

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SHB 2022

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Expanding the national guard scholarship program.

**Sponsors:** By House Committee on (originally sponsored by Representatives Schindler, Sullivan, Bush, Lantz, Mielke, Lovick, Cairnes, Hurst, Kastama, McDonald, Esser, Conway, Campbell, Benson and D. Schmidt).

**House Committee on Higher Education**  
**Senate Committee on Higher Education**

**Background:**

The Legislature created the national guard scholarship program in 1994. Under this program, members of the Washington National Guard may receive a conditional scholarship up to the annual cost of undergraduate tuition and fees at the University of Washington, plus an allowance for books and supplies. The scholarship is dependent upon the recipient serving in the National Guard for one additional year for each year of conditional scholarship received. Failure to meet the service requirements results in an obligation to repay the conditional scholarship with interest.

An eligible student is defined as an enlisted member or an officer of the rank of captain or below in the Washington National Guard who is a resident student for the purposes of tuition, and who attends an institution of higher education in Washington that is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges.

This scholarship program is administered by the Office of the Adjutant General of the Military Department. The Legislature appropriated \$75,000 in FY 2000 and \$75,000 in FY 2001 from the general fund solely for implementation of the conditional scholarship program.

**Summary of Bill:**

The eligibility requirements for the National Guard conditional scholarship program are modified to delete the requirement that the student be a resident student for purposes of tuition.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 95 0

Senate 43 0

**Effective:** June 8, 2000