ALL SERVICES Scholarships

American Legion Scholarships
The American Legion offers a number of scholarships and other resources to assist young people in their pursuit of higher education. There are opportunities for everyone, including kin of wartime veterans and participants in Legion programs.
Web: http://www.legion.org/scholarships

AMVETS National Service Foundation
AMVETS National Service Foundation 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 on the basis of academic excellence and financial need, the scholarships go to deserving high school seniors, high school JROTC students, and veterans pursuing a higher education. The following scholarships are awarded annually:
AMVETS National Service Foundation Scholarships
- Six scholarships for high school seniors
- Three scholarships for veterans
- One scholarship for a JROTC high school senior entering any undergraduate programs

Dr. Aurelio M. Caccomo: Family Foundation Memorial Scholarship
- One scholarship for veterans/guardsman/reservists will be awarded nationwide per year, for the duration of the grant, without regard for district boundaries. The scholarship is for veterans, including members of the National Guard and Reserves, seeking new skills to be more competitive in the job market

Web: www.amvets.org > Programs > Educational Opportunities
National Federation of Music Clubs

Anne M. Gannett Award for Veterans
Scholarship to continue music study. This annual award is available to former music students who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and, at the end of this service, wish to resume music study to pursue a music career.

The NFMC Lucile Parrish Ward Veteran’s Award
Scholarship to continue music study. This annual award is available to former music students who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces and, at the end of this service, wish to resume music study to pursue a music career.

Web: www.nfmc-music.org > Competition & Awards > Annual senior

Armed Forces Communications & Electronic Association Educational Foundation (AFCEA)
AFCEA offers educational assistance for military personnel, veterans, and their dependents.
The following is a partial list of programs, visit website for details.

- AFCEA General Emmett Paige Scholarships will be awarded to accepted persons on active duty in the uniformed military services, to veterans, and to their spouses or dependents, who are currently enrolled full time in an eligible degree program at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S.

- Veterans of Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Iraqi Freedom Scholarship. In December 2005, the AFCEA Northern Virginia (NOVA) Chapter contributed $100,000 to the AFCEA Educational Foundation to establish the Iraqi/Afghanistan War Veterans Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund awards annual scholarships to qualified Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen. The AFCEA Educational Foundation is pleased to co-sponsor this scholarship opportunity for U.S. War Veterans.

- AFCEA Disabled War Veterans Scholarships are co-sponsored by Microsoft employees and the AFCEA Educational Foundation, the $scholarships are offered to active-duty service personnel, honorably discharged U.S. military veterans, reservists, and National Guard personnel who are disabled because of wounds received during service in Enduring Freedom-Afghanistan or Iraqi Freedom Operations.

Web: www.afcea.org/awards
**Blinded Veterans Association (BVA)**

The BVA awards the Kathern F. Gruber Scholarship and Thomas H. Miller Awards Spouses to dependent children of blinded veterans to assist them with their higher education tuition. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit through an application process that is evaluated by a committee. The blinded veteran family member is not required to be a BVA member for the spouse or child to receive a scholarship.

Web: [https://bva.org/programs/scholarships-awards/](https://bva.org/programs/scholarships-awards/)

**Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation**

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation provides college scholarships to the children of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who died in combat or in training. Scholarships awarded based on need, and intended to supplement other public and private sources of funding to cover tuition, room and board, or books at any accredited college or university. Amounts based on individual needs and available funding.

Web: [www.fallenpatriots.org](http://www.fallenpatriots.org)

**Daughters of the Cincinnati**

Daughters of the Cincinnati Scholarship applicants must be high school senior and daughter of a career officer commissioned in the regular Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Marine Corp (active, retired, or deceased). When requesting application, provide: year in high school, qualifying parent’s rank, and branch of service.

Web: [www.daughters1894.org](http://www.daughters1894.org) (> Apply for a Scholarship)

**Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary**

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Auxiliary supports the National Education Loan Fund which provides interest-free loans to life members of the DAV Auxiliary who are furthering their education at a college, university, or vocational school. The organization has developed an education scholarship program for life members of the DAV Auxiliary who are continuing their education at a college, university, or vocational school.

Web: [http://auxiliary.dav.org > Membership > Programs](http://auxiliary.dav.org)
Fisher house scholarships
Scholarships for Military Children Program
☐ The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created in recognition of the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community. It is the intent of the program that a scholarship funded through contributions be awarded annually for each commissary operated by the Defense Commissary Agency worldwide.

Military Spouse Scholarships
☐ The mission of this education and professional support scholarship program is to help prepare military spouses for meaningful employment and to better contribute to their family’s financial security.

Heroes' Legacy Scholarship
☐ The "Heroes' Legacy Scholarships" program honors not only those who have fallen in battle, but all who have died or have become disabled through their active military service since September 11, 2001. The program is open to their dependent unmarried children under age 23. A disability is defined as one that results in the service member being eligible for, and receiving, Traumatic Service members' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) or a permanent and total disability compensation rating of 100%.

Web: https://www.fisherhouse.org/programs/

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund
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The Fund has awarded scholarships to sons and daughters of American heroes in the last several years. The Fund honors the bravery and dedication exhibited by Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships to their children. Applicant must be a high school senior, a high school graduate, or enrolled in an institution of higher learning, including colleges, universities, or vocational schools.
Web: www.freedomalliance.org > Programs
The Horatio Alger Association

Horatio Alger Military Veterans Scholarship Program provides educational programs and services for members and scholars. The eligibility criteria to be considered for National Scholarships and Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs.

Web: https://www.horatioalger.org > Scholarship Programs

Knights of Columbus Educational Fund

Francis P. Matthews and John E. Swift Educational Trust Fund to provide scholarships for dependent children of a member in good standing who died or became permanently and totally disabled as a result of Military service during a time of conflict.

Web: www.kofc.org > What We Do > Scholarships

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Scholarship Fund provides educational assistance for children of military families. It is based on one of the Association’s founding principles that “education is the cornerstone of a strong Democracy.”

- American Patriot Scholarship for students (under age 24) who are children of an active-duty, reserve, or National Guard parent who died on active service are eligible to apply. Surviving spouse’s membership in MOAA is required for consideration where applicable. Military academy cadets are not eligible for this program.
- General John Paul Ratay Educational Fund Grants, grants are limited to children of the surviving spouse of retired officers. A student cannot receive both a MOAA loan and a Ratay Grant.
- Student Loan Program offers interest-free loans, renewable annually for up to five years of full-time undergraduate study. Assistance available only to students who have not yet earned an undergraduate degree.

Web: www.moaa.org > Access Member Benefits > Educational Assistance
Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

Military Order of the Purple Heart annually offers scholarships. To be eligible to receive a MOPH scholarship, applicant must be:

- Recipient of the Purple Heart, or
- Direct descendant (child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild, or great grandchild) of a member of the MOPH, or
- Direct descendant (child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild, or great grandchild) of a veteran killed in action, or a veteran who died of wounds, but did not have the opportunity to join the MOPH, or
- Spouse or widow of a recipient of the Purple Heart, a veteran killed in action, or a veteran who died of wounds.

Applicants must also be U.S. citizen, graduate or upcoming graduate of an accredited high school, have 2.75 GPA, and be accepted or enrolled as a full-time student at a college, university, or trade school at time scholarship is awarded.

Web: www.purpleheart.org > Programs > Scholarships

Pat Tillman Scholarships

Founded in 2004, the Pat Tillman Foundation invests in military veterans and their spouses through educational scholarships – building a diverse community of leaders committed to service to others. The scholars chosen show extraordinary academic and leadership potential, a true sense of vocation, and a deep commitment to create positive change through their work in the fields of medicine, law, business, education and the arts.

Web: www.pattillmanfoundation.org

Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association

Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association administers a scholarship made annually to enrolled eligible students, of accredited colleges, universities, technical schools, and career institutions.

Eligibility:

- Kinship Requirement: Scholarship recipients must be immediate dependent (legal son, daughter, or spouse) of a U.S. aircrew member listed as KIA or MIA from any combat situation involving U.S. Military from August 1964 (Vietnam Era) through the present; or Military aircrew member killed as the result of performing aircrew duties during a non-combat mission; or a RRVA member currently in good standing or was in good standing at time of death.
- Kinship Not Required: To provide educational assistance to individuals in fields related to aviation and space (Kinship to deceased aviator not required). Selections based on financial need, demonstrated academic achievement, college entrance examinations, and accomplishments in school, church, civic, and social activities. Scholarships cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board. The scholarship award will be an amount determined by the student’s demonstrated need, available funding, and priorities established by the RRVA and administered by the Scholarship Committee.

Web: https://www.river-rats.org/page/Scholarship
Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF)

Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF) provides college educations to surviving children of fallen Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps special operations personnel who lose their lives in combat or training. SOWF provides for, or identifies funding, to cover the full costs of a public college education: tuition, fees, room, board, books, and supplies. Scholarships offered are all grants, not loans, and can be used in private universities, state or community colleges, and vocational-technical training and career institutions.

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

Thanks USA®

Thanks USA® Scholarship Program plans to award 500 scholarships to dependent children, age 24 and under, and spouses of active-duty U.S. military service personnel (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard). Recipients are selected based on financial need; academic record; demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities; and a goal statement. Preference will be given to children or spouses of service personnel killed or injured during active duty.

Web: www.thanksusa.org > What We Do > Scholarships

Veterans of Foreign Wars

The VFW and one of its major supporters, Sport Clips Haircuts, have again partnered to help our veterans and their families. The VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" will provide service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It’s just another way to say “thank you” to those who deserve it the most.

Web: www.vfw.org/Scholarship/

US AIR FORCE Scholarships

Air Force Aid Society Education (AFAS) Fund

Air Force Aid Society Education (AFAS) Fund, since its inception in 1942 has been committed to helping Air Force members and their families realize their academic goals.
General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program provides need-based grants to full-time college undergraduates who are dependent children of active, Title 10 and Title 32 AGR, retired, and deceased Air Force members, spouses of active duty members, and surviving spouses of deceased Air Force members. Students must be full-time undergraduates and maintain a 2.0 GPA.

General George S. Brown Spouse Tuition Assistance Program provides scholarships annually to help with tuition costs to spouses who have accompanied active duty members to their overseas assignments (includes AK and HI). Contact your local Family Support Center for application details and deadlines.

Web: www.afas.org > Education Programs

Air Force Association (AFA)

Michael Wilson Scholarship This scholarship program was created by the Air Force Association, in partnership with Brian Wilson, to fund the Michael Wilson Scholarship. Two (2) scholarships each year will be awarded to highly qualified AFROTC cadets, entering into their junior or senior year.

Lt Col Romeo and Josephine Bass Ferretti Scholarship This scholarship was established for minor dependents of Air Force active duty, Reserve or Air National Guard enlisted airmen pursuing an undergraduate degree in the area of science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). The recipients will be selected based upon high academic standards, good character and financial need.

Spouse Scholarships The Air Force Spouse Scholarship program is designed to encourage Air Force spouses worldwide to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/postgraduate degrees.

Web: www.afa.org > Students > Scholarships

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) and Airmen Memorial Foundation (AMF) Scholarship Program

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) and Airmen Memorial Foundation (AMF) Scholarship Program offer a scholarship program to financially assist the undergraduate studies of eligible, dependent children of the Total Air Force which includes Air Force Active Duty (AFAD), Air National Guard (ANG), and Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) enlisted members in active duty, retired, or veteran status. Scholarships are awarded in each program based on the applicant’s academic record, character, leadership skills, writing ability, versatility, and potential for success. Financial need is not a consideration.

Web: www.hqafsa.org > Services > Scholarships

US ARMY Scholarships

Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association

Foundation of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, offers scholarships for up to four years to:

1) Children of those soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division of the U.S. Army who died, or were totally and permanently disabled to the extent of preventing performance of any work for substantial compensation
or profit as a result of wounds received or disease contracted while serving with 1st Cavalry Division in any armed conflict.
2) Children of members of the 1st Cavalry Division Association who died while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in peacetime.

Web: www.1cda.org > Foundation – Scholarships

**Society of the 1st Infantry Division Scholarship Program**
Society of the 1st Infantry Division Scholarship Program offers:

- **DePuy Scholarships**, named for General William E. DePuy, the 1st Infantry Division Commanding General who started the program during the Vietnam War, are provided for children of soldiers killed in combat or training accidents while serving in a unit assigned or attached to the 1st Infantry Division and authorized to wear the 1st Infantry Division patch. More than 1,300 of these scholarships have been awarded.

- **Huebner Scholarships**, named for Lieutenant General Clarence L. Huebner, who commanded the Big Red One during World War II, are competitive scholarships for children or grandchildren of soldiers who have served in the 1st Infantry Division of the U.S. Army are eligible to compete for these scholarships.

Web: www.1stid.org > Foundation > Activities > Scholarships

**25th Infantry Division Association**
25th Infantry Division Association has established the following criteria for the Education Memorial Scholarship Awards and the George and Rosemary Murray Scholarship Award:

- Child or grandchild of an active member of the Association, or
- Son or daughter of a former member of the Division deceased during active combat with the Division or as a result thereof.

Web: www.25thida.com > The Association > Scholarships

**US NAVY Scholarships**

**Anchor Scholarship Foundation**
Anchor Scholarship Foundation offers 43 scholarships to dependents of active duty or retired personnel who served in commands under the administrative control of Commanders, Naval Surface Forces, U.S. Atlantic or Pacific Fleets for a minimum of six years after 1975. Applicant must be a high school senior or a college student
in an accredited school or equivalent educational institution. Applicant must intend to work toward a BS or BA degree full time.
Web: www.anchorscholarship.com > Eligibility

US MARINE CORPS Scholarships

1st Marine Division Association
1st Marine Division Association provides grants to assist dependents of deceased or 100% permanently disabled veterans of service with the 1st Marine Division in furthering their education toward a bachelor’s degree. Grants are awarded to full time, undergraduate students attending an accredited college, university, or higher technical trade school, up to a maximum of four years. Payments are made directly to the educational institution.
Web: www.1stmarinedivisionassociation.org > Scholarships

2nd Marine Division Association
2nd Marine Division Association only grants scholarships to unmarried sons, daughters, or grandchildren of individuals who are serving or have served with the 2nd Marine Division or unit attached. Applicants must reapply annually. Scholarships granted only to students who are high school seniors, graduates, or enrolled as undergraduates in an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical school.
Web: www.2dmardiv.com > Scholarships

US COAST GUARD Scholarships

WALTER GORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The purpose of the Walter Gore Memorial Scholarship is to assist members of the CPOA/CGEA in defraying expenses incurred at a university, college, or vocational school of acceptance.
Two grants of $500 each will be awarded to the individuals submitting the top two essays.
Our scholarship requirements, essay topic, and submission guidelines will be posted on 1 January 2024.
Web: https://uscgcpoa.org/resources/walter-gore-memorial-scholarship/