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**Georgia Guard Insurance Trust Funds $50,000 in 2021 Scholarships**

*29 Students Awarded Scholarships this Year*

Rome, Ga. (June 18, 2021) – The Georgia Guard Insurance Trust (GGIT) recently announced that it has awarded 29 students a combined total of $50,000 in educational scholarships this year.

The GGIT Scholarship Fund – sponsored by the National Guard Association of Georgia (NGAGA) and the

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Georgia (EANGGA) – began in 1994. It awards up to 10 $3,000.00 scholarships per year, with the potential of awarding additional $1,000.00 scholarships, pending availability of funds. In its 28 years, the scholarship fund has awarded a total of $861,100 to help fund the college education of more than 350 students.

To apply, one must be a policyholder of GGIT, or a spouse, child or grandchild of the policyholder. The policyholder with GGIT must also be a current member of the NGAGA or EANGGA.

“The Georgia Guard Insurance Trust is a nonprofit that exists solely to serve Guard members and their families,” said BG (Ret.) Marshall Kennemer, GGIT Administrator. “We are honored to have the opportunity to give back through this scholarship program and promote education.”

The main function of the GGIT is to offer group term life insurance to members of the Georgia National Guard, their spouses and dependent children. Death claims are paid in full to the beneficiary of the insured within 24 hours of notification, with no immediate requirement to present a death certificate. For new Army and Air National Guard recruits who opt to receive it, GGIT provides $10,000 of life insurance for 12 months at no cost. For every uniformed Guard member, a no-cost $1,000 death benefit is provided.

For more information about GGIT, visit [www.ggit.org](http://www.ggit.org). To learn more about NGAGA or EANGGA memberships, visit [www.ngaga.org](http://www.ngaga.org) or [www.eangga.com](http://www.eangga.com), respectively.

**About Georgia Guard Insurance Trust**

The Georgia Guard Insurance Trust (GGIT) was formed on Oct. 1, 1984 to offer group term life insurance to members of the Georgia National Guard, their spouses and dependent children. GGIT is a nonprofit organization. All money made on the group life insurance program above expenses is allocated to promote activities of the Georgia National Guard, such as scholarships for Guard members, spouses, dependent children and grandchildren. Since inception, GGIT has paid more than $19,419,000 in death claim benefits to Guard members and their beneficiaries. For more information, call 770-739-9651 or 800-229-1053, or visit [www.ggit.org](http://www.ggit.org).