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The Louisiana Legislature has provided \$200,000 for The Louisiana Grant Opportunity for Youth ChalleNGe Skills Training Program. Graduates of the Louisiana National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe Program (YCP) can now continue their education and enhance their employment opportunities while receiving a tuition grant at an eligible Louisiana postsecondary institution.

Beginning with the 2018-19 academic year, the tuition free program is available to YCP students who graduate from the Youth ChalleNGe Program and enroll in an eligible program at an eligible Louisiana postsecondary institution.

Eligible students may use the program grant to pursue postsecondary skill or occupational training, including a vocational technical education certificate or diploma or a nonacademic undergraduate degree. Students may attend a Louisiana public community college that offers skill or occupational training.

Students who meet the eligibility requirements can receive the grant award for up to two years if they meet the continuing eligibility requirements.

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