## Scholarship/Financial Aid Resources Information

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

#### FinAid - The Smart Student 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. <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org/">http://www.collegeboard.org/</a>

#### www.fafsa.ed.gov

The link to register for and fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Ald. 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. <a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov/">https://fafsa.ed.gov/</a>

#### 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.

For more information please contact your school counselor or the School Liaison Officer Augelica Fleming augelica.a.fleming.naf@mail.mil

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## 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 <a href="https://fafsa.ed.gov/">https://fafsa.ed.gov/</a> 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. For many colleges/universities, Early Admission deadlines often coincide with the new 1 OCT FAFSA application window. 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. When state and university deadlines don't 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.** Financial Aid eligibility is based on the prior year's income, so there is no need to delay application until taxes are completed. 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.
- 7. University financial aid offices are a wealth of information. You can also get help from the Federal Student Aid offices: Either online at 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 <a href="http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile">http://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile</a>. 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 his/her 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: <a href="http://www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/#sthash.ylYTjclO.dpuf">http://www.militaryfamily.org/kids-operation-purple/#sthash.ylYTjclO.dpuf</a>

## Post-9/11 GI Bill

Note: The Department of Defense has recommended changes that will impact eligibility for dependents. If approved, the changes will go into effect one year after the effective date. As the process continues, the Department of Veteran's Affairs will be the best source of up to date information.

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, but not more than 16 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
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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
Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarship	Must be postmarked no later than 15 JAN 2021	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  Community College Legacy Scholarships Applicant must be a high school graduate with a 2.5 GPA or GED and currently enrolled at eligible school  Certificate Program Legacy Scholarships Applicant must be a high school graduate with a 2.5 GPA or GED and currently enrolled in eligible program  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  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	https://www.awfdn.org/scholarships/general-information/	<ul> <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> <li>Proof of attendance at accredited academic institute</li> <li>Proof of Military Service (DD214)</li> <li>All materials must be sent directly to:</li> <li>USAWF Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 5030 Fort Lee, VA 23801 POSTMARK DEADLINE: JANUARY 15</li> </ul>
Military Order of the Purple Heart	Must be received no later than- 15 FEB 2020	<ul> <li>Applicant must be:         <ul> <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> </ul> </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>	http://www.purpleheart.org/Scholars hips/  Military Order of the Purple Heart 5413-B Backlick Road Springfield, VA 22151  For questions, contact: Phone: (703) 642-5360 e-mail: scholarship@purpleheart.org	<ul> <li>Completed MOPH scholarship application</li> <li>Official transcripts (including latest semester completed)</li> <li>300-400 word essay – Subject: "What is Patriotism"</li> <li>2 letters of recommendation</li> <li>Resume listing all extracurricular activities, honors, community and/or military service, employment experience</li> <li>A \$35.00 processing fee (non-refundable)</li> <li>All applications must be mailed in hard copy form to the address indicated at the top of the application packet. Faxed or e-mailed applications will not be accepted</li> </ul>
Army Scholarship	Applications	Child of a regular active duty, active duty	www.armyscholarshipfoundation.org/	Completed application signed by applicant

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Foundation (Child)  Army Scholarship	available after 15 JAN annually Due 15 APR 2021	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; Be high school seniors, high school graduates, or registered as undergraduate student at an accredited college or post high school vocational/technical institution; Have a 2.0 grade point average;  U.S. Citizen  Spouse of serving enlisted regular active duty,	Mail completed applications to: Army Scholarship Foundation 11700 Preston Road, Suite 660-301 Dallas, TX 75230	<ul> <li>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 "3.5X2.5in"</li> </ul>
Foundation (Spouse)	Applications available after 15 JAN annually Due 15 APR 2021	active duty Reserve or active duty National Guard US Army Member		DO NOT STAPLE APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
Corvias Foundation Scholarships for High School Seniors	Application avail 1 Nov 2020 Due: 12 Feb 2021	Graduating High School Senior with a 3.0 GPA or higher, child of an Active Duty Service member stationed at Fort Sill or eligible installation. Living in Corvias Housing or Community NOT required.	Click on Scholarship link to create an account and complete application  www.Corviasfoundation.org	Complete Online Application Follow submission instructions, including all attachments
Corvias Foundation Scholarship (Spouses)	Application avail 1 Nov 2020 Due: 7 MAY 21	Spouse an Active Duty Service member stationed at Fort Sill or eligible installation. Living in Corvias Housing or Community NOT required	Click on Scholarship link to create an account and complete application www.Corviasfoundation.org	Complete Online Application Follow submission instructions, including all attachments
Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children	Application open 15 Dec 2020  Due: See site for details;	Students whose parent(s) are serving, or have served, in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard may apply for a scholarship; Applicants and their sponsor must be currently enrolled in the DEERS and have a current dependent military ID card.  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 following graduation.	https://www.militaryscholar.org/sfmc/apply.html	<ul> <li>Complete online 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 TYPED Essay(Max of 500 Words)</li> </ul>
Geraldine K Morris Award	Application Open: 1 Dec 20 Due Date: See Application	Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll in a program leading to a nursing degree or certification 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) National Guard U.S. Army Engineer, Reserve U. S. Army Engineer or current Department of the Army employee of US Army Corps of Engineers.	www.armyengineerspouses.com/ See website to access application	<ul> <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>
Army Engineer Memorial Awards	Application Open: 1 Dec 20 Due Date: See	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.	www.armyengineerspouses.com/ See website to access application	Completed application form     A photocopy of the <u>front and back</u> of Sponsor ID.

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	Application	Army Engineer (active duty, retired or deceased) National Guard U.S. Army Engineer, Reserve U.S. Army Engineer, or current Department of the Army employee of the US Army Corps of Engineers, as well as a current member of the Army Engineer Spouses Club.		<ul> <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>
American Legion Auxiliary Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship	Due  1 MAR 2021 to Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit	<ul> <li>Must be children, grandchildren or great grandchildren of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during eligibility dates for membership in the American Legion: April 1917 to Nov 1918; any time after DEC 7, 1941;</li> <li>Must be a Senior in high school</li> <li>Must complete 50 hours of volunteer service within the community during high school years;</li> </ul>	https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/  Submit all Application Packets to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in your local community:  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> <li>Completed Application Packet</li> <li>Four (4) letters of recommendation (see application for details)</li> <li>1000 word essay- "Why is it important that the American Legion Auxiliary helps to care for the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?"</li> <li>Letter verifying 50 hours of voluntary service</li> <li>Certified 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>
American Legion Auxiliary Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members	Due  1 MAR 2021 to Local American Legion Auxiliary Unit	<ul> <li>Candidate must have been Junior Members of the American Legion Auxiliary for the previous 3 years in addition to being a paid member for the current year.</li> <li>Must be a Senior in High School</li> <li>Must have at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 Scale</li> </ul>	https://www.alaforveterans.org/scholarships/  Submit all Application Packets to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in your local community  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> <li>Completed Application Packet</li> <li>Four (4) letters of recommendation (see application for details)</li> <li>1000 word essay (Typed/double Spaced) "The American Legion Auxiliary has been in existence for 100 years; what can and/or needs to be done to bring the organization successfully into the second hundred years?"</li> <li>Certified Academic Transcript</li> <li>ACT/SAT scores</li> <li>Copy of FAFSA</li> </ul>
Fort Sill Patriot Spouses' Club	Postmarked no later than 1 MAR 2021	At least one parent must be a current member of the Fort Sill Patriot Spouses' Club for child to be eligible.  Children (High School Seniors, current College Students) or Spouses of all US Military ID card holders, who are assigned, attached, or otherwise affiliated with Fort Sill at time of	https://fortsillpatriotspousesclub.org For more information contact:	<ul> <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 (see application form for topic)</li> </ul>

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		application.  Enrolled or anticipate enrollment in an accredited post-secondary program for the 2019-2020 academic year. Scholarship must be used by the end of the Summer 2020 session.		DEERS Enrollment Verification Form
Chief Warrant Officer John A. Keller CWOA Scholarship	Due: 15 MAR annually	<ul> <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/2.0"</li> <li>Be enrolled in a full time course of instruction.</li> </ul>	http://cwoauscg.org/keller-scholarship/ Chief Warrant Officers Assoc., USCG 12 Brookley Ave. S.W. JBAB Washington DC 20032	<ul> <li>Applicants shall submit with application 1 typed page stating reason(s) for attending higher learning above high school, to include immediate and long-range goals.</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>
Heroes Legacy Scholarship	Application avail 15 DEC Due: 15 FEB 2021	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 on or after 11 SEPT 2001 may apply. Criteria include:  One parent in any branch of the U. S. Armed Forces died OR  One parent became disabled OR  One parent received a 100%permanent and total compensation rating from 04DOD or VA.	http://www.militaryscholar.org/  Return Completed Application to: Applications to the Heroes Legacy Scholarship Program can be submitted online;	<ul> <li>Complete online application</li> <li>Transcript of grades</li> <li>500 word essay (See website for topic)</li> <li>Documents that verify eligibility</li> </ul>
Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund	Application: Due: 25 MAR 2021 3PM EDT	<ul> <li>Current civilian federal and postal employees with at least three years of federal service, their children and spouses</li> <li>Dependents may apply as high school seniors or full time college 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 Or higher cumulative, unweighted grade point average.</li> </ul>	https://feea.org/our- programs/scholarships/ Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund  Applications must be completed online at: https://smr.to/p60051  Phone: 202-554-0007 Fax: 202-559-1298 fedshelpingfeds@feea.org	<ul> <li>Complete high school or college transcripts</li> <li>One 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 sponsor's most recent SF-50</li> <li>Specific instructions and any additional requirements are listed on each year's application.</li> </ul>

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Fort Sill Federal Credit Union	Received (mail or hand deliver) to a FSFCU branch by COB 31 MAR annually	Student must:  Have a Fort Sill Federal Credit Union account in good standing  Be a graduating senior with an unweighted GPA of 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale  Act Score of 19 or higher or SAT score of 910 or higher	www.fsfcu.com For questions/more information contact your local branch office.  Fort Sill Federal Credit Union ATTN: Scholarship PO Box 1527 Lawton, OK 73502-1527	<ul> <li>FSFCU Check Sheet</li> <li>Completed Application Form</li> <li>Certified High School Transcript</li> <li>Verification of ACT/SAT Scores printed on transcript or official notification letter</li> <li>Personal statement essay (300 words or less) See application for details</li> <li>One letter of reference</li> </ul>
Society of Daughters of US Army Scholarship	Applications avail 1 Nov Due: 1 MAR annually	Applicant must be daughter or granddaughter (including step or adopted) of a career warrant or commissioned officer currently serving on active duty, 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	https://www.petersons.com/scholars hip/society-of-daughters-of-the- united-states-army-scholarships- 111 149779.aspx See above website for application details:	<ul> <li>Must be an undergraduate student</li> <li>Must attend a university, a four-year college, two-year college or a vocational-tech school</li> <li>Minimum GPA: 3.0</li> <li>Citizenship requirements: US</li> <li>Restricted to female students</li> <li>Must study full-time</li> <li>Must be a dependent of the service(s) specified above</li> </ul>
Folds of Honor (numerous scholarship opportunities listed on website)	Applications available 1 FEB – 1 APRIL annually	<ul> <li>Applicants must be the spouse or dependent of:         <ul> <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> </ul> </li> <li>A service member who received a Purple Heart Medal. (NOTE: This medal alone is not sufficient)</li> </ul>	https://scholarships.foldsofhonor.org/	Service Members Proof of Service Service Members Proof Of Disability Proof of dependency  DEERS Report  Dependent Military ID  Casualty Report (DD1300) with dependent's name Birth Certificate Letter of acceptance, class schedule, etc.  Required minimum semester GPA of 2.0 must be maintained
Army Aviation Assoc. of America	Prequalifying form available after 1 JAN and due no later than 1 APR annually Due: 1 May	*Applicant must be a member of the AAAA, or the spouse, child, unmarried sibling, grandchild of an AAAA member or deceased member  *Applicant must be attending an accredited college or university or selected for fall entry as an undergraduate or graduate	http://www.quad-a.org/ Use link on website to access pre- qualification form. Applicants will be notified of eligibility via email within one week.  For questions regarding the scholarship program, please contact Sue Stokes 203-268-2450 or email scholarship@quad- a.org	<ul> <li>AAAA Scholarship Application</li> <li>Reference</li> <li>Proof of Admission</li> <li>Academic Reporting Form</li> <li>Current transcript of Grades.</li> <li>Photograph</li> <li>Essay - applicants are asked to compose a maximum 300-word essay. Mandatory for all applicants.</li> </ul>

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Academic Top Scholars ThanksUSA	Applications accepted 1 APR to 15 MAY annually	Be a dependent child, age 24 and under (as of application deadline) Be a spouse of U.S. military service personnel Applicant must have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale or its equivalent on their relevant academic record	http://www.thanksusa.org/	Application must be completed online at the website. See website for details
American Legion Legacy Scholarship	Online application opens 1 JAN submission due no later than 15 APR	Child/children or legally adopted child/children or the child of a spouse by 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 died on active duty on or after Sept. 11, 2001  Child/Children of post-9/11 veterans having been assigned a combined disability rating of 50 percent or greater by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualify.  High school senior or High school graduate	http://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy or email: scholarships@legion.org	Application (available on line)     Official (Form DD1300) military death certificate     Official VA disability rating paperwork     FAFSA Summary showing Expected Family Contribution
The Retired Enlisted Assoc. Scholarship	Due: 30 APR annually	Applicant must be:  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	https://www.trea.org/ MEMORIAL FOUNDATION 1111 SOUTH ABILENE COURT AURORA, COLORADO 80012-4909 Phone: (303) 752-0660 Toll free: (800) 338-9337	<ul> <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>
AMVETS (High School)	Application Open: 20 JAN Due: 30 APR annually	<ul> <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>	http://www.amvets.org/amvets-in-action/scholarships/	<ul> <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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Army Women's Corps Veterans Association	2 Feb annually	<ul> <li>The applicant is:</li> <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>	http://www.armywomen.org/ Submit Applications to:  Women's Army Corps Veterans' Assoc. Women's Army Corps Veterans' Scholarship P.O. Box 5577 Fort McClellan, Alabama 36205-5577	<ul> <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>
US Warrant Officers Association Scholarship	Due:  1 MAY annually	Applicant must be a spouse, child, grandchild, dependent step-child of members in good standing of the USAWOA.	http://www.usawoa.org/ USAWOA Scholarship Foundation 462 Herndon Parkway, Suite 207 Herndon. VA 20170-5235	Basic application form (Typed)     Photo (head and shoulder)     800-1000 word essay (See Application for Topic)     Special circumstances, if any     Detailed list of extracurricular activities     Three letters of recommendation     Academic transcripts with ACT/SAT scores
MG James Ursano Scholarship for Dependent Children	Applications available after 1 JAN and due 1 APR annually	Student must:  Be dependent of a Soldier on active duty, a retired Soldier or a deceased active duty or deceased retired Soldier  Be registered in DEERS  Be unmarried and under the age of 23  Not be a member of the National Guard, Reserves or other military branch  Be enrolled, accepted or pending acceptance as a full time student	https://www.aerhq.org/ Application and all supporting documents must be submitted online	<ul> <li>Online Application</li> <li>Leave and Earning Statements (LES)</li> <li>Transcripts</li> <li>FASFA student Aid Report for current year</li> </ul>
Folded Flag Foundation Children's Education Scholarships College or Trade School Scholarships	Due: 15 MAY annually	Must be Spouse or Child (under age 26) of:  Member of US Military wo lost his/her life while deployed in combat  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	https://www.foldedflagfoundation.org/ info@foldedflagfoundation.org 844-204-2856	See Website for more information
National Ranger Memorial Foundation Scholarship	Due no later than <b>31 MAY</b> annually	<ul> <li>Applicant must be:</li> <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>	https://www.rangermemorial.com/ (706) 687-0906 e-mail: rangermemorial@gmail.com	Complete online application with the following document scanned/uploaded  Academic transcript  2 letters of reference
TREA: The Enlisted Association TREA National Auxiliary Scholarship Program	Application available 1 JAN Postmarked by 1 JUNE annually	Applicant must:     Be a Graduating HS Senior, High School graduate or be currently enrolled in college, university or Vocational/Technical school as a full time student	https://www.trea.org/	In addition to the completed & notarized TREA National Auxiliary Scholarship application and release form:  250 word essay (see website for topic) Two (2) letters of recommendation

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		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.		<ul> <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>
DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund	Due: 30 JUN annually	Applicant must:     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     High School Junior/Senior with min. 3.0 GPA     Be accepted to an accredited college, university or technical school	http://www.ngef.org/get- involved/apply-for-the-drs-guardian- scholarship/	<ul> <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>
Art and Elena Colona Scholarship Grant	Due 1 JUN annually	Applicant must be:     Dependent child of a member in good standing of Chief Warrant Officers     Association (or member in good standing at time of death)     Either a HS senior or currently enrolled in college with at least 2.0 grade point	http://cwoauscg.org/ Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association USCG Attn: Colona Scholarship Committee 12 Brookley Ave. JBAB Washington DC 20032	<ul> <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>
Kathern F. Gruber & Thomas H Miller Scholarships	Check website after 1 JAN annually	Dependent children, grandchildren and spouses of <b>blinded veterans</b> of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible.	http://www.bva.org/services.html Blinded Veterans Association 477 H Street, NW Washington DC 20001-2694 Scholarship Coordinator 202-371-8880 x313	<ul> <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>
Families of the Fallen	Pre App: 1 JAN- 1 APRIL Due: 1 MAY Annually	Applicant must be the surviving spouse or child of a current member or deceased member of AAAA	http://www.quad-a.org/ Sue Stokes 203-268-2450 Email: scholarship@quad-a.org .	Follow instructions with application
Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)	Create an account online to access due date	<ul> <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>	http://www.moaa.org/ Select "\$9.2million for Kids" button on home page. A new page will open with a link to the scholarship application.	Must be eligible for membership and create an account to search for scholarships and other assistance
Fallen Patriots Foundation	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.	http://www.fallenpatriots.org	<ul> <li>Online enrollment in program</li> <li>Copy of DD 1300 (Casualty Report)</li> <li>Class Schedule</li> </ul>

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		All branches and all components are covered		Bursar Statement/documentation of expenses     Transcript with GPA
Samsung American Legion Scholarship	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	http://www.legion.org/scholarships/s amsung	<ul> <li>Completed Application form</li> <li>Proof of Military Service         <ul> <li>Department of Veterans Affairs</li> <li>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>
Freedom Alliance Scholarship	Applications processed monthly	Applicants must be:         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)         Currently a senior in high school, a high school graduate or a currently enrolled full time undergraduate student         Under the age of 26	http://www.fascholarship.com/ For more information, contact Wanda Cruz Wanda.cruz@freedomalliance.com	<ul> <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>
Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship	Complements college financial aid deadlines	<ul> <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>	https://www.mcsf.org/apply/	Complete VA form 22-5490 "Dependents' Application for VA Education Benefits available at http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-22-5490-ARE.pdf  Explore potential programs and benefits available using the GI Bill by visiting the GI Bill comparison tool at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/comparison
Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation	Application avail 1 JAN Due: 2 MAR 21	*Active duty, reserve, or veteran U.S. Marine* *Marine killed while serving in the U.S. Marine *Active duty, reserve, or veteran U.S. Navy Corpsman who is/was attached to a U.S. Marine Corps unit or who was killed while serving with a U.S. Marine Corps unit* *A U.S. Navy Chaplain or Religious Programs Specialist who is/was attached to a U.S. Marine Corps unit	www.mcsf.org/apply.	*Proof of membership can include: membership card, roster list, letter from the association indicating membership.  **D214 must indicate qualifying grandparent served with 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines. ***Must provide proof that qualifying grandparent graduated from The Basic School in March 1956.

## **Military Career Resources**

United States Military Academy www.usma.edu

U.S. Air Force Academy
U.S. Naval Academy
www.usafa.edu
www.usna.edu

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
U.S. Coast Guard Academy

www.usmma.edu

www.uscga.edu

Army ROTC Scholarships <a href="http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html">http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/scholarships.html</a>

U.S Air Force ROTC Scholarships <a href="http://www.afrotc.com/scholarships">http://www.afrotc.com/scholarships</a>

U.S. Navy and Marine ROTC Scholarships <a href="http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx">http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx</a>