

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 23 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240000018

APPLICANT REQUESTS: payment of his Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP)

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Student Loan Information
- SLRP Addendum
- Verification of Federal Technician Employment Periods
- Closed Year SLRP Request

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.

2. The applicant states, pertinent part:

- In 2017 he signed a six year contract exclusively for the SLRP
- In 2018, he applied for his first payments to be made
- During this time, the SLRP system was having issues and he was told to be patient
- He attended the Basic Officer Leaders Course and went on a deployment soon after
- He returned to find a payment was not received in the amount of \$7,500 in 2018

3. The applicant provides and his service record shows:

- On 16 September 2011, he enlisted in the Army National Guard (ARNG)
- On 27 July 2017, he signed an SLRP Addendum; he had 12 disbursed loan in the amount of \$48,273; his annual payment would not exceed \$7,500; all payment(s) would be processed on the anniversary month of his SLRP contract

- On 30 July 2021, he was discharged from the ARNG for appointment as a commissioned officer
 - On 31 July 2021, he took the oath of office in the Idaho ARNG
 - On 27 October 2023, the state incentive manager requested payment of the applicant's SLRP for fiscal year (FY) 2018 as he met all eligibility requirements
4. On 30 September 2024, the Chief, Special Actions Branch, National Guard Bureau (NGB) provided an advisory opinion, which states in pertinent part:
- NGB recommended approval of the applicant's request
 - The applicant signed an SLRP agreement on 27 July 2017
 - He met all eligibility requirements to receive his FY 2018 payment in the amount of \$7,500 but has not received any payments
 - It is the recommendation of NGB, in coordination with the Idaho ARNG, that the applicant's request be approved
5. On 7 October 2024, the advisory opinion was provided to the applicant to allow him the opportunity to respond. He did not respond.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition, available military records and National Guard Bureau -Special Actions Branch advisory opinion, the Board concurred with the advising official recommendation for approval finding the applicant signed an SLRP agreement on 27 July 2017. The opine noted, the applicant met all eligibility requirements to receive his FY 2018 payment in the amount of \$7,500 but has not received any payments. Based on this, the Board granted relief for payment of his Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP).

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all records of the individual concerned be corrected to show the applicant is authorized payment of Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) and met all eligibility requirements to receive his FY 2018 payment in the amount of \$7,500 but has not received any payments.

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I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.

2. Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 1205.21 (Reserve Component Incentive Programs Procedures), in effect at that time, requires each recipient of an incentive to sign a written agreement stating the member has been advised of, and understands the

conditions under which continued entitlement to unpaid incentive amounts shall be terminated and which advance payments may be recouped. The agreement must clearly specify the terms of the Reserve Service commitment that authorizes the payment of the incentive to the member.

3. National Guard Regulation 600-7 (Selected Reserve Incentive Programs (SRIP)), in effect at that time, governs policies and procedures for the administration of the ARNG SRIP programs. Section VII (SLRP), paragraph 2-23 states, Public Law 99-145, section 671(a)(1), and Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), section 16301 authorizes the education loan repayment program for qualified members of Selected Reserve enlisted personnel with loans made, insured, or guaranteed under part B of Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Title 20 USC 1071 et seq.), any loan made under part D of such title (Title 20 USC 1087a et seq) or any loan made under part E of such title (Title 20 USC 1087aa et seq). Repayment of any such loan will be made on the basis of each complete year of service performed by the borrower. Soldier must meet the eligibility criteria in accordance with governing law, DODI, Department of the Army, ARNG regulations or as outlined in the current FY SRIP policy.

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