

## Scholarship/Financial Aid Resources Information

The 2016 Military Children's Scholarship Handbook is available for download at this web address. This is a very comprehensive guide to the scholarship and financial aid process and is valuable for military-connected and other students. (2017 handbook is not available at this time)

<http://militaryhandbooks.com/view-military-handbooks/childrens-scholarship-handbook/>

The following information/links should be considered trusted sources of information. Beware of any site that charges for information or access

### ***bigfuture, by the College Board***

*The College Board is driven by a single goal — to ensure that every student has the opportunity to prepare for, enroll in and graduate from college. Find an extensive list of scholarship opportunities at:*

[https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/sitesearch?i=1&q=military&q1=Scholarships&searchType=site&tp=bf&x1=t5&searchType=bf\\_ref](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/sitesearch?i=1&q=military&q1=Scholarships&searchType=site&tp=bf&x1=t5&searchType=bf_ref)

### ***FinAid - The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid***

*The U.S. government's guide to financial aid. A one stop resource to the FAFSA, student loans, scholarship opportunities and more.*

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

### ***CollegeBoard.org***

*The one stop place for college, scholarship information and your CSS profile. <http://www.collegeboard.org/>*

### ***www.fafsa.ed.gov***

*The link to register for and fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Many scholarships require the FAFSA even if you do not plan to utilize student loans. **Be sure to complete your income tax return early to have information available for the FAFSA application.** Many universities require that the FAFSA be available no later than 1 FEB to insure scholarship eligibility. <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>*

### ***www.fastweb.com***

*An enormous database for scholarship and financial aid resources plus great expected family contribution calculators and cost projector.*

### ***profileonline.collegeboard.com***

*The link to your CSS financial aid profile. Many colleges and universities use both the CSS profile and the FAFSA when determining non-governmental student aid.*

## Financial Aid Tips from Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC)

**Kerri Beckert, Parent to Parent Trainer**

Families may begin submitting FAFSA application on 1 OCT each year. Here are some quick tips to simplify the process

1. Download a FAFSA worksheet from <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> This is a great organizational tool which can help parents identify and gather up the information they need to complete the FAFSA online.
2. Know your deadlines. Both states and universities have deadlines for submitting your information to receive financial aid. Knowing these deadlines can help avoid last minute stress. Plan on filing the FAFSA at least 10 days before the earliest deadline applicable. (State deadlines and university deadlines don't always match. Use the earlier of the two.)
3. For returning students, try to complete the FAFSA before your student returns for their spring semester. Having your student around to electronically sign documents or find information can alleviate last minute scrambling.
4. Don't wait to do the FAFSA until your taxes are done. Using your best estimates is an acceptable practice (and actually suggested by the Department of Education). For military parents, using your end of year LES is an easy way to retrieve much of the necessary information.
5. Don't panic if you are selected for verification. The government selects about 1 in every 25 applications for income and asset verification. Many times military families are selected as their income can fluctuate greatly from year to year depending on COLA, BAH, PCS, and deployment pay. Selection for verification does not hinder your financial aid process or award.
6. Use the IRS Retrieval Tool on the FAFSA on the web. Parents who submit their taxes electronically to the IRS can use the information retrieval tool to help transfer information from their taxes to their FAFSA. Beginning in 2016, the process can be completed with the previous year's tax return.
7. University financial aid offices are a wealth of information – don't be afraid to. You can also get help from the Federal Student Aid offices: Either online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), or you can call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). TTY users (hearing impaired) can call 1-800-730-8913.
8. Remember that the FAFSA stands for FREE Application for Federal Financial Aid. Filing your FAFSA costs nothing and is provided by FAFSA.GOV.
9. Many private colleges and universities use the CSS Profile as well as the FAFSA. Some schools may even have their own additional financial aid application. Check out the school's website or call their financial aid office to find out exactly which forms and information they need. The CSS profile can be found at <http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile>. Know that the profile is managed by the College Board and is a private organization. The information used in the CSS profile may be different than the FAFSA.
10. Lastly, encourage your student to fill out as many scholarship applications as possible. Although many schools count scholarship money against awards, it is normally used to offset student loan amounts. Remind your student that part of their job is to contribute to their own education, and scholarships are a great way of doing so! Look for scholarships in your local community through churches, community organizations, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Wives Clubs, Military Thrift Stores, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Fisher House Charities, the Commissary, and many more.

## In State Tuition for Military Dependents

In-State Tuition Public colleges and universities typically offer two tuition rates: one for state residents and another – much higher – for students from outside the state. In the past, this system put military families at a disadvantage. States set their own guidelines for in-state tuition eligibility, but most require that students or their families live, own property and/or pay taxes in that state. Military families, who move frequently and often are legal residents of a state other than the one in which they are stationed, could have a difficult time meeting that standard. Luckily, the playing field was leveled for military families in 2009. That year, the Higher Education Opportunity Act was passed, requiring public colleges and universities to grant in-state tuition status to dependent children of service members in the state where they reside or are permanently stationed. Once a dependent child is enrolled and paying in-state tuition, they will continue to pay the in-state tuition rate as long as they remain continuously enrolled at the institution, even if the service member is reassigned outside the state. This law has been a tremendous help to military families, who otherwise might struggle to afford college for their children. However, it's important to know that the law only applies to children of service members on active duty for a period of more than 30 days. It does not apply to the children of retirees or veterans. - See more at: <http://www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/#sthash.YIYTicLO.dpuf>

## Post-9/11 GI Bill

One of the most valuable education benefits available for military families is the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The GI Bill provides up to 36 months of education benefits to eligible beneficiaries. In addition to tuition, beneficiaries may receive a stipend to help pay for books as well as a housing allowance.

Since 2009, service members have had the option of transferring some or all of their GI Bill benefit to their dependent spouses and children. Service members can choose to transfer the entire 36 month benefit to one family member or divide it among their spouse and/or children.

The regulations covering transferability of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits are complex. Families should review the rules carefully to ensure that they meet all of the requirements for transferring and using the benefit. If your service member chooses to transfer his or her GI Bill benefit, it's important to understand the following:

- Service members must have served at least six years in the armed forces (active duty or Selected Reserve) and agree to serve an additional four years from the date of transfer.
- Although the service member can apply to transfer the benefit after serving six years, children cannot use the benefit until the service member has served for ten years.
- Service members can only apply to transfer benefits while they are still serving, not after retirement or separation.
- Children may not use the benefit until they earn a secondary school diploma (or equivalency certificate), or reach age 18. They cannot use the benefit after reaching age 26.

Service members can apply to transfer their post-9/11 GI Bill benefits online through the MilConnect portal. Step-by-step instructions are available on the MilConnect website. If your student attends a public college or university, the Post-9/11 GI Bill will pay all tuition and fees at the in-state tuition level. For private or foreign colleges and universities, the amount of the benefit is capped at the national maximum rate, which changes annually. Be aware that tuition at private colleges and universities is typically much higher than the national maximum cap. Your costs will also be higher if your child attends a public university as an out-of-state student. Some schools participate in the Yellow Ribbon program, which helps make up the difference between their tuition and what the Post-9/11 GI Bill covers.

Specific questions about paying for your child's education should be directed to the financial aid office at your child's college or university. Those offices are familiar with programs and policies supporting military families and are often willing to work with families to make college affordable for military kids.

## Scholarships/Grants for Military Dependents

Scholarship/Grant	Entry Deadline	Eligibility	Website/ Contact Information	Required Material
<b>Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarship</b>	Must be postmarked no later than <b>15 JAN annually</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woman who has served or is currently serving honourably in the US Army, US Army Reserve or Army National Guard OR the child of a woman who meets these criteria</li> <li>• Community College Legacy Scholarships Applicant must be a high school graduate with a 2.5 GPA or GED and currently enrolled at eligible school</li> <li>• Certificate Program Legacy Scholarships Applicant must be a high school graduate with a 2.5 GPA or GED and currently enrolled in eligible program</li> <li>• College/University Legacy Scholarship Applicant must be currently enrolled at an accredited college/university and have completed 30 credit hours with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher</li> <li>• Graduate program Legacy Scholarship Applicant must have undergraduate degree with accumulative GPA of 3.0 and be enrolled in or accepted into a Masters or Doctoral Level program</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://armywomensfoundation.org/scholarships.shtml">http://armywomensfoundation.org/scholarships.shtml</a></p> <p>Online Google application form can be found at: <a href="http://goo.gl/forms/0vHxDYwCNy">http://goo.gl/forms/0vHxDYwCNy</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online application form</li> <li>• Essay (2 pages or less)</li> <li>• Official transcript from college or university</li> <li>• 2 letters of recommendation</li> </ul> <p>All materials must be sent directly to:</p> <p>USAWF Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 5030 Fort Lee, VA 23801 <b>POSTMARK DEADLINE: JANUARY 15 annually</b></p>
<b>Military Order of the Purple Heart</b>	Must be received no later than <b>27 JAN 2017</b>	<p>Applicant must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purple Heart recipient who is also a member of MOPH or his/her spouse or widow or direct lineal descendent (child, step child, adopted children or grandchildren)</li> <li>• The spouse, widow or direct lineal descendent or service member killed in action or who died of wounds (supporting documentation required)</li> <li>• Graduate or upcoming graduate of a high school</li> <li>• Accepted or enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student</li> <li>• Have at least 2.75 GPA</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.purpleheart.org/Scholarships/">http://www.purpleheart.org/Scholarships/</a></p> <p>Military Order of the Purple Heart 5413-B Backlick Road Springfield, VA 22151</p> <p>For questions, contact: Stewart McKeown at MOPH headquarters Phone: (703) 642-5360 e-mail: <a href="mailto:scholarship@purpleheart.org">scholarship@purpleheart.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed MOPH scholarship application</li> <li>• Official transcripts (including latest semester completed)</li> <li>• 200-300 word essay – Subject: “The American Veteran”</li> <li>• 2 letters of recommendation</li> <li>• A \$15.00 processing fee</li> </ul>

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<b>Army Scholarship Foundation (Child)</b>	Applications available after <b>1 FEB annually</b>	Child of a regular active duty, active duty Reserve or active duty National Guard OR child of former US Army member who received Hon. Discharge or Medical Discharge or died while serving in the Army	<a href="http://www.armyscholarshipfoundation.org/">www.armyscholarshipfoundation.org/</a>  Mail completed applications to: Army Scholarship Foundation 11700 Preston Road, Suite 660-301 Dallas, TX 75230	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application signed by applicant and your parent/ spouse.</li> <li>Complete FAFSA Application</li> <li>Parent's/spouse's Federal Income Tax Return for the previous year</li> <li>Parent's/spouse's Statement of Good Service or DD 214</li> <li>Applicant's DD 214 (if applicable)</li> <li>Applicant's transcript(s)</li> <li>300 word Essay (see application for topics)</li> <li>Applicant's photograph, minimum 2"x2"</li> </ul>
<b>Army Scholarship Foundation (Spouse)</b>	Applications available after <b>1 FEB annually</b>	Spouse of serving enlisted regular active duty, active duty Reserve or active duty National Guard US Army Member		
<b>Corvias Foundation Scholarships for High School Seniors</b>	Due: <b>9 FEB 2017</b>	Graduating High School Student with parent stationed at Fort Sill. Living in Corvias Housing is <b>NOT</b> required.	Click on Scholarship link to create an account and complete application <a href="http://www.corviasfoundation.org/">http://www.corviasfoundation.org/</a>	Complete Online Application Follow submission instructions, including all attachments
<b>Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children</b>	Due: <b>12 FEB 2017</b>	<p>Dependent unmarried children under age 23 of active duty personnel, reserve/guard and retired military members, or survivors of service members who died while on active duty or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military, may apply for a scholarship. Applicants and their sponsor must be currently enrolled in the DEERS and have a current dependent military ID card. The DEERS database will be the primary method of verifying eligibility</p> <p>Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a full-time undergraduate degree program at an accredited U.S. college or university in the fall term of 2016.</p> <p>Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the U.S. Military Academies or are awarded a full scholarship to any accredited U.S. post-secondary institution are not eligible to receive funds from this program.</p>	<a href="http://www.militaryscholar.org/">http://www.militaryscholar.org/</a>  <b>Must mail or hand deliver to the Commissary by close of business on due date</b>  1719 Macomb Road Fort Sill, OK 73503	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The completed application</li> <li>High school applicants: transcript indicating a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>College applicants: transcript indicating a cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>A short TYPED essay</li> </ul>
<b>Army Engineer Memorial Awards</b>	Due date: <b>15 MAR 2017</b>	Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who is a citizen of the United States and whose sponsor, parent, or legal guardian is a U.S. Army Engineer (active duty, retired or deceased) or current Department of the Army employee of the US Army Corps of Engineers	<a href="http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/">www.armyengineerspouses.com/</a> Mail to: AEMA Scholarships C/O Erica Shaw P. O. Box 6332 Alexandria, VA 22306-6332 AEMA@armyengineerspouse.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application form</li> <li>A photocopy of the <u>front and back</u> of Sponsor ID.</li> <li>300-400 word Essay</li> <li>OFFICIAL 7 semester transcript and SAT/ACT scores. If scores are not included, insert a note stating that they are being sent separately.</li> </ul>

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<b>Geraldine K Morris Award</b>	Due Date: <b>15 MAR 2017</b>	Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll in a program leading to a nursing degree and is a citizen of the United States whose sponsor, parent, or legal guardian is a U.S. Army Engineer (active duty, retired or deceased) or current Department of the Army employee of US Army Corps of Engineers.	<a href="http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/">www.armyengineerspouses.com/</a> Mail to: AEMA Scholarships C/O Erica Shaw P. O. Box 6332 Alexandria, VA 22306-6332 AEMA@armyengineerspouse.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application form</li> <li>A photocopy of the <u>front and back</u> of Sponsor ID.</li> <li>300-400 word Essay</li> <li>OFFICIAL 7 semester transcript and SAT/ACT scores. If scores are not included, insert a note stating that they are being sent separately.</li> </ul>
<b>American Legion Auxiliary Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship</b>	Due <b>1 MAR 2017</b> to Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of veterans who served in the Armed Forces during WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama or Persian Gulf</li> <li>Must be a senior in high school</li> <li>Must complete 50 hours of volunteer service within the community</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/">https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/</a> American Legion Units are located in the following communities: Apache (#225 – Rinker Mason) Cache (#78 McDonald-Terry) Duncan (#55 – Dobbs-Adams) Fletcher (#306 – Chandler-Billyeu) Fort Sill (#193 – Bateman-Zarling) Marlow (#215 – Pierson-Froneberger) Walters (#155 – Walters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed Application Packet</li> <li>Four (4) letters of recommendation</li> <li>1000 word essay “Pass it On – How Can I be a Leader in my Community?”</li> <li>Letter verifying 50 hours of voluntary service</li> <li>Academic Transcript</li> <li>ACT/SAT scores</li> <li>Copy of FAFSA</li> <li>Brief statement of military service of parent or grandparent, including branch of service &amp; dates of service or a photocopy of discharge papers.</li> </ul>
<b>American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members</b>	Due <b>1 MAR 2017</b> to Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Candidate must have been Junior Members of the American Legion Auxiliary for the previous 3 years in addition to being a member for the current year.</li> <li>Must be a Senior in High School</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/">https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/</a> American Legion Units are located in the following communities: Apache (#225 – Rinker Mason) Cache (#78 McDonald-Terry) Duncan (#55 – Dobbs-Adams) Fletcher (#306 – Chandler-Billyeu) Fort Sill (#193 – Bateman-Zarling) Marlow (#215 – Pierson-Froneberger) Walters (#155 – Walters)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed Application Packet</li> <li>Four (4) letters of recommendation</li> <li>1000 word essay (see application for topic)</li> <li>Academic Transcript</li> <li>ACT/SAT scores</li> <li>Copy of FAFSA</li> </ul>
<b>Chief Warrant Officer John A. Keller CWOA Scholarship</b>	<b>Due: 1 MAR annually</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be the dependent child of a member in good standing of the CWOA or who was a member in good standing at the time of their death.</li> <li>Be a senior in high school or currently enrolled in institution of higher learning with an average of “C”</li> <li>Be enrolled in a full time course of instruction.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://cwoauscg.org/keller-scholarship/">http://cwoauscg.org/keller-scholarship/</a>  Chief Warrant Officers Assoc., USCG 12 Brookley Ave. JBAB Washington DC 20032	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasons of attending institution of higher learning, including short and long term goals (one typed page).</li> <li>Official copy of high school transcript for the previous two semesters.</li> <li>Letter of acceptance from institute of higher learning.</li> <li>Documentation personal accomplishments, extracurricular activities, or community service performed during the past two years.</li> <li>Publicity photo</li> </ul>

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<b>Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)</b>	Create an account online to access application due date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership in MOAA (for officers) or, MOAA's subsidiary for non-MOAA members, Voices for America's Troops required</li> <li>Students whose parents are classified as Traumatic SGLI may apply for the American Patriot Scholarship.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.moaa.org/">http://www.moaa.org/</a> Select "Education Assistance" from the drop down menu on the "Benefits and Discounts" tab	Must be eligible for membership and create an account to search for scholarships and other assistance
<b>American Military Retirees Assoc.</b> <i>Sergeant Major Douglas R Drum Memorial College Scholarship</i> <i>Bernard E Dillon Vocational Skills Scholarship</i>	Due: <b>8 MAR 2017</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sponsor must be a member of AMRA prior to submission of application</li> <li>High School senior or returning college student (Sophomore-Senior)</li> <li>College Scholarship must be used at a 2 or 4 year degree granting college</li> <li>Vocational scholarship must be used at a post-secondary Vocational-Technical institution</li> </ul>	<a href="http://amra1973.org/Scholarship/">http://amra1973.org/Scholarship/</a>  Scan and save all documents in PDF format and email to: <a href="mailto:scholarship@amra1973.org">scholarship@amra1973.org</a>  OR  Fax to: 518-324-5204	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application form</li> <li>750 word essay telling why you deserve a scholarship (specific criteria listed on application)</li> <li>3 letters of recommendation</li> <li>Complete academic transcripts</li> </ul>
<b>Heroes Legacy Scholarship</b>	Due: <b>17 MAR 2017</b>	Dependent unmarried children (under age 23) of active duty personnel, Reserve/Guard and retired military members, or survivors of service members who died or became disabled while serving on active duty <b>on or after 20 SEPT 2001</b> may apply. Criteria include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One parent in any branch of the U. S. Armed Forces died OR</li> <li>One parent became disabled OR</li> <li>One parent received a permanent and total compensation rating of 100% from the DoD or Veterans Affairs.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.militaryscholar.org/">http://www.militaryscholar.org/</a>  Return Completed Application to: Scholarship Managers Post Office Box 2550 Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08034	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed two page application</li> <li>Transcript of grades</li> <li>500 word essay (See website for topic)</li> </ul>
<b>Fort Sill Patriot Spouses' Club</b>	<b>Postmarked no later than 10 MAR 2017</b>	Children (High School Seniors, current College Students) or Spouses of US Army personnel affiliated with Fort Sill at time of application who will be enrolled in a post-secondary program for upcoming academic year	Return completed application to:  Patriot Spouses' Club Scholarship P.O. Box 33174 Fort Sill, OK 73503	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed Patriot Spouses Club Scholarship Agreement</li> <li>Official SEALED transcript</li> <li>Name of Post-Secondary Institution (future, current and/or past)</li> <li>Academic Honors, community service activities, work/volunteer experience, positions held, # of hours contributed</li> <li>500 word essay "If you could meet one famous person, who would it be and what would you discuss?"</li> <li>DEERS Enrollment Verification Form</li> </ul>

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<b>Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund</b>	Applications available January –March each year Due date is the <b>last Friday in March</b> annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current civilian federal and postal employees with at least three years of federal service, their children and spouses</li> <li>• Dependents may first apply as high school seniors</li> <li>• Dependents must be full-time students</li> <li>• Enrolled (or plan to enroll) in an accredited post-secondary school</li> <li>• Course of study that leads to a two-year, four-year or graduate degree</li> <li>• 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.feea.org/programs/scholarships">http://www.feea.org/programs/scholarships</a>  <b>Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund</b> Niki Gleason, Scholarship Chair 3333 S. Wadsworth Blvd., Suite 300 Lakewood, CO 80227 Phone: 800-323-4140 Email: <a href="mailto:ngleason@feea.org">ngleason@feea.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete high school or college transcripts</li> <li>• One written recommendation/letter of reference</li> <li>• A short essay (topic changes annually)</li> <li>• A list of community service, extracurricular activities and awards</li> <li>• A copy of the employee sponsor’s most recent SF-50</li> <li>• Specific instructions and any additional requirements are listed on each year’s application.</li> </ul>
<b>Fort Sill Federal Credit Union</b>	Received (mail or hand deliver) to a FSFCU branch by <b>COB 31 MAR</b> annually	Student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a Fort Sill Federal Credit Union account in good standing</li> <li>• Be a graduating senior with an unweighted GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>• Act Score of 19 or higher or SAT score of 910 or higher</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.fsfcu.com">www.fsfcu.com</a> For questions/more information: Leandra Smith 580-353-2124 x167 <a href="mailto:lsmith@ftsillfcu.com">lsmith@ftsillfcu.com</a> Fort Sill Federal Credit Union ATTN: Scholarship PO Box 1527 Lawton, OK 73502-1527	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FSFCU Check Sheet</li> <li>• Completed Application Form</li> <li>• Certified High School Transcript</li> <li>• Verification of ACT/SAT Scores printed on <i>transcript</i> or <i>official notification</i> letter</li> <li>• Personal statement essay (300 words or less) See application for details</li> <li>• One letter of reference</li> </ul>
<b>Society of Daughters of US Army Scholarship</b>	Applications accepted <b>15-31 MAR</b> annually  <i>Request application in writing prior to 1 MAR</i>	Applicant must be daughter or granddaughter (including step or adopted) of a career warrant or commissioned officer who is currently on active duty or retired from active duty after at least 20 years of service or medically retired before 20 years of service; died while on active duty or died after retiring from active duty on 20 or more years of service	Society of Daughters of the United States Army Mary P Maroney, Scholarship Chairman 11804 Grey Birch Place Reston, VA 20191  <i>Request must include parent or grandparent’s name, rank, component, inclusive dates of service and relationship to applicant</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Character</li> <li>• Leadership</li> <li>• Patriotism</li> <li>• Seriousness of purpose</li> <li>• Academic Achievement</li> <li>• Minimum GPA: 3.0</li> </ul>
<b>Folds of Honor</b> <i>(numerous scholarship opportunities listed on website)</i>	Applications available <b>1 JAN – 31 MAR</b> annually	Applicants must be the spouse or dependent of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An active duty or reserve soldier, killed or disabled in the line of duty or currently classified as POW or MIA.</li> <li>• A veteran who died of any cause after being classified as having a service-connected disability.</li> <li>• A service member missing in action or captured by hostile forces in the line of duty.</li> <li>• A service member forcibly detained or interned by a foreign power in the line of duty.</li> <li>• A service member who received a Purple Heart Medal. (NOTE: This medal alone is not sufficient)</li> </ul>	<a href="https://scholarships.foldsofhonor.org/">https://scholarships.foldsofhonor.org/</a>	Proof of disability due to military service (at least one of these): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casualty Report (DD1300)</li> <li>• Certificate of Death (service-connected)</li> <li>• Certificate of Retirement</li> <li>• VA Disability Rating</li> <li>• <a href="#">M.E.B</a> or <a href="#">P.E.B.</a></li> <li>• Purple Heart Certificate</li> </ul> Proof of dependency (at least one of these) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DEERS Report</li> <li>• Dependent Military ID</li> <li>• Casualty Report (DD1300) with <a href="#">dependent’s</a> name listed</li> <li>• Birth Certificate</li> </ul> Verification of school enrollment (examples) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter of acceptance, class schedule, etc.</li> </ul>

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<b>National Assoc. of Uniformed Services (NAUS) Scholarship</b>	Check website for due date	<p>Applicant must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child or spouse of NAUS member in good standing</li> <li>High School Senior/graduate accepted for undergraduate program OR</li> <li>Currently enrolled in an undergraduate program</li> <li>High School students must have 3.0 GPA</li> <li>College students must have 2.5 GPA</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.naus.org/membership/members-benefits/naus-scholarship-program/">http://www.naus.org/membership/members-benefits/naus-scholarship-program/</a></p> <p>Submit via e-mail to: <a href="mailto:Scholarship@naus.org">Scholarship@naus.org</a></p> <p>Or mail to: NAUS 2016-17 Scholarship Committee c/o NAUS 5535 Hempstead Way Springfield, VA 22151</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scholarship application</li> <li>Statement of your reason for enrolling in a post-secondary education program</li> <li>List of academic achievements, personal achievements, extracurricular activities and any community service etc.</li> <li>Most recent official transcript</li> <li>Copy of documentation indicating acceptance or enrollment in an undergraduate degree or certificate program</li> </ul>
<b>American Legion Legacy Scholarship</b>	Online submission due <b>no later than 20 APR annually</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child/children or legally adopted child/children or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard, and military reservists who were federalized and die on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.</li> <li>The applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate</li> <li>Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited institution of higher education within the United States.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy">http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy</a> or email: <a href="mailto:scholarships@legion.org">scholarships@legion.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application (available on line)</li> <li>PHOTOCOPY of service member's death certificate (DD1300)</li> </ul>
<b>The Retired Enlisted Assoc. Scholarship</b>	<b>Due: 30 APR 2017</b>	<p>Applicant must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The child or grandchild of a member in good standing (deceased or otherwise) of TREA or TREA National Auxiliary. Adults or Emancipated children are not eligible</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://trea.org/scholarship.html">http://trea.org/scholarship.html</a></p> <p>MEMORIAL FOUNDATION 1111 SOUTH ABILENE COURT AURORA, COLORADO 80012-4909 Phone: (303) 752-0660 Toll free: (800) 338-9337</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application form</li> <li>300 word essay – see application for assigned topic</li> <li>Current transcript</li> <li>Copy of acceptance letter from educational institution</li> </ul>
<b>AMVETS (High School)</b>	<b>Due: 30 APR annually</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduating HS Senior entering college in fall</li> <li>Min. HS GPA of 3.0</li> <li>Child/Grandchild of US Veteran</li> <li>US Citizen</li> <li>Demonstrate academic promise and financial need</li> <li>Authorize AMVETS to publicize scholarship award</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.amvets.org/amvets-in-action/scholarships/">http://www.amvets.org/amvets-in-action/scholarships/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed application form</li> <li>Copy of Veteran's Honorable Discharge or letter certifying active duty status of parent</li> <li>Official High school transcripts</li> <li>SAT and/or ACT scores</li> <li>Copy of parents' 1040 tax form</li> <li>Copy of FAFSA</li> <li>50-100 word essay (on application form)</li> <li>Letter of acceptance from college</li> <li>Resume detailing extracurricular activities</li> </ul>

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<b>Army Women's Corps Veterans Association</b>	<b>1 MAY annually</b>	The applicant is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A United States citizen</li> <li>• A graduation HS Senior with a GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale</li> <li>• A child, grandchild, niece or nephew of an Army Service Woman</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.armywomen.org">http://www.armywomen.org</a> Submit Applications to: Women's Army Corps Veterans' Assoc. Women's Army Corps Veterans' Scholarship WACVA National Headquarters P.O. BOX 663 Weaver, AL 36277	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Form</li> <li>• 7 semester High school transcript</li> <li>• 3 letters of recommendation</li> <li>• Biographical Sketch stating goals and how the scholarship will be used</li> <li>• Documentation of sponsor's military service</li> </ul>
<b>MG James Ursano Scholarship for Dependent Children</b>	Applications available after 2 JAN and due <b>1 MAY annually</b>	Student must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be dependent of a Soldier on active duty, a retired Soldier or a deceased active duty or deceased retired Soldier</li> <li>• Be registered in DEERS</li> <li>• Be unmarried and under the age of 23</li> <li>• Not be a member of the National Guard, Reserves or other military branch</li> <li>• Be enrolled, accepted or pending acceptance as a full time student</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.aerhq.org/">http://www.aerhq.org/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New applicants must first create a profile</li> <li>• Application is available once a profile is created.</li> <li>• List of required documents is provided once application is completed.</li> <li>• FAFSA for current year must be completed</li> </ul>
<b>Academic Top Scholars ThanksUSA</b>	See website for due date	<i>ThanksUSA defines "Active-duty U.S. military personnel" as those who have served in active duty for at least 180 days since 9/11/01.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural or legally adopted children or stepchildren under the age of 24 living in the military service member's household and/or primarily supported by the Service member.</li> <li>• Spouse of US Military Personnel</li> <li>• Min. GPA of 2.0</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.thanksusa.org/scholarships.html">http://www.thanksusa.org/scholarships.html</a>	Application must be completed online at the website. See website for details
<b>Army Aviation Assoc. of America</b>	Prequalifying form available after 1 JAN and due no later than <b>1 MAY 2017</b>	The applicant must be a member of the AAAA, or the spouse, unmarried child, unmarried sibling, unmarried grandchild of an AAAA member or deceased member	<a href="http://www.quad-a.org/">http://www.quad-a.org/</a> <b>The application must be requested from:</b> AAAA Scholarship Foundation, Inc. 593 Main Street Monroe, CT 06468-2806 OR Telephone: (203) 268-2450 FAX: (203) 268-5870 E-MAIL: <a href="mailto:aaaa@quad-a.org">aaaa@quad-a.org</a>	In addition to completed AAAA Scholarship Application the following are required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two References</li> <li>• School Recommendation</li> <li>• Teacher's Recommendation</li> <li>• Academic Reporting Form</li> <li>• Current transcript of Grades.</li> <li>• Photograph</li> </ul>
<b>National Ranger Memorial Foundation Scholarship</b>	Applications open annually: January-May Due no later than <b>1 JUNE annually</b>	Applicant must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HS Senior accepted to a 2- or 4 year institution or currently enrolled at institution of higher learning</li> <li>• 3.0 GPA</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.rangermemorial.com/">https://www.rangermemorial.com/</a>  (706) 687-0906 e-mail: <a href="mailto:rangermemorial@gmail.com">rangermemorial@gmail.com</a>	Complete online application with the following document scanned/uploaded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic transcript</li> <li>• 2 letters of reference</li> </ul>

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<b>TREA: The Enlisted Association TREA National Auxiliary Scholarship Program</b>	Due: Postmarked by <b>1 JUNE</b> annually	Applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a Graduating HS Senior, High School graduate or be currently enrolled in college, university or Vocational/Technical school as a full time student</li> <li>Have a parent or grandparent who is currently a member in good standing of TREA: The Enlisted Association National Auxiliary or who was a member in good standing at the time of their demise.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.trea.org/national-auxiliary-scholarship/">http://www.trea.org/national-auxiliary-scholarship/</a>	In addition to the completed & notarized TREA National Auxiliary Scholarship application and release form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>250 word essay (see website for topic)</li> <li>Two (2) letters of recommendation</li> <li>Copy of most current official high school or college transcript</li> <li>Copy of a letter, with date of acceptance or returning status from institution</li> <li>Recent 2"x3" photograph of applicant</li> </ul>
<b>DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund</b>	Check website for application information	Applicant must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dependent child of a National Guard member who died in an operational or training mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation New Dawn</li> <li>High School Junior/Senior with min. 3.0 GPA</li> <li>Be accepted to an accredited college, university or technical school</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.ngef.org/get-involved/apply-for-the-drs-guardian-scholarship/">http://www.ngef.org/get-involved/apply-for-the-drs-guardian-scholarship/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official transcript</li> <li>Recommendation letter from teacher, professor, instructor, etc.</li> <li>Essay on applicant's deceased parent</li> <li>Applicant's family tax return/ FAFSA</li> <li>Acceptance letter to college, university or technical school</li> <li>Statement of good standing from institution to be attended</li> </ul>
<b>Kathern F. Gruber &amp; Thomas H Miller Scholarships</b>	Check website after 1 JAN annually	Dependent children, grandchildren and spouses of <b>blinded veterans</b> of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible.	<a href="http://www.bva.org/services.html">http://www.bva.org/services.html</a> Blinded Veterans Association Attn: Scholarship Program 477 H Street, NW Washington DC 20001-2694 <b>Scholarship Coordinator</b> 202-371-8880 x313	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application form</li> <li>Academic Transcripts</li> <li>Three letters of reference</li> <li>Statement of career goals</li> <li>Other evidence of achievement</li> </ul>
<b>US Warrant Officers Association Scholarship</b>	Due: <b>1 JUN</b> annually	Applicant must be a spouse, child, grandchild, dependent step-child of members in good standing of the USAWOA.	<a href="http://www.usawoa.org/">http://www.usawoa.org/</a>  USAWOA Scholarship Foundation 462 Herndon Parkway, Suite 207 Herndon. VA 20170-5235	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic application form</li> <li>800-1000 word essay</li> <li>Special circumstances, if any</li> <li>Detailed list of extracurricular activities</li> <li>Three letters of recommendation</li> <li>Academic transcripts with ACT/SAT scores</li> </ul>
<b>Families of the Fallen</b>	Details available after 1 JAN annually	Applicant must be the surviving spouse or child of those killed in action and training accidents while serving the Army Aviation community	<a href="http://www.quad-a.org/">http://www.quad-a.org/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow instructions with application</li> </ul>
<b>Chief Warrant Officer Association Scholarship</b> <b>Art and Elena Colona Scholarship Grant</b> <b>John A. Keller Scholarship Grant</b>	Due <b>1 JUN</b> annually	Applicant must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dependent child of a member in good standing of Chief Warrant Officers Association (or member in good standing at time of death)</li> <li>Either a HS senior or currently enrolled in college with at least 2.0 grade point</li> </ul>	<a href="http://cwoauscg.org/">http://cwoauscg.org/</a>  Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association USCG Attn: Colona Scholarship Committee 12 Brookley Ave. JBAB Washington DC 20032	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application Form</li> <li>Most recent academic transcript(s)</li> <li>Letter of acceptance from institution of higher learning (or transcript for current students)</li> <li>Supplemental documentation of personal accomplishments, extracurricular activities and/or community service etc.</li> </ul>

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<b>American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Local Scholarships</b>	Varies – check with local unit or school counselor	Many Local American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary units offer scholarships for graduating seniors in addition to sponsoring delegates to Boys and Girls State	American Legion Units are located in the following communities: Apache (#225 – Rinker Mason) Cache (#78 McDonald-Terry) Duncan (#55 – Dobbs-Adams) Fletcher (#306 – Chandler-Billyeu) Fort Sill (#193 – Bateman-Zarling) Marlow (#215 – Pierson-Froneberger) Walters (#155 – Walters)	Application form is generally distributed through school counselor
<b>Samsung American Legion Scholarship</b>	Upon arrival at Boys State or Girls State or the advertised state deadline	Scholarship is restricted to high school Juniors who attend the current session of either American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and are a direct descendant of a wartime veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership	<a href="http://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung">http://www.legion.org/scholarships/samsung</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed Application form</li> <li>• Proof of Military Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Department of Defense documents</li> <li>○ Department of Army documents</li> <li>○ Department of Navy documents</li> <li>○ Department of Air Force documents</li> <li>○ Department of Veterans Affairs Documents (federal or state)</li> <li>○ American Legion documents</li> <li>○ Obituaries</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Other sources as listed on the application</li> </ul>
<b>Folded Flag Foundation Children’s Education Scholarships College or Trade School Scholarships</b>	Check Website	Must be Spouse or Child (under age 26) of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of US Military who lost his/her life while deployed in combat</li> <li>• An employee of the US Government serving in a combat role, who lost his/her life in the defense of their country while deployed in combat</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.foldedflagfoundation.org/info@foldedflagfoundation.org">https://www.foldedflagfoundation.org/info@foldedflagfoundation.org</a> 844-204-2856	See Website for more information
<b>Fallen Patriots Foundation</b>	Applications processed monthly	Children – whether natural, by marriage or adoption – who have lost a parent in the line of military duty, during combat or peacetime. All branches and all components are covered	<a href="http://www.fallenpatriots.org">http://www.fallenpatriots.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online enrollment in program</li> <li>• Copy of DD 1300 (Casualty Report)</li> <li>• Class Schedule</li> <li>• Bursar Statement/documentation of expenses</li> <li>• Transcript with GPA</li> </ul>
<b>Freedom Alliance Scholarship</b>	Applications processed monthly	Applicants must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The dependent child of a US Service Member who has become 100% total and permanently disabled as a result of an operational mission or training accident, has been killed in action, classified as a Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA)</li> <li>• Currently a senior in high school, a high school graduate or a currently enrolled full time undergraduate student</li> <li>• Under the age of 26</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.fascholarship.com/">http://www.fascholarship.com/</a>  For more information, contact Wanda Cruz <a href="mailto:Wanda.cruz@freedomalliance.com">Wanda.cruz@freedomalliance.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application Form</li> <li>• Copy of government issued photo ID</li> <li>• Proof of Dependency (birth certificate, tax form listing dependents, military ID card, etc.)</li> <li>• Certificate of death or rating letter from the Veteran’s Administration disability</li> <li>• DD For 214 if applicable</li> <li>• 500 word essay or Personal Statement:</li> <li>• Official high school or college transcript</li> <li>• Photo of applicant</li> <li>• Photo of qualifying parent</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship</b></p>	<p>Complements college financial aid deadlines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children (between ages of 18 and 33) of Active Duty members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001</li> <li>Surviving Spouse of Active Duty members of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001</li> <li>Eligibility generally ends 15 years after service member’s death or upon remarriage during the 15 year period.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/Fry_Scholarship.asp">http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/Fry_Scholarship.asp</a></p> <p><b>Regional Processing Centers:</b></p> <p><b>Muskogee, Oklahoma</b> P.O. Box 8888 Muskogee, OK 74402-8888</p> <p><b>St. Louis, Missouri</b> P.O. Box 66830 St. Louis, MO 63166-6830</p> <p><b>Buffalo, New York</b> P.O. Box 4616 Buffalo, NY 14240-4616</p>	<p>Complete VA form 22-5490 “Dependents’ Application for VA Education Benefits available at <a href="http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-5490-ARE.pdf">http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-5490-ARE.pdf</a></p> <p>Explore potential programs and benefits available using the GI Bill by visiting the GI Bill comparison tool at <a href="http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison">www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison</a></p>
<p><b>Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation</b></p>	<p>Eligible students create an account for specific information</p>	<p>Applicants must be a child of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active duty or reserve U.S. Marine</li> <li>Veteran U.S. Marine who has received an honorable discharge, or who was killed while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps</li> <li>Active duty or reserve U.S. Navy Corpsman who is serving, or has served, with a U.S. Marine unit</li> <li>Veteran U.S. Navy Corpsman who served with a U.S. Marine unit and has received an honorable discharge, or was killed while serving in the U.S. Navy as a Corpsman attached to a Marine unit</li> </ul> <p><b>Additionally, applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GPA of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale)</li> <li>Family adjusted gross income for the 2015 tax year that does not exceed \$95,000.</li> <li>Planning to attend an accredited undergraduate college or career training school in the upcoming academic year.</li> </ul> <p><b>Limited Grandchildren Eligibility</b> To qualify, students must provide proof* of their grandparents’ membership in one of the following associations AND meet the established eligibility criteria set forth by the Scholarship Foundation (see above). These programs receive limited funding and not all who apply will receive a scholarship award.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.mcsf.org/apply/">https://www.mcsf.org/apply/</a></p>	<p>See website</p>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>4th Marine Division Association of WWII</b></li> <li><b>5th Marine Division Association of WWII</b></li> <li><b>6th Marine Division Association of WWII</b></li> <li><b>531 Gray Ghost Squadron Association</b></li> <li><b>3rd Battalion/26th Marines**</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Basic Class 3-56 Graduate***</b></li> <li><b>Marines’ Memorial Association</b></li> <li><b>USMC/Combat Helicopter Association</b></li> </ul>	<p>*Proof of membership can include: membership card, roster list, letter from the association indicating membership. **DD214 must indicate qualifying grandparent served with 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines. ***Must provide proof that qualifying grandparent graduated from The Basic School in March 1956.</p>

## Military Career Resources

United States Military Academy

[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

U.S. Air Force Academy

[www.usafa.edu](http://www.usafa.edu)

U.S. Naval Academy

[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy

[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

[www.uscga.edu](http://www.uscga.edu)

Army ROTC Scholarships

<http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html>

U.S Air Force ROTC Scholarships

<http://www.afrotc.com/scholarships>

U.S. Navy and Marine ROTC Scholarships

<http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx>