



The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary & Boyce College

Military Grant

Policies and Procedures



History

In July 2014, the Department of Defense updated the Memorandum of Understanding for institutions accepting Tuition Assistance for active-duty military students. This update included the new requirement that participating institutions be certified to participate in federal student aid programs through the Department of Education under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. As a result of Southern Seminary's long-standing decision to refrain from federal funding from the Department of Education, the institution became ineligible to accept Tuition Assistance for military students beginning in the 2014-2015 academic year.

To continue serving military students at Southern Seminary and Boyce College, Southern Seminary's executive leadership approved a full-tuition institutional grant for active-duty military students starting in the 2014-2015 academic year. We have been grateful to offer a 100% tuition grant to eligible students for more than a decade.

Beginning in Fall 2026, the grant will be adjusted to \$250 per credit hour, up to a maximum of \$4,500 per academic year. We recognize that this change may be disappointing. It was a difficult decision, made in order to support the long-term sustainability of the institution. This adjustment will apply to both current students and new applicants. All other terms and conditions of the grant are outlined below.

Eligibility

- Student must be an active participant in good standing in the Armed Forces (including National Guard or Reserves) who is eligible to receive Tuition Assistance benefits from eligible institutions.
- Student must be in good standing with the institution and have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Student must receive passing grades for all courses covered by the military grant.

Procedure

- Eligible students should submit a LES to the Financial Aid Office once per academic year, either during the Fall or at first use of the grant.
- Students must present courses of study to unit education officer or commanders for approval once per academic year and submit signed paperwork to the Financial Aid Office. Students will be prohibited from registering for courses until grant application is received at the beginning of the academic year.
- Eligible students will receive \$250 per credit hour and be responsible for paying for their remaining balance.

Additional Notes

- This grant is **not** available for Seminary Track, ThM, or Doctoral students.
- This grant will be available for either one degree or six years of study, whichever comes first.
- This grant **cannot** be combined with other institutional discounts or grants.
- This grant **does not** cover any fees such as student enrollment, health services, or technology fees.

Deadlines

- Fall semester: F1 – August 1st; F2 – October 1st
- Winter term: December 1st
- Spring semester: S1 – January 1st; S2 – April 1st
- Summer term: June 1st