

# *Education and Scholarship Resources*

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## **Military Dependent Children and Spouses**

<https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/scholarships/>

Army Emergency Relief provides scholarships for dependent children and spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers.

[https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911\\_transfer.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_transfer.asp)

The Post-9/11 GI Bill allows eligible Service Members to transfer all or some unused benefits to their spouse or dependent children. The request to transfer unused GI Bill benefits to eligible dependents must be completed while serving as an active member of the Armed Forces. Once DOD approves benefits for transfer, the new beneficiaries apply for them at the VA.

[https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow\\_ribbon/yellow\\_ribbon\\_info\\_schools.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon/yellow_ribbon_info_schools.asp)

The Yellow Ribbon Program allows US degree granting institutions to enter into an agreement with the VA to fund tuition expenses that exceed either the annual maximum cap for private institutions or the resident tuition and fees for a public institution. The institution can contribute up to 50% of expenses and VA will match the same amount.

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/DEA.asp>

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

[https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/fry\\_scholarship.asp](https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/fry_scholarship.asp)

The Fry Scholarship provides benefits to the children and surviving spouses of an active duty member of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty on or after 9/11. They may receive up to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level. Benefits include full tuition and fees, a monthly housing allowance, books, and supplies.

<http://www.armyscholarshipfoundation.org/>

The Army Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships for undergraduate education for dependent children and spouses of U.S. Army Active Duty Soldiers and veterans who received an honorable discharge or were medically discharged.

<https://www.ausa.org/resources/scholarships>

The Association of the United States Army and its chapters award scholarships to active AUSA member (membership starts at \$10 per year) students who enroll in a college-level institution.

<https://amvets.org/scholarships/>

AMVETS annually awards scholarships to veterans/active military, their sons, daughters, or grandchildren. A son, daughter or grandchild of a deceased veteran is also eligible. Awarded based on academic excellence and financial need, the scholarships go to deserving high school seniors, high school JROTC students and veterans pursuing a higher education.

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

The Veterans of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy program is open to all 9-12 grade students, and awards one national first-place winner a \$30,000 scholarship to a U.S. university, college, or vocational/technical school. National scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and a first-place winner from each state VFW wins an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC.

<https://www.legion.org/scholarships>

The American Legion has an extensive scholarship program including a legacy scholarship for dependent children of Service Members who died while serving on active duty post-9/11, as well as scholarships for Eagle Scouts and participants in the Boys State and Girls State Programs.

<https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/education-assistance/Education-Assistance/>

The Military Officers Association of America provides interest-free loans, scholarships, and grants to children of active duty or retired military personnel, for up to 5 years of undergraduate education at an accredited 2 or 4-year college or university.

<https://www.fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/>

The Scholarships for Military Children program awards one \$2,000 scholarship each school year at every commissary location operated by the [Defense Commissary Agency](#) worldwide. It is a scholarship program of Fisher House Foundation.

<https://www.militaryscholar.org/legacy/index.html>

The "Heroes' Legacy Scholarships" program honors soldiers who have fallen in battle, those who have died or have become disabled through their active military service since September 11, 2001. It is open to soldiers' dependent unmarried children under age 23. It is a scholarship program of Fisher House Foundation.

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/students/browse-scholarships/>

Scholarship America is a database of searchable scholarships.

<http://mfst.us/our-programs/scholarships/>

The Military Family Support Trust is available to active duty or retired officers' children who are high school seniors. Scholarships from \$2,000 to \$12,000 are available.

<https://foldsofhonor.org/scholarships/military-scholarships/>

The Folds of Honor provides scholarships to spouses and dependents of active duty soldiers killed or disabled in the line of duty. Awards are for a first bachelor's degree (no graduate programs) and are up to \$5,000 per year.

<https://specialops.org/what-we-do/educational-programs/>

Provides scholarships for post-secondary students who have lost a parent serving in Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps special operations.

<https://www.fascholarship.com/>

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for dependent children of active duty Service Members who are either killed or permanently disabled (100% VA rating) as the result of an operational mission or training incident, or who are currently certified as MIA or POW.

<https://www.fallenpatriots.org/scholarships-and-grants>

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation helps secure college scholarships for military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. (IHOP)

<http://nogreatersacrifice.org/>

Scholarships are given to children of post 9/11 killed in action or wounded service members pursuing a bachelors or associates degree from an accredited institution or certificate trade school.

<https://www.pva.org/find-support/scholarship-program/>

Paralyzed Veterans of America offers scholarships to members, spouses, or children under 24 years. The program provides a \$1,000 scholarship to each qualified applicant enrolled at an accredited US college or university.

<https://www.afcea.org/site/?q=foundation/scholarships>

AFCEA (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) Educational Foundation has scholarships, grants and tuition assistance for full time undergraduate and graduate students attending four-year US colleges or universities.

<https://feea.org/our-programs/scholarships/>

Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund provides scholarships to children, stepchildren, and legal dependents of full- or part-time permanent federal civilian or postal workers employed with the federal government for more than three years, as well as the employees themselves and their spouses.

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

Scholarships.com is a college scholarship search engine and financial aid information resource.

<https://www.bestcolleges.com/features/top-online-schools/>

Best Colleges list of top accredited online colleges and universities.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/bigfuture-scholarships>

The College Board administers many of the standardized tests such as the SAT and PSAT for college students. This site includes links to practice tests and other helpful resources such as CLEP.

<https://www.foldedflagfoundation.org/how-to-apply/>

For college-bound spouses and children, The Folded Flag Foundation provides scholarships and educational grants to cover tuition, fees, books, computers, living expenses (to include childcare for students with young children), tutoring, test prep services, and career prep expenses.

<https://www.militaryfamily.org/>

The National Military Family Association awards military spouse scholarships that can be used for vocational training, professional certification, undergraduate and graduate school. You must be the spouse of a member of the seven uniformed services with a valid military ID to be eligible.

<https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply-to-be-a-scholar/>

Sponsored by the Pat Tillman Foundation, the Tillman Military Scholars program awards scholarships to Veteran and Active-duty military service members (pre- and post-9/11) service and their spouses pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree.

<https://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/transition/military-spouse-scholarships>

Created for the spouses of post-9/11 military personnel who have been disabled in service to their country. Scholarships are available for continued education at a reputable, accredited university, college, or trade school.

<https://operationsecondchance.org/scholarships/>

Operation Second Chance's scholarship program seeks to further its support for wounded or ill service members or veterans by providing grants of \$2,500 or more to dependent children and spouses of qualifying military sponsors. Sponsors are defined by having a VA rating of at least 70% or died in service.

<https://www.thanksusa.org/scholarships.html>

ThanksUSA offers college, technical and vocational school needs-based scholarships of up to \$3,000 for the children and spouses of active duty US military personnel. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college

<https://www.purpleheart.org/ScholarshipProgram>

The Purple Heart Scholarship is available to members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, their spouses, children, and grandchildren. You must be enrolled full time at an accredited college, university, or trade school.

<https://www.quad-a.org/scholarship>

The Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships and interest-free loans annually to members of AAAA and their spouses, unmarried siblings, unmarried children, and unmarried grandchildren of current and deceased members. Some scholarships are specifically reserved for enlisted, warrant officer, company grade, and Department of the Army Civilian members of AAAA.

<https://www.amu.apus.edu/academic/partners/military-spouses.html>

American Military University provides online courses with undergraduate and graduate tuition grants for active-duty service members and their spouses/dependents, Guard, Reserve, and veterans. Military spouses are also eligible for scholarships up to \$4,000 for qualified programs.

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/pwdscholarship/>

The Wells Fargo Stacey Milbern Scholarship program, named in memory of disability activist Stacey Park Milbern, provides renewable scholarships up to \$2,500 for full-time students and up to \$1,250 for half-time students who have an identified disability (defined as someone who has, or considers themselves to have, a long-term or recurring condition that impacts one or more major life activities). Applications for this program are open annually until 700 applications are received.

<https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/wellsfargoveterans/>

The Wells Fargo Veterans Scholarship Program is designed to help meet the needs of veterans after military benefits and other grants and scholarships have been packaged by their school. Applicants must be an honorably discharged veteran of the United States military or the spouse or widow/widower of an honorably discharged disabled veteran and must be a high school or GED graduate. The program awards renewable scholarships of up to \$5,000 per year.

<https://info.scholarshipamerica.org/emergency-grants-student-veterans>

The Wells Fargo Veterans Emergency Grant Program helps veterans already enrolled in postsecondary education who might otherwise be forced to drop out of college because of unforeseen financial emergencies. Grants are

available for a one-time distribution up to \$1,000 based on the cost of the emergency need, such as rent, utilities, daycare and medical expenses. Applications for this program close when all funds are disbursed.

## Other Scholarships, Financial Aid and Career Resources

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) form for college students to complete to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

<https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/obama-chesky-scholarship/>

President and Mrs. Obama and Brian Chesky, Airbnb CEO, have come together to launch The Voyager Scholarship for Public Service. This scholarship provides up to \$25,000 per year for the student's junior and senior year of college.

<http://www.collegeaffordabilityguide.org/>

The College Affordability Guide's provides advice on the options students have to reduce the cost of their degree and offers an analysis of which colleges are doing the most to make high-quality education affordable.

<https://www.ed.gov/>

U.S. Department of Education's main website for financial aid information.

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/guid/aid-offer/index.html>

The U.S. Department of Education College Financing Plan is a consumer tool that participating institutions use to notify students about their financial aid package. It is designed to simplify cost and financial aid information making it easy to compare school packages.

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/home.htm>

The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes The *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, an online source of information on careers and future job needs. It features duties, pay, education and training for hundreds of occupations.

## Military Service Members

<https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply>

The GI Bill helps Veterans and their family members get money to cover all or some of the costs for college, graduate school, and training programs. Tuition assistance is based on your time served.

<https://uwol.org/scholarship>

The MSG Arthur Enriquez Scholarship provides a scholarship for Veterans and/or their immediate family members who currently have or have beaten cancer.

<https://www.dantes.mil/>

The Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) is responsible for managing education programs to help military members achieve their education and career goals. The program allows military members to take exams and prove that they have completed courses.

<https://www.education.army.mil/socad.aspx>

Service Members Opportunity Colleges (SOC) was designed by the Department of Defense to accommodate the constantly moving military member. Courses from more than 1,700 schools and the credits earned can be transferred to any other university at or near military installations in the US and overseas.

<https://www.awfdn.org/scholarships/general-information/>

The Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program provides scholarships to women soldiers and their family members pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree from accredited institutions.

<https://amvets.org/scholarships/>

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<https://www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support>

The Veterans of Foreign Wars "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" provides service members and veterans with scholarships. You must be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.

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<https://studentveterans.org/programs/scholarships>

Student Veterans of America and Raytheon have partnered to provide Raytheon Patriot scholarships to US Army veterans enrolled in undergraduate or graduate programs at a four year US college.

<https://asuonline.asu.edu/military-scholarship>

Arizona State University Online Scholarship is awarded to active duty and reservist military students seeking an undergraduate degree. It is available to both Arizona and non-Arizona residents.

<https://www.acenet.edu/higher-education/Pages/default.aspx>

The American Council on Education collaborates with the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) to review military training and experiences and recommend appropriate college credit for members of the Armed Forces. ACE's credit recommendations appear in the Military Guide. <https://www.acenet.edu/news-room/Pages/Military-Guide-Online.aspx>

<https://www.afcea.org/site/?q=foundation/scholarships>

AFCEA (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) Educational Foundation has scholarships, grants and tuition assistance for full time undergraduate and graduate students attending four-year US colleges or universities. Their War Veteran Scholarships are available for US military veterans (including Reservists and National Guard Personnel).

<https://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/college-credit-with-plas/>

Prior-learning assessments (PLAs) award college credit, certification or advanced standing for a student's non-academic experiences and training. Thousands of US colleges recognize and grant credit for PLAs.

## Air Force, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard

<https://afas.org/education-support>

The Air Force Aid Society helps dependent children and spouses of active duty and retired Airmen work towards a college degree with education grants, scholarships, and loans.

<https://www.nmcrs.org/our-services/scholarships>

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society provide scholarships to the children of Navy and Marine Corps personnel who died while serving on active duty or after retirement. Spouses of a service member who died as a result of the USS Stark or Pentagon attack or during service in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation New Dawn are eligible.

<https://www.usnscf.com/Foundation/pages/Programs/Scholarship>

The Navy Supply Corps Foundation gives scholarships to dependents, grandchildren, and spouses of active, reserve, or retired officers studying at accredited two or four-year schools. Spouses must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 undergraduate hours per semester.

[https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Web/Content/FRA\\_Scholarships.aspx](https://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Web/Content/FRA_Scholarships.aspx)

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) offers scholarships to children of service members in the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Recipients must be full-time students enrolled at an accredited college or university in the United States.

<https://www.tailhook.net/tef-home>

The Tailhook Educational Foundation awards scholarships to the children and grandchildren of navy aviators, aircrewman, and aircraft carrier personnel.

<https://wingsoveramerica.us/>

The Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation offers college scholarships to dependent children and spouses of military members from the US Navy's aviation community.

<http://www.anchor scholarship.com>

The Anchor Scholarship is available to dependents of Navy service members who have served a minimum of six years in a unit under the administrative control of Commander, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Atlantic or Pacific Fleet. You must attend, or plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university and intend to work toward a BS or BA degree to be eligible for this award.

<https://www.mcsf.org/scholarship/>

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation has scholarships for active duty, reserve, or veteran U.S. Marines. Their Heroes Tribute Scholarship offers awards to children of Marines or former Marines who were killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks or have died in combat since 9/11. The foundation also offers scholarships to grandchildren of certain veterans.

<https://coastguardfoundation.org/how/scholarships/directory>

The Coast Guard Foundation offers scholarships to the children and spouses of enlisted and reservist Coast Guard personnel.

<https://www.cgmahq.org/programs/education.html>

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance organization offers Education Loan and Grant Programs to all active duty or retired Coast Guard personnel and eligible family members. They reimburse documented educational costs or provide interest free loans.