) 2024-2025 Application and Promissory Note

Appendix A References

Section I Publications

Georgia National Guard Service Cancelable Loan Program Regulation – 3300. https://gsfc.georgia.gov/regulations/regulations-2024-2025

Georgia Code Title 20. Education O.C.G.A. § 20-3-374.

Section II Forms

Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA) 2024-2025 Application and Promissory Note. https://www.gafutures.org/hope-state-aid-programs/state-aid-applications/state-program-request-forms

#### Glossary Section I

# Abbreviations

# GPA

Grade Point Average- the scale of a numeric value of a grade for a course or set of course times the number of credit hours.

# SCL

Service Cancelable Loan- Program to waive tuition for National Guard Soldiers as long as the serve two years after completing the last set of coursework/degree program.

# SOP

Standard Operating Procedure

Section II

Terms

# **Course Planner**

Lists all the future courses that the Soldier needs in order to earn their degree.

# **Degree Plan**

Lists all the courses that the Soldier has taken, is taking, and will take in order to earn their degree.

#### Unit

The lowest level of military organization authorized a unit identification code (UIC), such as a company, troop, battery, flight, or detachment.