

## NATIONAL GUARD LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL SPECIALIST

# BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

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### THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED

Your career goals and life aspirations can become a reality faster than you imagined. The National Guard's Language and Cultural Specialist program is the opportunity you need to achieve your dreams. This elite program sets you on a path to become an expertly trained, financially stable, educated and experienced individual with valuable skills that will benefit you throughout your career and life.

### HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS, SERVE YOUR COUNTRY

- Protect the state and assist your community during an emergency such as a flood, earthquake or wildfire.
- Serve the nation during humanitarian crises, peacekeeping and combat missions.

### LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL SPECIALIST PROGRAM

The Guard wants individuals who can assist in diplomatic relations and aid in national security in order to protect lives. For speakers of select North African, Middle Eastern and Southwest Asian languages and dialects, the Guard gives you the opportunity to perform these critical services, while enhancing your skills and future.



### STEPS TO BECOMING A NATIONAL GUARD LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL SPECIALIST

- 1 Talk to a Recruiter:** Your Guard representative will be your personal career counselor throughout the process of joining the Guard. He or she will be able to answer any questions or concerns that you or your family may have.
- 2 English Language Comprehension Proficiency Test (ELCPT):** A multiple-choice test that assesses your English skills. Classes are provided if you need further instruction to improve your English.
- 3 Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI):** A phone interview conducted in a North African, Middle Eastern or Southwest Asian language or dialect to confirm fluency.
- 4 Armed Forces Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB):** A multiple-choice screening exam that is taken by all applicants to determine academic strengths and weaknesses.
- 5 Physical Exam:** All applicants report to the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) where a medical professional administers an overall physical health exam.
- 6 Contract:** A mutual agreement between the National Guard and you that outlines the commitments you both agree to fulfill.
- 7 English Language Training:** For those requiring further English training, this program will make you proficient in English, while also preparing you for the rigors of Basic Training.
- 8 Basic Training:** An intensive nine-week physical and mental training program that recruits must complete to become a Soldier. While there you will learn military courtesies and customs, how to wear the uniform and other Soldier skills.
- 9 Advanced Individual Training (AIT):** A six-week course on the Fundamentals of Translation/Interpretation that will prepare you to serve as a Language and Cultural Specialist.
- 10 Expedited Citizenship:** Complete paperwork and processing for obtaining expedited U.S. citizenship.

- 1 Required Full-Time Service:** After being fully trained, you will be deployed overseas to serve a unit as a Language and Cultural Specialist. The length of your deployment will vary based on the military's needs, but the expected duration is about one year overseas and one year in the U.S.

### YOUR FUTURE

After serving overseas, you will return to the U.S. to complete another year of full-time service. Once your full-time service commitment is fulfilled, you may have opportunities to remain in a full-time capacity, or you can return to your hometown unit as a part-time Soldier.

If you decide to remain in the Guard as a part-time Soldier, you will enter the workforce equipped with new and enhanced skills. Organizations that may be interested in your accomplishments and leadership skills include:

- Government agencies, such as the State Department, FBI, etc.
- Universities
- International companies



### BENEFITS THAT IMPROVE YOUR LIFE

For your dedicated service, we offer the following benefits:

- Expedited U.S. citizenship
- Family medical and insurance benefits while on full-time status
- \$15,000 enlistment bonus
- Student loan repayment (up to \$20,000 for existing student loans)
- Federal and State Tuition Assistance
- Up to \$288 a month to help pay for books and other college expenses
- Opportunity to earn college credit for Guard training
- Regular raises and promotions
- Foreign language proficiency pay (up to \$1000 per month)
- 401 (k)-type savings plan
- English language, translator and interpreter training
- VA home loan opportunities



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Contact a recruiter today to learn how the National Guard can put your life and career on the fast track to success.

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