

## CHARLES MCGEE LEADERSHIP AWARD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **1. What is the CMLA? Is it like other ICSP scholarships?**

The POC/PSP scholarship, is officially known as the Brig Gen Charles McGee Leadership Award or CMLA. This award is distinct from that offered as a result of a typical scholarship board; in that it is granted to all individuals selected for the PSP status (RRF provides the list to the Scholarship Branch). It recognizes cadets who have demonstrated the ability and intent to commission. The intent is to provide financial stability for the cadet. This allows their focus during the remainder of their time in AFROTC to be on development of their leadership acumen and successful completion of their academic course of study rather than financial constraints. The selection and eligibility criteria for PSP is different than that of the ICSP. For the ICSP, AFOQT passage is required (if taken), as is DODMERB qualification, and minimums for TGPA and CGPA are established each cycle (and published in the applicable cycle guide). Those not meeting the eligibility criteria would not have been on the Final Eligibility Roster and therefore not boarded for an ICSP scholarship. The activation requirements for the CMLA are the same as those for ICSP awards.

Note: Because the CMLA is not treated as a scholarship in the same way as an HSSP or ICSP scholarship, CMLA recipients in non-tech majors are not required to fulfill the foreign language or STEM requirements in AFROTCI 36-2011, para. 4.11 and Attachment 3: ACADEMIC PLAN FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR TECHNICAL REQUIREMENT FOR NON-TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP CADETS

### **2. What happens if an awardee loses or declines the award? Will there be a later opportunity to obtain it? Can it be awarded retroactively?**

No. the CMLA award is a one-time opportunity, must be initiated in the term immediately following award, and cannot be retroactively applied.

### **3. How do we advise Scholarship branch (HQ AFROTC/RRU) of award declinations, detachment drops, or housing scholarship conversion requests?**

Contact AFROTC/RRUE ICSP via email to our org box ([AFROTC.RRUE.ICSP@us.af.mil](mailto:AFROTC.RRUE.ICSP@us.af.mil)) to have the award withdrawn or the scholarship converted. Correspondence should include the affected cadet EMPLID. For now, conversion requests should include a memorandum signed by the cadet and detachment commander indicating understanding the notification and use restrictions of the housing scholarship. See template found under files on the RRU channel in TEAMS.

### **4. What is the Housing scholarship conversion?**

Beginning AY22/23, all tuition scholarships may be converted into a housing scholarship. This is useful for cadets who have other means to pay their tuition and would secure more benefit from a scholarship that pay for housing. This conversion must be done prior to the start of the fall semester and will remain in effect for the duration of the scholarship length. The value of the housing scholarship is capped at \$10K per year and bills must be submitted through the university bursar's office (in other

words billed by the university for on-campus or contracted housing). Cadets will not receive the funds directly and they cannot be used for any other purpose.

- Must be on-campus housing or off-campus contract housing billed through the university
- Textbook allowance is the same
- Boarding costs (i.e., food and utilities) must be separated out from the room cost
- Tuition scholarships converted into housing scholarship may not be converted back into tuition scholarships within the same AY. All conversion requests must be received prior to the start of the academic year in which the cadet wishes the change to take effect.

**5. Do rising AS200s need to accomplish a PFA prior to activation in the Fall?**

Yes. Refer to AFROTCI 36-2011, Table 4.5 for additional guidance.

**6. What about cadets whose TGPA/CGPA fell below ICSP activation requirements after selection?**

They retain the award but cannot activate the scholarship until the GPA minimums are met (NLT 31 Dec).

**7. What about FT attendance?**

CMLA recipients must attend and satisfactorily complete FT in order to activate. They may be properly deferred or waived.

**8. Can a cadet receive more than one scholarship offer/award?**

It is possible that a cadet who was previously on an HSSP/ICSP scholarship received a CMLA offer if the existing HSSP/ICSP had to be terminated or withdrawn. This is fine as loss of a previous scholarship does not affect consideration for the PSP and subsequent receipt of a CMLA. However, it should not be the case that an additional offer is made when an active scholarship is in place. The original offer must be terminated or withdrawn first.

**9. Can an AS100/200 cadet SIE and lose their original scholarship prior to obtaining receipt of the CMLA as an AS300/400?**

Cadets can SIE pursuant to the guidance in AFROTCI 36-2011 vol 3. One might consider doing this if for example they were on an HSSP Type 1 scholarship and would rather make use of the CMLA scholarship (which are not restricted to a major) because they know that change of major under HSSP would result in loss of scholarship. This would be unwise for the following reasons: cadets will not be eligible to receive an CMLA opportunity for one year after voluntary termination of their awarded scholarship (meaning that the SIE would have to occur during the AS100); or because in most cases there is no financial benefit to doing so since all HSSP are Type 1 while all CMLA awards are equivalent to a Type 2 scholarship in value.

<sup>1</sup> If an AS200 SIEs, they may make themselves ineligible for PSP and will lose their enrollment allocation

**10. Some recipients of the CMLA are or will be older than 30 years as of 31 December in the commission year. Are they still able to activate the award?**

No. By law (10 USC 2107), recipients of a scholarship will not be able to activate the scholarship if they will be 31 years or older at the time of commission. RRU will screen for this delimiter with the release of future CMLAs.

**11. Can graduate students make use the CMLA?**

No. Use of scholarship funding for graduate studies is not specifically prohibited, however US Code limits how much scholarship funding can be used for graduate degrees and that is dependent upon funds availability. Because we have no requirement per the PGL to produce officers with graduate degrees, we do not budget for them nor are we otherwise funded to produce them.

**12. Can Guard/Reserve members use the CMLA?**

Yes, provided the Guard/Reserve member has been released from their contract and presents a completed and signed DD Form 368, Request for Conditional Release. Deferred CMLA activation if a Guard/Reserve member unable to obtain a release requires a request for an ETP submitted through the Region HQ.