



Vermont National Guard Tuition Waiver Problem Statement

- Non-Prior Service (high school graduates with no prior military service) accessions into the VTARNG have been declining over the past four years.

Recruiting Year	NPS Accessions
2013	248
2014	219
2015	190
2016	173

- Contributing Factors:
 - ALL neighboring states provide a 100% tuition waiver
 - Neighboring states effectively advertise tuition waiver benefit
 - Waiting period for the use of Federal Tuition Assistance (1 year after completion of Initial Entry Training)
 - Declining high school graduate population
 - Shrinking age eligible demographic
- Benefits of Tuition Waiver:
 - Helps retain young Vermont residents
 - Increases enrollment in state colleges and universities
 - Improves Vermont National Guard readiness
 - Increases educated contributors to Vermont's economy

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