## STATE CONFERENCE SPONSOR PROGRAM ADOPTED ON 20 APRIL 1996 SOP

BACKGROUND: This program is made possible by donations from the South Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association and is established to encourage E-1 through E-5's to attend State Conferences. This program will pay for the fee's associated with the attendance of the State Conference to include: Room accommodations, banquet ticket, and predetermined amount of spending money. After attending the State Conference, individuals selected for the sponsor program agree to write a short article for the state publication "The Enlisted Echo". In this article, the sponsor will give his/her impression about the conference and their honest opinion as to the relevance of the business conducted. This article will be submitted to the Executive Director for publication.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be assigned to the SDNG, SDANG
- Must be in the rank of E1 to E5
- Must never have attended any SDNGEA State Conference.
- Must posses the "right stuff" and be able to benefit and report on their attendance at the conference.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

- To apply for this program, applicants must have been submitted by any (paid up) member of the SDNGEA; preferably somebody in their chain of command. A phone number for contacting the applicant is all that's needed. Names will be taken up to the first week before the conference. If there are 3 or more applicants, the Executive Director will draw by lot, those who will attend. As a minimum, the Association would like to have 2 (1Army/1Air) and a maximum of 4 (2 Army/2 Air) members attend.
- All applicants will contact the Executive Director as soon as possible or any Executive Council member. See contact information as published in the Echo on http:://sdngea.com.