

**§354. Minimum prerequisites**

To qualify for the tuition benefit, the member must: [PL 2003, c. 488, §4 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 488, §5 (AFF).]

**1. Basic training.** Have successfully completed basic training or received a commission; [PL 2003, c. 488, §4 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 488, §5 (AFF).]

**2. Participant.** Be a satisfactory participant in the Maine National Guard who has not previously earned a bachelor's degree or equivalent and be a member in good standing of the Maine National Guard at the beginning of and throughout the entire semester for which the member receives benefits; [PL 2015, c. 465, Pt. D, §7 (AMD).]

**3. Contractual commitment.** Enter into a written contractual commitment with the Maine National Guard to serve in the Maine National Guard for at least one year beyond the end of the term for which a tuition benefit is granted; and [PL 2015, c. 465, Pt. D, §7 (AMD).]

**4. Pursued all other benefits available.** Have applied for all available tuition benefits not related to housing costs or non-tuition expenses, including but not limited to:

A. Federally funded military tuition assistance; [PL 2015, c. 465, Pt. D, §8 (NEW).]

B. Employer tuition reimbursements or assistance; and [PL 2015, c. 465, Pt. D, §8 (NEW).]

C. Federal grants, such as a Federal Pell Grant. [PL 2015, c. 465, Pt. D, §8 (NEW).]  
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**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2003, c. 488, §4 (NEW). PL 2003, c. 488, §5 (AFF). PL 2015, c. 465, Pt. D, §§7, 8 (AMD).

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