

**Scholarships and Other
Financial Aid Benefits
for Veterans,
National Guard, Reserves,
Active Military, and
Military Family Members**



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State and Federal benefits

New York State Benefits

Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute MERIT Scholarship

- Provided through New York State Higher Education Services (HESC)
- Provides financial aid to children, spouses, and dependents of members of the United States Armed Forces or State organized militia who, at any time on or after August 2, 1990, while a New York State resident, died or became severely and permanently disabled while engaged in hostilities or training for hostilities, or are classified as missing in action.
- For further information, visit: NYS Higher Education Services Corporation – Military Enhanced Recognition Incentive and Tribute – MERIT Scholarship.
<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships/military-enhanced-recognition-incentive-tribute-merit-scholarship/>

This scholarship is processed through SUNY Schenectady's Financial Aid Office (Elston Hall, Welcome Center.)

Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (RIRP)

- For members of the State Military Forces (New York Army National Guard, New York Air National Guard, and New York Naval Militia.)
- Pays the cost of tuition up to SUNY tuition rates.
- Must be accepted and enrolled in an undergraduate degree granting program for a minimum of six (6) credit hours per semester or four (4) credit hours per quarter.
- Must be a resident of New York State for a period of 186 days prior to using the program, excluding Active Duty periods.
- More information can be found at:
<https://dmna.ny.gov/education/>

Veterans Tuition Award (VTA)

- A New York State program for Veterans engaging in full-time or part-time study.
- Awards are processed through SUNY Schenectady's Financial Aid Office (Elston Hall, Welcome Center.)
- Application information can be found at:
<https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships/veterans-tuition-awards/>

Federal Benefits

GI Bill®

<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/post-9-11/>

- Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty (MGIB-AD)
- Montgomery GI Bill® Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR)
- Post 9/11 GI Bill®
- For information about using benefits at SUNY Schenectady visit:
<https://sunysccc.edu/Academics/Register-for-Classes/Information-for-Veterans.html>
- GI Bill® benefits are processed through the College Certifying Official, Anna Westerman (Stockade Building, Room 100 westerap@sunysccc.edu; 518-381-1200, ext. 1185

Summary of Differences in GI Bills®

GI Bill	MGIB-AD	MGIB-SR	Post 9/11
Duration (in years)	10	10	15
Entitlement (in months)	36	36	36
Cost	\$1,200	\$0	\$0
Monthly Payment	\$1,857	\$369*	\$3,852**
Transferable	No	No	Yes

*May be used with Federal Tuition Assistance, MGIB-AD & State benefits.

**Amounts differ for public vs private college, credits taken and zip code of college.

From: Financial Aid for Veterans & Dependents (November 24, 2020.)

<https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/financial-aid-scholarships-for-veterans/>

In order to receive full monthly payment (BAH) student must be full-time with at least one class in person. Attending part-time or taking all online classes decreases BAH payment.

Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship

For more information, visit <https://www.va.gov/family-and-caregiver-benefits/education-and-careers/fry-scholarship/>

- Provides Post 9/11 GI Bill® benefits to children and surviving spouses of Service Members who died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.
- May receive up to 36 months of benefits.
- Child's eligibility ends on the child's 33rd birthday; surviving spouse eligibility ends upon remarriage.

MYCAA Funding

- A Department of Defense Scholarship offering up to \$4,000 tuition assistance.
- Open to spouses of active-duty service members, and National Guard and reserve members under Title 10 orders in the following pay grades: E-1 through E-5, W-1 through W-2, or O-1 through O-2.
- Spouses remain eligible for the MYCAA financial assistance if their sponsor is promoted above the eligible ranks as long as the spouse has an approved education and training plan in place.
- Provides the tuition assistance for those pursuing licenses, certification, or Associate degrees in occupations or career fields.

- For more information, visit:
<https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/>

National Call to Service

- A Department of Defense program administered by the VA.
- Eligibility requirements: (a) completed initial entry training and continued serving on active duty for 15 months in a military occupational specialty designated by the Secretary of Defense; (b) without a break in service, served either an additional period of active duty as determined by the Secretary of Defense, or a period of 24 months in active status in the Selected Reserve; (c) without a break in service, spent the remaining obligated service on active duty in the Armed Forces OR in the Selected Reserve OR Individual Ready Reserve OR AmeriCorps OR another domestic national service program jointly designated by the Secretary of Defense.
- Choice of one of the following benefits:
 - Cash bonus of \$5,000
 - Repayment of qualifying student loan not to exceed \$18,000.
 - Educational assistance equal to 3-year monthly MGIB rate for 12 months.
 - Educational assistance equal to fifty percent of the less than 3 year monthly MGIB rate for 36 months.
- More information can be found at:
<https://www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/national-call-to-service-program/>

Tuition Assistance Top-Up Program

- Is a way for the military services to provide educational benefits to Service Members on Active Duty.
- Students must be approved for Federal Tuition Assistance (TA) by a military department and be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill® Active Duty or Post 9/11 GI Bill® benefits.
- Students are limited to 36 months of Tuition Assistance TOP-UP.
- For more information visit:
<https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/tuition-assistance-top-up/>

Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) Benefits

- A program implemented in Chapter 31 of Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations (i.e., Chapter 31 benefits)
- Provides for the training and rehabilitation of Veterans with service-connected disabilities.
- Must have a service-related disability; the general requirement is (a) VA rating of 20% disabled or (b) participation in the integrated Disability Evaluation System (IDES) process or awaiting discharge due to a medical condition from a serious injury or illness that occurred in the line of duty. Severely injured active-duty service members can automatically receive VR &E benefits before VA issues a disability rating.

- VA pays training costs, tuition and fees, books, supplies, equipment, special services as well as a monthly “subsistence allowance.”
- For further information, visit:
<https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/>
- Chapter 31 Benefits are processed through the College Certifying Official, Anna Westerman (Stockade Building, Room 100; westerap@sunysccc.edu; 518-381-1200, ext. 1185.)

SUNY Schenectady Foundation

Scholarships

McCormick Family Scholarship for Marines

- Awarded to one full-time or part-time returning student taking at least 6 credit hours, matriculated in any degree or certificate program.
- Preference given to an Active Duty Marine, Active Reserve Marine, or a Marine Corps Veteran.
- If there are no eligible candidates, consideration is given to children or spouse of Active Duty Marine, Active Reserve Marine, or Marine Corps Veteran.
- Fall semester recipient may be eligible for a Spring award as long as Scholarship criteria continue to be met and the student has a 2.5 GPA. If the student is no longer eligible, a new recipient will be chosen for the Spring disbursement.
- Awarded \$1,250 per semester; awarded \$2,500 per year.

Michael J. Della Rocco Jr. and James Wilson Scholarship

- Awarded to a full-time or part-time returning student in Criminal Justice.
- Recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and must have financial need.
- Eligible applicants: Veteran, National Guard member, member of a Reserve unit, current member of the

Armed Forces, firefighter, police officer, child of a firefighter, child of a police officer.

- Preference given to Schenectady County residents.
- Awarded \$900 per year (award disbursed Fall semester.)

Michael J. Della Rocco, Sr. Memorial Scholarship

- Awarded to a returning full-time or part-time student in the Criminal Justice degree program.
- Recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.0, must have financial need, and must demonstrate community service and/or service to the College.
- Preference given to Schenectady County residents who are children of Veterans, firefighters, or police officers.
- Awarded \$900 per year (award disbursed Fall semester)

Tri County Vietnam Era Veterans and Gold Star Mothers Scholarship

- Awarded to a new or returning student enrolled in a degree or certificate program on a full-time or part-time basis.
- Must be a Veteran of the US Armed Services or a dependent child of a Veteran.
- Recipient must be in good academic standing as defined by the College.
- Preference given to a candidate with demonstrated financial need.
- Maximum award is \$1,500 with amount to be determined by number of recipients (award is disbursed

Fall semester;) awarded to only one student \$750 per semester, \$1500 for the year.

SUNY Schenectady Foundation Scholarship Application

Deadlines:

Current Students: Application due May 19, 2025

New Students: Application due July 14, 2025

For additional information about the SUNY Schenectady Foundation Scholarships and the online application, visit: <https://www.sunysccc.edu/Admissions/Paying-for-SUNY-Schenectady/Scholarships-Through-the-Foundation.html> or contact Leanna Liuzzi at liuzzilm@sunysccc.edu or 518-381-1322

Additional Scholarships

Air Force Association (AFA) Scholarships

- AFA sponsors several different scholarships, some supporting specific areas of student (e.g., pilot training, health/wellness, science, technology, engineering, math) while other scholarships are more open ended.
- Applications are accepted between December 1 and April 30 each year.
- Selections are announced in July.
- For links to information about each of the scholarship, visit: <https://www.afa.org/scholarships>

AMVETS' (American Veterans) National and Memorial Scholarships

Application deadline for the following AMVETS scholarships is April 30. For additional information, visit

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

Email Shanelle Lopez at slopez@amvets.org, or call (877)726-8387.

1. Scholarships for Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves
 - AMVETS Scholarship
 - \$4,000 (\$1,000 awarded annually over four years)
 - Dr. Aurelio M. Caccamo Family Foundation Memorial Scholarship

- \$12,000 (\$3,000 awarded annually over four years)
- 2. Scholarship for Spouses of Veterans, Active duty, National Guard, Reserves
 - ●AMVETS Scholarship
 - \$4,000 (\$1,000 awarded annually over four years)
- 3. Scholarships for High School Seniors Who Are Children/Grandchildren of Veterans, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves Entering First Year of College in the Fall
 - AMVETS Scholarship
 - \$4,000 (\$1,000 awarded annually over four years)
 - JROTC Scholarship
 - \$1,000 awarded annually

Army Emergency Relief (AER) Scholarships

1. Mrs. Patty Shinseki Spouse Scholarship Program

- Awarded (a) to spouses of active duty or retired Soldiers, and widows(ers) of Soldiers who died either on active duty or in a retired status as well as (b) spouse of National Guard/Reserve Soldiers on Title 10 Orders.
- Students must be a dependent spouse and registered as the spouse of the Soldier in DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System.)

- Financial assistance is for a student’s first undergraduate degree.
- Awarded for up to four academic years for full-time students or eight academic years for part-time students. Students must reapply each year.
- Recipients of the award must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Award amounts determined by total budget allotted, the number of applications received, and financial need.
- There is no deadline to apply. Application cycle and money disbursement follow the following schedule:

Cycle	Application Window	Recipients Notified	Disbursement to Schools On or About
3	August 2024	September 15	September
4	September 2024	October 15	October
5	October 2024	November 15	November
6	November 2024	December 1	December
7	December 2024	January 15	January
8	January 2025	February 15	February
9	February 2025	March 15	March
10	March 2025	April 15	April
11	April 2025	May 15	May
12	May 2025	June 15	June
13	June 2025	July 15	July
14	July 2025	August 15	August
15	August 2025	Weekly basis	August/September

For further information visit:

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

<https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/resource/2022-2024-mrs-patty-shinseki-spouse-scholarship-program-guidelines/>

or email: scholarships@aerhq.org

2. MG James Ursano Scholarship Program

- Awarded to dependents of Soldiers on Federal active duty, retired Soldiers, or a deceased active or deceased retired Soldiers, Children of National Guard/Reserve Soldiers are eligible if the Soldier is on Title 10 Orders for the entire academic year.
- Student must be registered as a dependent of the Soldier in DEERS (Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System.)
- Student must be under the age of 24 and unmarried.
- Student must be enrolled, accepted, or pending acceptance as a full-time student in a post-secondary or vocational institution.
- Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Award amounts determined by total budget allotted, the number of applications received, and financial need.
- Applications due April 1, 2024

- For further information, email scholarships@aerhq.org or visit:
<https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/scholarships/child/>
<https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2024-2024-MG-James-Ursano-Scholarship-Program-Guidelines.pdf>

Army Scholarship Foundation Inc.

Scholarships are for one year, but applicants are encouraged to apply in subsequent years for up to four years of awards in total.

- Applicant must be the child or spouse of regular Active Duty, Active Duty Reserve, or Active Duty National Guard U.S. Army member in good standing, or the child of a former U.S. Army member who received an honorable discharge or medical discharge, or who was killed while serving in the U.S. Army.
- Applicant must be a high school senior, high school graduate, or registered as an undergraduate student at an accredited college or post high school vocational/technical institution (those who already have a Bachelor's degree are not eligible.)
- Applicant must have a 2.0 grade point average.
- Children of Army members must not have reached their 24th birthday by the application deadline date.
- Application deadline is April 15th.

- For more information, visit:
<https://armyscholarshipfoundation.org/>

Army Women Foundation (AWF) Scholarships

AWF provides scholarships to women who served or are serving honorably in the Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard and the children of such women. Application deadline is January 20th. For more information, call 804-734-3078 or visit:
<https://www.awfdn.org/scholarships/>

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF)

- Dolphin Scholarship Foundation grants are available 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.
- Child/stepchild eligibility:
 - Must be a high school senior or currently enrolled/intending to enroll as a full-time student working towards an Associate's or Baccalaureate degree at an accredited college, university, or vocational/technical institute.
 - Must be unmarried and under 24 years old at the time of the application deadline.

- Spouse eligibility:
 - Must be enrolled or intend to enroll in an Associate's or Baccalaureate degree at accredited college, university, or vocational/technical institute.
 - Must enroll or intend to enroll as a full-time or part-time student, with a minimum of 12 credit hours per year.
- Sponsor requirements:
 - Must be qualified in submarines and served on Active Duty in the Submarine Force for a minimum of 8 years or must have served on Active Duty in submarine support activities (e.g., submarine bases, tenders and rescue vessels) for a minimum of 10 years.
 - Time in service requirement may be waived by SDSF if sponsor qualified in submarines and was medically disqualified (but still eligible to wear the Submarine Warfare insignia,) discharged, or retired due to injury or illness that occurred in the line of duty.
 - There is no minimum period of service for children of qualified submariners killed in the line of duty while serving in the Submarine Force.
- Application deadline is March 15, 2024.
- For more information, visit:
<https://dolphinscholarship.org/scholarships/>
- The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation can be reached by phone at 757-671-3200.

Folds of Honor Higher Education Scholarship

- Provides educational scholarships to spouses and dependent children of military men and women who died or became disabled while on Active Duty.
- Financial assistance is for high school students concurrently enrolled in college courses or undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll in a community college, four-year college, or university.
- Award amounts are up to \$5,000 per academic year.
- Application is open from February 1st to April 1st.
- Award is for a maximum of four academic years.
- For more information, visit:
<https://foldsofhonor.org/scholarships/>

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

- Applicant must be the dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine whose parent meets one of the following criteria:
 - Was killed in action.
 - Became 100% totally and permanently disabled as a direct result of a combat mission, or suffered a major limb amputation due to enemy action.
 - Was classified as a Prisoner of War or Missing in Action.
 - Was awarded the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, or the Coast Guard Cross.

- Was involved in a training accident that resulted in the death of the Service Member or caused an immediate inability to continue serving (100% totally and permanently disabled.)
- Applicant must be currently in their senior year of high school, a high school graduate, or currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student.
- Applicant must be under the age of 26 at the time of application.
- Amount awarded for the scholarship depends on individual need.
- For further information, visit:
<https://fascholarship.com/>
- Or phone: (800) 475-6620 fax: 703-444-9893.

General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant (Hap Arnold Grant)

- Provides educational scholarships to dependent children of U.S. Air Force members who fall into one of the following categories at the time of application and throughout the award year:
 - U.S. Air Force (USAF) member is on Active Duty, Title 10 AGR/Reserve extended Active Duty, or Title 32 AGR performing full-time Active Duty. All members must be on Active Duty through December 1 of the academic year to be awarded.
 - Retired due to length of Active-Duty service or disability, or retired AGR/Reserve with 20 or

more satisfactory service years creditable for retired pay and placed on the USAF Reserve Retired List (no other retired classifications are eligible.)

- Deceased while on Active Duty or in retired status.
- Provides education scholarships to spouses of U.S. Air Force members who fall into one of the following categories:
 - U.S. Air Force member on Active Duty of Title 10 AGR/Reserve on extended Active Duty.
 - U.S. Air Force members who died while on Active Duty or in retired status.
- Applicants must be high school graduates enrolled or accepted as full-time undergraduate students for the upcoming academic year.
- Recipients of the award must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Award amounts range from \$500 to \$2,000 annually, depending on need.
- Each award carried the name of an individual or organization exemplifying service to the USAF.
- In addition to the Hap Arnold Grant, the Air Force Aid Society awards a minimum of ten \$5,000 Merit Scholarships that are not need based. Applicants must complete the Hap Arnold Grant application to be considered.
- Applications are available from early January through April 30 every year.

- For more information, visit:
<https://afas.org/haparnoldgrant/>

Heroes' Legacy Scholarship

- Must be a dependent unmarried child younger than 23.
- Must be going for bachelor's degree or a community college allowing for direct transfer into a four-year program.
- Must possess a DD Form 1173 (United States Uniformed Services Identification card,) or a DD Form 2765 (DoD/Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege card.)
- Parent must be Active-Duty personnel, Reserve, National Guard or retired military members or survivors of Service Members who died while on Active Duty.
- Must meet one of the following requirements:
 - One of the parents dies while serving on Active Duty on or after September 11, 2001 in any branch or component of the U.S. Armed Forces.
 - One of the parents, while serving on Active Duty on or after September 11, 2001, became disabled, meaning that the parent qualified for receipt of traumatic Service members' Group Life Insurance.
 - One of the parents, who was on Active Duty on or after September 11, 2001 received a permanent and total compensation rating of 100% from the Department of Defense or Department of Veterans Affairs.

- Eligibility, including survivors of deceased members, is determined using the DEERS (Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System) Database.
- Scholarship amount varies depending on funding.
- Online application for the 2025-2026 academic year opens December 11, 2024 and will close February 12, 2025.
- For further information, visit:
<https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/heroes-legacy-scholarship/>

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

For further information about the scholarship offered visit:

<https://www.mcsf.org/apply/> call 1-703-549-0060, or send a message via the form at the following link:

<https://www.mcsf.org/contact/> 24-25 year is closed; 25-26 opens January 1, 2025.

1. Undergraduate and Associate Degree Scholarship/Career and Technical Education Scholarship (for programs longer than 12 months)

Applicants must be the child/step child or one of the following:

- Active Duty, Reserve, or Veteran Marine
- Marine killed while serving in the Marine Corps
- Active Duty, Reserve, or Veteran Navy Corpsman who is/was attached to a Marine Corps unit or was killed while serving with a Marine Corps unit.

- Navy Chaplain or Religious Programs Specialist who is/was attached to a Marine Corps unit or was killed while serving with a Marine Corps unit.
- Applicant must have a GPA of at least 2.0.
- For 24-25 application - family adjusted gross income for the 2022 tax year must not exceed \$117,000.
- Attending or planning to attend a school listed on the [National Center for Education Statistic's College Navigator](#) website for the upcoming academic year.

**2. Career & Technical Education Scholarships
(programs 12 months or less)**

- Criteria are the same as that for the scholarship listed above.
- Applications are available throughout the year and are processed every month.

3. Heroes Tribute Scholarship for Children of the Wounded

Provides scholarships of \$6,000 to \$40,000 over four years (\$2,500 - \$10,000 a year) to those who meet the following criteria:

- Children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attached to a Marine Unit whose parent was wounded in action in any war or conflict.
- Children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attached to a Marine unit whose parents was permanently retired from the Marine Corps or Navy as a result of their service-related injury.

- Children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attached to a Marine unit whose parent is currently ill or injured and serving with Wounded Warrior Regiment/Battalion.

4. Heroes Tribute Scholarship for Children of the Fallen

Guarantees scholarships of \$30,000 over four years (\$7,500 a year) to those who meet the following criteria:

- Children of Marines and Veteran Marines whose parent was killed in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.
- Children of Marines who were killed in combat operations or during a Department of Defense operations, training exercise or domestic terrorist incident on or after September 11, 2001.
- Children of Navy Corpsmen, Chaplains, or Navy Religious Program Specialists attached to a Marine unit whose parent was killed during a Department of Defense operation, training exercise, or domestic terrorist incident on or after September 11, 2001.
- Children of Marines, Navy Corpsmen, Chaplains, or Religious Program Specialists attached to a Marine unit whose parent died by suicide as a result of combat related Post Traumatic Stress.
- Applications for 24-25 open on January 1, 2024, application deadline is March 1, 2024.

5. Scholarships for Grandchildren

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation administers programs for several Marine Corps associations that offer scholarships to the grandchildren of their members. Applicants must meet the basic Scholarship Foundation criteria and must provide documentation of their grandparents' membership in one of the following associations: (a) 4th Marine Division Association of WWII, (b) 5th Marine Division Association of WWII (c) 531 Gray Ghost Squadron Association, (d) 3rd Battalion/26th Marines, (e) Basic Class 3-56 Graduate, (f) Marines' Memorial Association, or (g) USMC/Combat Helicopter Association.

Military Spouse Scholarship

Sponsored by the National Military Family Association.

- Applicant must be the spouse of a post 9/11 Service Member who meets one of the following requirements: (a) Active Duty Service Member, (b) Retiree (including medically retired) (c) 100% disabled, (d) Guardsman, (e) Reservist, (f) Fallen Service Member, or (g) a divorced spouse who received 20/20/20 benefits.
- You have, or are eligible to hold, a valid military/Uniformed Services ID.
- Scholarship can be used in a variety of ways (e.g., towards degrees, certifications, licensure, clinical supervision for mental health licensure, CEUs, Business expense, etc.)

- Award averages \$1,000 with amount depending on donor and education/professional need.
- Applicant is open year-round; awards are disbursed quarterly.
- For more information visit:
<https://www.militaryfamily.org/programs/spouses-scholarships/military-spouse-scholarship-faqs/> or email info@MilitaryFamily.org

National Guard Educational Foundation Scholarships

For more information about the following two National Guard Educational Foundation Scholarships, visit:

<https://www.ngef.org/get-involved/apply-for-the-leonardo-drs-guardian-scholarship/>

1. Leonardo DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund

- Applicants must be a dependent child of a National Guard member who died in an operational or training mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation New Dawn.
- Applicants may apply for a maximum of four annual grants of \$6,250.00 per year for a total of \$25,000.
- Application deadline is July 31, 2024
- Application can be found at:
<https://www.leonardodrs.com/who-we-are/our-commitment/community-involvement/anchor-scholarship-foundation/>

2. The Van Hipp Heroes Scholarship

- Applicant must be a current or former National Guard member wounded in an operational or training mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn.
- Applicants may apply for a maximum of four annual grants of \$1,000 per year for a total of \$4,000.
- Scholarship recipients must maintain a GPA of 2.5.
- Application deadline is July 1, 2024
- Application found at: <https://www.ngef.org/the-van-hipp-heroes-scholarship-fund/>

Student Veterans of America (SVA) Scholarships

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

SVA partners with other groups to offer scholarships to Veterans.

1. Raytheon SPY -6 Scholarship

- Must be a Navy or Navy Reserve Veteran
- Must be entering sophomore, junior, or senior year of full-time undergraduate study or enrolled in a graduate program for the 2024-2024 academic year.
- Award is \$10,000
- Scholarship applications deadline is April 7, 2024

2. Comcast NBCUniversal-SVA Scholarship

- Must be pursuing a bachelors or graduate degree from an accredited two year or four-year institution of learning.

- Award is for those interested in an entertainment industry career.
- Award is \$12,000.
- Application will remain open until April 7, 2024
- For more information, visit the following website: <https://studentveterans.org/programs-events/scholarships/comcast-nbcuniversal-scholarship/>

Tillman Scholarship

- Open to applicants pursuing a Bachelor’s, graduate, or professional degree, or plan to pursue such a degree during the award year (must be admitted to a college or university by April 2).
- Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
 - Veteran or Active Duty Service Member from any branch of the military, including National Guard and Reserves, and served in pre or post 9/11 service areas.
 - Current or surviving spouse of a Veteran or Active Duty service Member.
- Tillman Scholars are awarded an average scholarship of \$10,000.
- Applicants are due the last day of February each year.
- For more information and/or to sign up for the Tillman Scholar application mailing list for application updates visit: <https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply/>

Veterans United Foundation Scholarship

- Funded by contributions from Veterans United Home Loans and its employees
- Must be a surviving spouse or surviving child of a service Member who had a service-related death or a Veteran with a 100% service connected disability.
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must be pursuing an associate's, bachelor's, graduate, postgraduate, or doctoral degree.
- Requires a typed essay describing the impact of losing a spouse or parent as well as information about college and career aspirations.
- 2024 application period March 1 through March 31.
- For more information contact:
<https://www.enhancelives.com/scholarships/>

VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"

- Award amounts are up to \$5,000; one per family per semester.
- Must be retired military, honorably discharged, Active Duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve.
- Must be separated with or currently hold a military rank of E-5 or below.
- Fall semester applications accepted January 1 to April 30th.
- Spring semester applications accepted August 1 to November 15.
- Scholarships paid directly to school for tuition and fees.

- For more information, visit:
<https://www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support>
- Those attending an apprenticeship/certification program not starting using traditional semesters should contact the vfw at: <https://www.vfw.org/contact-us/> for more information.

Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation **Scholarships**

- Sponsors over 50 scholarships for Navy dependents from the aviation community. Most scholarships are \$5,000.00 and some are renewable.
- Awarded to children and spouses of navy personnel from the aviation community; Officer and Enlisted, active duty, retired, honorable discharge or deceased.
- Service member sponsor must have served in Naval Aviation Commands for a total of 8 years.
- Scholarships are for first undergraduate degree.
- Pre-qualification application is available beginning October 1, every year with supporting documentation due by February 1, every year.
- Application and all supporting materials due March 1, every year.
- For more information, visit:
<https://wingsoveramerica.us/app>

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