

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 31 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007202

APPLICANT REQUESTS: entitlement to the Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) incentive.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 600-7-5-R-E (Annex L to DD Form 4 SLRP Addendum Army National Guard of the U.S.), 15 May 2015 – reflective of the applicant's election to participate in the SLRP;
- Section II (Eligibility) provides that the applicant is eligible to receive the Non-Prior Service Enlistment Bonus (NPSEB) and the Montgomery GI Bill – Selected Reserve Kicker simultaneously with the SLRP incentive"
- The applicant had seven disbursed loans totaling \$24,522.00

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 in pertinent part that:

- She enlisted in the ARNG with entitlement to the SLRP incentive
- She was advised by the Education Office that since she received a bonus at the time of her enlistment, she could no longer use the SLRP
- after researching this information, she realized that in accordance with her NGB Form 600-7-5-R-E, she could in fact receive her bonus entitlement as well as participate in the SLRP

3. A review of the applicant's available service records reflects the following:

- On 15 May 2014 – the applicant enlisted in the ARNG for 8 years with entitlement to the Montgomery GI Bill, Kicker, NPSEB and the SLRP incentive
- On 12 August 2018 – the applicant elected to extend her current enlistment by 16 days
- On 8 October 2019 – the applicant elected to extend her current enlistment by 6 years with entitlement to a \$20,000.00 Reenlistment/Extension Bonus incentive; NGB Form 600-7-4-R-E (Annex R to DD Form 4 or DA Form 4836 Reenlistment/Extension Bonus (REB) Addendum ARNG of the U.S.) Section II (Eligibility) provides that the applicant may contract for more than one 1 incentive if in accordance with the ARNG Selected Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP) during this reenlistment/extension period of service

4. On 21 March 2025, the NGB, Chief, Special Actions provided an advisory recommending approval of the applicant's request noting that her bonus was established in the Guard Incentive Management System with eligibility payments annually of not more than \$7,500.00 on eligible loans but no payments were made. After review of the available records, they noted that the applicant was eligible to receive her SLRP incentive in accordance with NGB Form 600-7-5-R-E, Section II (Eligibility). The applicant met the requirements of the SLRP addendum for fiscal years 2015-2020 and is therefore entitled to 6-years of annual payments for qualifying loans.

5. On 26 March 2025, the applicant was provided with a copy of the advisory opinion and afforded 15 days to provide comments.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the available documentation and the findings and recommendations outlined in the NGB advisory opinion, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence of an injustice warranting reinstating the applicant's entitlement to her Student Loan Repayment Program incentive.

BOARD VOTE:

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:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	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 Department of Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by showing the applicant is entitled to 6-years of annual payments of her SLRP for qualifying loans.

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CHAIRPERSON

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. Army Regulation (AR) 621-202 (Army Educational Incentives and Entitlements) provides guidance pertaining to educational incentives and entitlements authorized by public law. It provides Army-unique policies, responsibilities, and procedures governing these educational benefits for Soldiers and former Soldiers of the Active Army. To be eligible for the SLRP incentive, a person must contractually obligate himself or herself to serve satisfactorily per AR 135-91. A person must serve in the Selected Reserve

(SELRES) for the full term of the contractual agreement. Once a Soldier has enlisted, reenlisted, extended, or transferred from the Active Army with a remaining military service obligation (RMSO), and executed a DA Form 5261–4 or ARNG addendum to participate in the SLRP, the provisions of the DA Form 5261–4 or ARNG addendum will remain in force until the earlier occurrence of one of the following:

- Participation in the SLRP is terminated in accordance with this regulation
- The maximum SLRP benefit as appropriate has been paid

The SLRP is not authorized in conjunction with the officer and WO affiliation or accession bonus. In all other cases the SLRP may be combined with other Selected Reserve Incentive Program (SRIP) incentives, subject to eligibility criteria of each program offered.

3. Title 10, USC, section 1552 states the Secretary of a military department may correct any military record of the Secretary's department when the Secretary considers it necessary to correct an error or remove an injustice.

4. The Barring Act, 31 U.S.C. Section 3702 states that the Secretary of Defense shall settle claims involving uniformed service members' pay, allowances, travel, transportation, payments for unused accrued leave, retired pay, and survivor benefits. A claim against the Government presented under this section must contain the signature and address of the claimant or an authorized representative. The claim must be received by the official responsible under subsection (a) for settling the claim or by the agency that conducts the activity from which the claim arises within 6 years after the claim accrues. A claim that is not received in the time required under this subsection shall be returned with a copy of this subsection, and no further communication is required.

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