

Scholarships

All Military Affiliated Students:

- General Loyola Scholarships:
 - <https://www.luc.edu/finaid/scholarships/>
- The **American Legion – Auxiliary** organization provides one \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually per Auxiliary geographic division. Applicants may be pursuing training in a certified, trade, professional, or technical program, or a two-year or four-year degree program. (*Service member or spouse, no dependents*)
 - **Applications open March 1 every calendar year:** <https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/non-traditional-student>
- **Army Nurse Corps Association's** scholarship offers active duty and veterans who are pursuing a nursing degree, undergraduate or graduate) are welcome to apply to this scholarship. Nursing or anesthesia students whose parent(s), spouse, or child(ren) have current or previous service in a component of the US Army are encouraged to apply.
 - **Applications open late fall of 2025:** <https://e-anca.org/Scholarships>
- The **Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program** provides grants to women soldiers, past and present, and their lineal descendants to help them attain their educational goals. The Legacy Scholarship Program offers financial support in four areas: Certificate programs, Community College coursework, Undergraduate Degrees, and Graduate Degrees. (*Woman service member or dependent, no spouses*)
 - **Applications deadline passed for 2024. Stay tuned for further information:** <https://texvet.org/resources/army-womens-foundation-legacy-scholarship-program#:~:text=The%20Army%20Women%E2%80%99s%20Foundation%20Legacy%20Scholarship%20Program%20provides,Community%20College%20coursework%2C%20Undergraduate%20Degrees%2C%20and%20Graduate%20Degrees>
- Bryent Smothermon was a military veteran who suffered from PTSD and passed away in 2021. To honor his legacy, the **Bryent Smothermon PTSD Awareness Scholarship** exists to support military veterans and their children and spouses who have suffered from PTSD due to their service. All military vets, military spouses, and children of military vets currently in school are eligible.
 - **Applications deadline is May 14, 2024:** <https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/search/bryent-smothermon-ptsd-awareness-scholarship/>
- **Dolphin Scholarship Foundation** grants are available competitively to high school or college children/stepchildren and spouses of members or former members of the submarine force or those who have served in submarine support activities. (*Spouses and dependents, not service members*)

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- **Applications deadline is expected March 2025:**
<https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/search/dolphin-scholarships/>
- The **Ethyl and Armin Wiebke Memorial Scholarship** provides a scholarship for Marine Corps veterans, spouses, and/or dependents. All applicants must be sponsored by a WMA member.
 - **Applications deadline is expected March 2025:**
<https://scholarships360.org/scholarships/search/ethyl-and-armin-wiebke-memorial-scholarship/>
- The **Pat Tillman Foundation** encourages active duty, veterans, and spouses pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree to apply to become a Tillman Scholar. (*Service members and spouses, not dependents*)
 - **Visit website for application deadline information:**
<https://patillmanfoundation.org/apply/eligibility-and-compensation/>
- The VFW's "**Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship**" provides service members and veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals without incurring excessive student loan debt. It's just another way for us to say "thank you" to those who fought for our freedoms. (*Service member, retired or active, no spouses or dependents*)
 - **Fall application deadlines: January 1 through April 30 and**
 - **Spring application deadlines: August 1 through November 15:**
<https://www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support>
- Dependent children and spouses of Navy personnel from the aviation community; Officer and Enlisted, active duty, retired, honorably discharged or deceased in Navy Aviation Commands for 8 years are eligible to apply to these **Wings Over America** scholarships. There are various scholarships to choose from. (*Spouses and dependents, not service members*)
 - **Application Pre-Qualifications open October 1:**
<https://wingsoveramerica.us/app/FAQ>

Service Members (Active Duty, Guard, Reservists, Veterans, ROTC) :

- **Oracle Women in Leadership** seeks to recognize one outstanding student who shows potential to excel in college STEM studies by awarding a one-time, \$1,500 scholarship to a deserving female active-duty military college student pursuing a STEM degree.
 - **Applications open January 1, 2025:** <https://www.afcea.org/oracle-women-leadership-scholarship>
- The **AFCEA Educational Foundation** offers ROTC scholarships ranging from \$2,500-\$3,000 each to Army, Navy (including Marine Corps option) or Air Force ROTC full-time sophomore or junior students studying a STEM major with at least an overall 3.0 GPA or above.
 - **Applications open January 1, 2025:** <https://www.afcea.org/rotc-scholarships>

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- The **AFCEA Nova chapter** has partnered with the **AFCEA Educational Foundation** to make these awards possible for active duty for honorably discharged U.S. military veterans who deployed abroad in support of one of the Overseas Contingency Operations. Students must be pursuing an eligible STEM degree.
 - **Applications open October 1, 2024:** <https://www.afcea.org/war-veterans>

Spouses:

- The **Military Spouse Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship** is a workforce development program that provides up to \$4,000 of tuition assistance to eligible military spouses:
 - **Visit website for application deadline information:**
https://mycaa.medcertify.com/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCCQiAw6yuBhDrARIsACf94RUIe0j8vaB-XxKvsfUHwBACg4bUhxPDknRsZomm1u-R_0CGj6QvgUQaAgaXEALw_wcB

Dependents:

Please see “All Military Affiliated” section and below for scholarships dependents can apply for.

General Scholarships & Resources

- VA’s List of VSOs (Veteran Service Organizations)
 - <https://www.benefits.va.gov/Chicago/veterans-services-orgs.asp>
- Illinois Governor’s Challenge: PsychArmor:
 - https://illinois-smvf.psycharmor.org/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAJaIQobChMIoKSUI_3JhAMVPzbUAR2pfQEJEAAAYASAAEgJlt_D_BwE
- VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars):
 - <https://www.vfw.org/>
- VFW Auxiliary:
 - <https://vfwauxiliary.org/scholarships/>
- The American Legion Scholarships:
 - <https://www.legion.org/scholarships>
- Illinois Legion:
 - <https://www.illegion.org/resources/scholarships/>
- American Legion Auxiliary:
 - <https://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/legion-scholarships>