

Program Budget Comparison

The following table summarizes the total proposed budget by year, type of expenditure, and source of funding.

Program Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Base Fiscal 2014	Approp. Fiscal 2015	Budget Fiscal 2016	Budget Fiscal 2017	Biennium Fiscal 14-15	Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Operating Expenses	209,408	209,409	209,408	209,408	418,817	418,816	(1)	0.00 %
Total Costs	\$209,408	\$209,409	\$209,408	\$209,408	\$418,817	\$418,816	(\$1)	0.00 %
General Fund	209,408	209,409	209,408	209,408	418,817	418,816	(1)	0.00 %
Total Funds	\$209,408	\$209,409	\$209,408	\$209,408	\$418,817	\$418,816	(\$1)	0.00 %

Program Description

The Montana National Guard Scholarship Program provides scholarships to eligible Montana National Guard personnel enrolled as undergraduate students in Montana colleges, universities, or training programs. The program assists Montana in recruiting and retaining personnel in both the Army and Air National Guard and in enhancing its operational readiness to assume both state and federal active duty missions. Scholarships also reward guard members for their service to the state by helping defray their educational costs at Montana post-secondary institutions.

Program Highlights

<p>Scholarship Program Major Budget Highlights</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The executive proposed to fund the 2017 biennium budget at the FY 2015 legislative appropriation level with no adjustments

Comparison of FY 2015 Legislative Base to FY 2015 Adjusted Base

The Scholarship Program did not change the FY 2015 legislative appropriations. The number shown in the budget comparison table above reflects the budget approved by the 2013 Legislature.

Comparison of the FY 2014 Actual Expenditures to FY 2015 Legislative Appropriations

The 1999 Legislature began this program and appropriated \$250,000 in general fund to provide scholarships of up to \$500 per semester to enlisted Montana National Guard personnel enrolled as full-time undergraduate students in colleges, universities, or training programs. The funding was to provide \$500 scholarships for 500 student-semesters; which is equivalent to 125 students attending two semesters in each of the two years of the biennium.

In FY 2014, 221 students were awarded scholarships of up to \$1,800 a year for college, universities, or other training programs. Funding for the program remains static for the 2017 biennium.

Funding

The following table shows proposed program funding by source from all sources of authority.

Department of Military Affairs, 03-Scholarship Program Funding by Source of Authority						
Funds	HB2	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds	
01100 General Fund	418,816	0	0	418,816	100.00 %	
State Special Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	
Federal Special Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	
Proprietary Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00 %	
Total All Funds	\$418,816	\$0	\$0	\$418,816		

This program is funded entirely from the general fund.

Budget Summary by Category

The following summarizes the total budget utilizing the FY 2015 Legislative base, present law adjustments, and new proposals.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2016	Leg. Budget Fiscal 2017	Leg. Biennium Fiscal 16-17	Percent of Budget
2015 Budget	209,409	209,409	418,818	100.00 %	209,409	209,409	418,818	100.00 %
PL Adjustments	(1)	(1)	(2)	(0.00)%	(1)	(1)	(2)	(0.00)%
New Proposals	0	0	0	0.00 %	0	0	0	0.00 %
Total Budget	\$209,408	\$209,408	\$418,816		\$209,408	\$209,408	\$418,816	