

College scholarships and internships (websites and weblinks)

- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Virginia Department of Education Scholarships](#)
- <https://www.vawizard.org/vccs/Scholarships.action>
- <http://financialaid.gmu.edu/scholarships/outside-scholarships/>
- <http://www.gocollege.com/financial-aid/scholarships/>
- https://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/scholarship_search_select.asp?13817/

<http://www.acenet.edu/>

American Council on Education has several military programs. ACE reviews military training for educational credit opportunities. See <http://militaryguides.acenet.edu/> for specific program evaluations or to specify by branch and rank. Additional military information available http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Military_Programs and www.todaysgibill.org.

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

AFCEA (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) has scholarships for military personnel as part of their AFCEA Educational Foundation. The Foundation offers a wide variety of specific scholarships, which includes a fund for OIF/OEF veterans, disabled war veterans, as well as the LTG Douglas D. Buchholz Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to one enlisted Soldier at Fort Gordon, Georgia each year. The Armed Forces Children's Education Fund is a non-profit corporation to financially assist the needs of surviving children of U.S. Service Members who lost their lives on or after October 7, 2001.

<http://www.apus.edu/>

The home page for American Public University System, which includes American Public University and American Military University (AMU). AMU grants degrees to many military personnel each year and has numerous military specific course offerings.

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

The Army Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships for undergraduate education for dependent children of U.S. Army Soldiers and spouses of active duty enlisted U.S. Army Soldiers.

www.bls.gov/oco

The Occupational Outlook Handbook provides information on careers and job needs in the future.

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

Cappex is a free scholarship search website that allows for searching by ethnicity, gender, college major, and state. Free access to search private, foundation scholarships but will need to create a free profile to apply for scholarships. Creating a profile allows users to connect with colleges directly for scholarship opportunities.

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

The College Board administers many of the standardized tests such as the SAT and PSAT for college students. This site includes links to practice tests and other helpful resources such as CLEP. A military specific page can be found at: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/military.html>

<http://www.collegeview.com>

Easy to navigate site assists students in finding the right college. Includes matrix to aid selection which factors size, majors, and campus life information into the decision-making process. Also includes an article on the basics of applying to a service academy.

<http://www.ed.gov>

U.S. Department of Education's main website for financial aid information.

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and learn about eligibility for federal aid.

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

Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund provides assistance to civilian, federal, and postal employees, their spouses, and college-age children. The Fund sponsors an annual merit-based scholarship competition each year for eligible applicants:

http://www.feea.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=17&Itemid=46

<http://www.finaid.org/> and <http://www.finaid.org/military/fafsa.phtml>

General background information provided on loans, scholarships, and savings. Great explanation page for Veterans on filling out the FAFSA, including a detailed explanation of how combat pay and military benefits should be recorded.

<http://www.fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs>

Highlights several scholarships including Heroes' Legacy Scholarships for deceased or disabled Service Members' children, as well as separate scholarship programs for military spouses and their children. See also www.militaryscholar.com.

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

Scholarships for spouses and dependent children of killed or disabled active duty Service Members and Reservists. The scholarship is one of the few that can be held if enrollment is postponed. Purple Heart recipients are also automatically eligible for scholarship aid. The Hartwell Fallen Soldiers Children's Fund provides mentoring and financial support for education, medical expenses, and counseling for children of Service Members killed in action in Iraq or Afghanistan.

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

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for dependent children of active duty Service Members who are either killed or permanently disabled (100% VA rating) as the result of an operational mission or training incident, or who are currently certified as MIA or POW. A direct link to the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund can be found at www.fascholarship.com.

<http://www.gibill.va.gov/>

United States Department of Veterans Affairs home page for Post-9/11 G.I. Bill coverage, which includes a Chapter 33 benefits calculator and links to choosing a college/university, technical, non-degree schooling, or approved license and certificate program. Highlights the four main methods to receive aid: Post-9/11 G.I. Bill

(Ch. 33), Montgomery G.I. Bill (Ch. 20, Ch. 1606), Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP, Ch. 1607), and the Post Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance program (VEAP, Ch. 32).

<http://www.homefrontamerica.org/oohrahhome.htm>

The American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Program is operated by Homefront America USA and offers \$1,000 scholarships to dependent children of Service Members to use towards a four-year degree, vocational, or technical certificate.

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

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation offers a variety of scholarships including a unique transfer program for undergraduate students transferring from a community college to a 4-year institution and graduate student scholarships for students including a Dissertation Fellowship. The Foundation offers a Young Scholars Program which allows high-achieving, low-income 7th grade students to apply for the program, enroll in 8th grade, and stay with the program through high school.

<http://www.legion.org/scholarships>

The Legion has an extensive scholarship program including a legacy scholarship for dependent children of Service Members who died while serving on active duty, as well as scholarships for Eagle Scouts and participants in the Boys State and Girls State Programs. The Legion publishes an annually updated comprehensive scholarship guide entitled "Need a Lift?" which can be accessed at:

www.legion.org/needalift .

<http://mappingyourfuture.org/>

Information on how to prepare for college and pay for education including online loan counseling. Assistance is differentiated between types of students, undergraduate or graduate, and individuals seeking to provide assistance to students such as high school counselors and financial aid professionals.

<http://www.militaryfamily.org>

Listed under the Scholarship link, Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships are available to all spouses of uniformed Service Members. Funds have few restrictions and may be used for undergraduate or graduate schooling, professional certifications, or vocational training, online or in-class programs, and either fulltime or part-time attendance. A valid military ID is required to be eligible for the program and applicants should be prepared for a timed online application process.

<http://www.militaryonesource.com>

Click on the College link to find educational opportunities amid a long list of military resources. Registration and log-in to the website is required to access some of the online resources.

<http://militaryscholar.org/legacy/index.html>

The Fisher House Foundation offers a scholarship for the children of active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired, and survivors of deceased Service Members. Children of disabled Service Members are also eligible. See a list on their website for full eligibility and a check list for award requirements.

<http://www.militaryta.com/>

Military Tuition Assistance provides information on how to use military benefits to maximize educational potential. Post-9/11 GI Bill information, Active Duty, Reserves, and spouse tuition assistance each have their own specific informational sections.

<http://www.mobc-online.org/>

Military Family Support Trust offers a variety of scholarships including 14 named scholarships with the history of each one explained on its website, and provides funding over the course of four years.

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

Comprehensive listing of financial aid, scholarship, and education information for Service Members.

<http://newgibill.org/>

Sponsored by Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), this site is specifically geared toward understanding the New G.I. Bill and its benefits. The FAQ section allows questions to be submitted directly to IAVA in a form at the bottom of the page. The check-list feature is a step-by-step guide to utilizing Post-9/11 G.I. Bill benefits with informational links included for each step in the process.

<http://www.patillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/>

Sponsored by the Pat Tillman Foundation, the Tillman Military Scholars program awards scholarships to Service Members, spouses of Service Members, and their dependent children.

<http://www.purpleheart.org/Scholarships/Default.aspx>

The Purple Heart Scholarship is available to members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), their children, stepchildren, or grandchildren. Dependents of veterans who were killed or wounded in action and died before they could join MOPH are also eligible. Applications are available online in mid-September of each year.

<http://www.quad-a.org/>

The Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships and interest-free loans annually to members of AAAA and their spouses, unmarried siblings, unmarried children, and unmarried grandchildren of current and deceased members. Some scholarships are specifically reserved for enlisted, warrant officer, company grade, and Department of the Army Civilian members. Must be a member to be eligible.

<https://studentaid.ed.gov>

U.S. Department of Education's website designed to help students understand federal student aid for college. This site provides information regarding educational tax benefits from the IRS as well as a checklist by academic year throughout high school for college planning.

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

College navigator site to build a list of schools and make side-by-side comparisons.

<http://www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html?jsessionid=95C30E9A377C7E45C55B26D21946882A>

Kaplan University offers a full undergraduate scholarship through ThanksUSA for an eligible military spouse. To apply click on the link, <https://www.scholarshipamerica.org/thanksusa/>. Other educational support scholarships provide reduced tuition of up to 50 percent for eligible military spouses.

<http://www.vfw.org/Community/Programs/>

The Veterans of Foreign Wars' Voice of Democracy program is open to all 9-12 grade students, and awards one national first-place winner a \$30,000 scholarship to a U.S. university, college, or vocational/technical school. Other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$16,000, and the first-place winner from each state level VFW Department wins an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, DC.

State Education Benefits for Veterans and Dependents

Alabama

- The Alabama GI Dependents Scholarship Program is for dependents of veterans who have honorably served at least 90 days of continuous active-duty military service, or who were honorably discharged

with a service-related disability before serving 90 days. It covers dependent children, stepchildren, military spouses, and unmarried military widow(ers). The veteran must have been a permanent civilian resident of the state of Alabama for at least one year immediately prior to entry into the military.

- The Alabama military education benefits provided by this program allow for four standard academic years, or the part-time equivalent, at any Alabama state-supported institution of higher learning or vocational school. The scholarship may be used for undergraduate or graduate course work, and it may be used for online degree programs. The scholarship may cover the costs of tuition, textbooks, and laboratory fees.

Application is available from: Alabama State Department of Veterans Affairs, PO Box 1509, Montgomery, AL 36102-1509 or any local County Veterans Service Officer.

<http://www.worldwidelearn.com/military/state-veterans/alabama/index.html>

The Spouse (POW/KIA/MIA) Scholarship provides for free tuition, books, and fees at state institutions of higher learning or trade school. The spouse of a veteran is eligible if the veteran was killed in the line of duty, has a disability incurred from active service, MIA during Vietnam, is 100% disabled, or was/is a POW. <http://www.va.state.al.us/index.htm>

Alaska

- A waiver of undergraduate tuition and fees is available for a spouse or dependent of a Service Member who died in the line of duty or who died as a result of injuries sustained while in the line of duty, or is classified as a POW or MIA according to the Department of Defense. Students must be in good standing in a state supported educational institution in Alaska. For more information, contact UAA Financial Aid Office, 907-786-1586, UAF Financial Aid Office 907-474-7256, or UAS Financial Aid Office 907-465-6255.
- National Guard members are eligible for 100 percent tuition assistance at the University of Alaska and tuition reimbursement for in state, non-UA schools.

http://www.veterans.alaska.gov/state_benefits.htm#Free%20Tuition

Arizona

- Arizona veterans or their eligible dependents who have applied for educational benefits under the GI Bill at state-supported community colleges, or colleges and universities which may defer payment of tuition, fees, and required books for a period of 120 days with no interest charges. If no payment from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has been received by the end of the period, an extension may be granted until receipt of benefits. Contact a Veteran Education Specialist at the respective Arizona college campus for more information and details on the program.

<http://www.azdvs.gov/Departments/VSD/Veterans%20Guide.pdf>

Arkansas

- Dependents of Service Members who are 100% disabled, killed in action, or classified as a POW or MIA, and who entered service as an Arkansas resident are eligible for free tuition, fees, and room and board as an accepted student enrolled to obtain a bachelor's degree or certificate of completion in any Arkansas state institution, state-supported technical or vocational school. Deadlines apply for each term. For more information, please visit the Arkansas Department of Higher Education's webpage highlighting Military Dependents Scholarship,

http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/financialaid/Pages/fa_mds.aspx or the main Arkansas veterans' benefits state page at <http://www.veterans.arkansas.gov/benefits.html>.

California

- A veteran, dependent child, spouse or unmarried surviving spouse of a service-connected disabled or deceased veteran may be entitled to tuition and fee waiver benefits at any campus of the California State University System or a California Community College. For complete application instructions and eligibility requirements, contact the local County Veterans Service Office (<http://www.cacvso.org/>) or the California Department of Veterans Affairs (<http://www.calvet.ca.gov/Resources/Default.aspx>). <http://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetServices/Education.aspx> (Education Specific Page)

Colorado

- Colorado National Guard members are eligible for state tuition assistance, up to 100% tuition paid at any Colorado state-funded school. Two years of service is required for each year of tuition assistance granted.
- Tuition assistance for children of POWs, MIAs, disabled or deceased Colorado National Guard members who do not qualify for federal education benefits.

<http://www.dmva.state.co.us/page/va>

The specific link is located at:

(<http://www.dmva.state.co.us/viewpage.php?UGFnZUIEPTM1JmFtcDtTZWFyY2g9ZWWR1Y2F0aW9u>)

Connecticut

- Veterans may attend Connecticut public colleges and universities tuition-free for graduate and undergraduate programs, and with a 50% waiver for Extension Fund and summer courses at Connecticut state universities. Veterans must be admitted to a degree program and be Connecticut residents for at least one year. <http://www.ct.gov/ctva/cwp/view.asp?A=2014&Q=290874>

Delaware

- Children of deceased military veterans where the cause of death is service related or children of POW or MIA Service Members are eligible for educational benefits. Applicants must be between the ages of 16-25 at the time of application and must have resided in the state for three years prior to the date of application. The funds can be used for undergraduate or graduate study provided the program does not exceed four years in duration.

- Active members of the Delaware National Guard may be eligible for full tuition and fees for four years at a Delaware public institution. Apply by contacting the Delaware Higher Education Commission, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, telephone 302-577-3240.

<http://veteransaffairs.delaware.gov/pdf/STATE%20VETERANS%20BENEFITS%202010.pdf>

Florida

- The State of Florida provides scholarships for dependent children of Florida veterans or Service Members who died in action or from service-connected diseases or disabilities as verified by the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs as having a 100% service-connected disability and are in receipt of disability retirement from the respective branch or are classified as a POW or MIA. Residency requirements apply. Applications may be obtained from the financial aid offices at most Florida colleges and universities, or by contacting the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (727-219-7414).

- Reduced tuition is available for active Florida National Guard members. Select veterans are eligible for tuition deferment if benefits are delayed.

- Any veteran who receives benefits under Chapters 30, 31, 32, or 35 of Title 38, USC or Chapter 1606 of Title 10, USC and is attending a Florida public university, community college, or vocational school is entitled to tuition deferment each academic year and deferment upon delay in receiving benefits.

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

Georgia

- The Georgia Military Scholarship is available to Georgia residents who are eligible to be commissioned into the Georgia National Guard, provided they meet the requirements for the four-year scholarship and are nominated by a Georgia legislator. Recipients must agree to be a member of the Cadet Corps at Northern Georgia College and State University, and serve at least four years in the Georgia National Guard as a commissioned officer following graduation. Applications must be obtained from the student's local Georgia legislator or North Georgia College and State University.

<http://sdvs.georgia.gov/portal/site/SDVS/>

Hawaii

The website for the state does not list any state-sponsored veterans' education programs or scholarships.

Idaho

- A scholarship is available for children of a MIA or POW Service Member. The Service Member must be listed as a MIA or POW at the time of application.

- Operation Education is a program only available at the University of Idaho. This program allows veterans who are severely injured or their spouses to continue their education. Contact the University of Idaho directly to apply.

- Idaho National Guard members and Reservists who live outside of Idaho but serve with an Idaho-based

unit may be eligible for in-state tuition rates at Idaho state-supported schools. Scholarships are also available to dependents of Idaho Service Members who are completely disabled as a result of injuries incurred while engaged in conflict in Iraq or Afghanistan.

http://veterans.idaho.gov/index.php/benefits-a-services#EDUCATIONAL_BENEFITS

Illinois

- Financial aid is provided for children aged 10-18 years of a veteran who died or became totally disabled as a result of service in World War I or II, Korea or Vietnam conflicts, or until such individuals are no longer eligible for induction under the Universal Military Training and Service Act. Attendance at a state-sponsored institution is required.

- A MIA/POW Scholarship is available to eligible dependents of veterans who are listed by the DoD or VA

as a POW or MIA. Dependents of permanently disabled service members with 100% disability or died as a result of a service-connected disability are also eligible. Sponsoring veteran must have been (or remain) an Illinois resident or became an Illinois resident within six months of entering service.

Dependents may receive full payment of tuition and certain fees to any state-supported Illinois institution of higher learning for the equivalent of four calendar years of full-time enrollment including summer terms.

- The Illinois Veteran Grant (IVG) Program pays tuition and certain fees at all Illinois state-supported colleges, universities, and community colleges for Illinois residents. Applications and additional eligibility information are available from the field offices of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

- Illinois National Guard Scholarship is available to any enlisted Service Member, Lieutenant, or Captain with at least one year service in the Illinois Army/Air National Guard. Please contact the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for more information at the address listed above.

- Honorary Scholarships at the University of Illinois are also available for each county in the state to benefit children of veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam conflicts. Students will receive a four year education at any state sponsored institution. Contact the University's Financial Aid Office.

<http://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/Pages/default.aspx>

<http://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/benefits/Pages/education.aspx> (Education specific webpage)

Indiana

- Children of a disabled veteran may be eligible for free tuition and coverage of any mandatory fees at any state-supported post secondary school or university in Indiana. The child must be a resident of Indiana and the veteran must have served on active duty with the US Armed Forces during a period of wartime, be or have been a resident of Indiana for not less than 36 consecutive months during their lifetime. The student is eligible to receive 124 semester hours of paid tuition credit that can be used for either graduate or undergraduate work.
- Remission of fees for Purple Heart Recipients who entered active duty military service from a permanent home address in Indiana and received an honorable discharge are eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at a state sponsored college or university. Award can be used for up to 124 semester credit hours. To obtain a form for this benefit, go to: <http://www.in.gov/dva/2357.htm> .
<http://www.in.gov/dva/>

Iowa

- Educational aid for tuition, fees, books, room and board is provided to children whose parent(s) have died as a result of service in selected war times. Other requirements apply, for details see: <http://www.military.com/education/money-for-school/military-spouse-and-family-educational-assistance-programs.html?col=1198882780845&comp=1198882780845&rank=1> or www.iowava.org.

Kansas

- POW/MIA Vietnam Veteran Dependent Tuition Program provides for free tuition and fees for up to 12 semesters of instruction at all institutions supported by state monies offering post-secondary education in Kansas. For more information, see the State of Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs website at: <http://www.kcva.org/ves/>.
- Vietnam Veteran Survivor Grants are available to dependents of Vietnam Veterans who were a Kansas resident at the time of entry into the US Armed Forces and died as a result of a service-connected disability suffered during the Vietnam conflict.
- Applications for both programs are available from the Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs.
<http://www.kcva.org/index.shtml>
<http://www.kcva.org/ves/> (Education specific page)

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Kentucky

- Veteran Dependent Tuition Waiver is available for children, spouse, unmarried widow or orphan of a permanently disabled war veteran or Kentucky National Guard member killed while on active duty or during training while serving during official periods of federally recognized hostilities. Children must be between the ages of 17-23 and accepted by state-supported institutions of higher learning which includes state vocational schools. Veteran must be or have been a legal Kentucky resident at the time of death or injury. The waiver covers three years of tuition and fees until one degree is attained or until the age of 23, whichever occurs first. Age restrictions do not apply to spouse.
- Submit information for application to Veterans Affairs Office of selected school, state veterans counselors in county seats, or Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs.
<http://veterans.ky.gov/Education/>

Louisiana

- Children aged 16-25 and spouses of Service Members who died while serving or as a result of a disability incurred in wartime service in specified conflicts may be eligible for free tuition and other fees at a state-supported college, university, trade, or vocational school. Benefits are also available to children and spouses of Service Members who are classified as POW or MIA by the Department of

Defense, provided the Service Member was a Louisiana resident for at least one year immediately prior to the veteran's entry into service. <http://vetaffairs.la.gov/education>

Maine

- Educational benefits are available for dependent children and/or spouses of 100% disabled or deceased veterans as a result of service. Applicants must be a high school graduate and not over age 21 for children; there is no age limit for spouses. The sponsoring veteran must have resided in Maine for five years immediately preceding application if they were not a resident at the time of entering the US Armed Forces. <http://www.maine.gov/dvem/bvs/benefits.htm>

Maryland

- Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship provides aid for tuition and other academic expenses and is available to veterans and their Family Members who are attending an institution of higher learning within Maryland. Eligible veterans and their dependents include: son or daughter of a member of the US Armed Forces who died or is 100% disabled as a direct result of military service; veterans with a disability of 25% or greater as a result of military service and has exhausted or is no longer eligible for federal veterans educational benefits; son, daughter, or surviving spouse of a victim of the September 11, 2011 terrorist attacks, who died as a result of the attacks; a POW/MIA of the Vietnam conflict or his/her son or daughter; or a state or local public safety employee or volunteer who was 100% disabled in the line of duty. For more information visit: <http://www.mdva.state.md.us/state/scholarships.html> .
- Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program is designed to provide financial assistance to US Armed Forces personnel who served in Afghanistan or Iraq and their children or spouses who are full or part-time degree seeking undergraduate students enrolled in an eligible accredited Maryland postsecondary institution. For more information visit: <http://www.mdva.state.md.us/state/scholarships.html> .
- Hodson Trust Star Scholarship is available for eligible Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who are attending one of four Maryland colleges (Hood College, Johns Hopkins University, St. John's College-Annapolis, or Washington College) who are seeking undergraduate or graduate degrees. Each school awards three scholarships a year and covers tuition, room, board, books, and mandatory student fees. Contact the Office of Admissions at one of the participating institutions to apply for the scholarship. <http://www.mdva.state.md.us/state/index.html>

Massachusetts

- The Massachusetts Army National Guard Educational Assistant Program waives the cost of tuition and fees for Massachusetts-sponsored state schools. Tuition and fee reduction cannot exceed 130 semester hours and must be put towards a degree program funded by the state. The Montgomery GI Bill can be used in conjunction with this program.
- Massachusetts Soldiers Legacy Fund provides for children of Massachusetts Service Members who have died while deployed on Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Parents' home of record at the Department of Defense must be listed as Massachusetts. <http://www.mass.gov/>

Michigan

- The Children of Veterans Tuition Grant Act allows education funding to be distributed to children of eligible deceased military personnel or permanently disabled veterans. Applications are available online at (<http://michigan.gov/dmva/0,1607,7-126-2362-137641--,00.html>) along with a complete list of requirements. The Michigan Higher Education Assurance Authority administers this program. <http://michigan.gov/dmva/> http://michigan.gov/dmva/0,1607,7-126-2364_3113--,00.html (Education page direct link)

Mississippi

- Dependent Children's Scholarship provides educational funding for dependent children who have a parent classified as a POW/MIA and meet the Mississippi residence requirements. This scholarship provides free tuition and room at any state-supported college or university for up to eight semesters. <http://www.vab.ms.gov/>
- Certain members of the Mississippi National Guard are eligible for tuition assistance through The Adjutant General of Mississippi provided they are enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning, vocational education school, or junior college. (*Military personnel stationed in Mississippi are considered state residents for the purposes of payment of tuition at state colleges and universities.*) <http://www.vab.ms.gov/files/Benefits.pdf> (Veterans Benefits Guide)

Minnesota

- Minnesota GI Bill offers Veterans' Education Assistance and War Orphans Education programs. For more information on these and other programs for veterans, please contact a County Veterans Service Officer or access the state veteran's site: www.minnesotaveteran.org
<http://www.mdva.state.mn.us/education.htm>

Missouri

- Vietnam Veterans Survivor Grant Program is available to children and spouses of Vietnam veterans whose death was attributed or caused by exposure to toxic chemicals during the Vietnam conflict. A qualified medical certification by a VA medical authority is needed to verify exposure. Award is for fulltime enrolled undergraduate students at a participating Missouri postsecondary institution. Student must be a Missouri resident and U.S. citizen and not pursuing a degree in theology or divinity. Grant applications are available in the spring and can be obtained by calling the MOSTARS Information Center at 800-473-6757 or 573-751-3940. <http://www.mvc.dps.mo.gov/>

Montana

- Educational aid is provided for children of deceased veterans, including children of Service Members who were Montana residents and lost their lives in service in World War II, Korea, or Vietnam, who choose to attend select in-state institutions of higher education.
- Honorably discharged Montana residents who served during wartime and are ineligible for financial aid under federal laws may also receive benefits.
- Dependents of POW/MIA in connection with the conflict in Southeast Asia after 1/1/91 as classified by the Department of Defense are also eligible for a waiver of fees at in-state institutions. <http://dma.mt.gov/mvad/functions/state.asp>

Nebraska

- Dependents of a POW or MIA Service Member or dependents of a veteran (such as a parent, spouse, child, or widow) who died of a service-connected disability are eligible for a Nebraska State Tuition Waiver. These dependents of an eligible veteran may be authorized for a waiver to cover 100% of tuition charges to University of Nebraska campuses, state colleges, and community colleges. Submit applications to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs by contacting the local County Veterans Service Office.
- Reservist Tuition Credit is eligible for Nebraska residents who are enlisted members of a Nebraska-based unit of the Active Selected Reserve. Fifty percent tuition credit is available for attendance at University of Nebraska campuses, Nebraska state colleges, and Nebraska community colleges. <http://www.vets.state.ne.us/benefits.html>

Nevada

- Active duty Service Members stationed in Nevada as a result of permanent change of duty station (PCS) pursuant to military orders or a person whose spouse, family, or legal guardian is a member of the US Armed Forces stationed in Nevada as a result of PCS orders are eligible for education benefits. Applicants need to apply directly through the admissions director of the applicable Nevada school.

http://www.veterans.nv.gov/educational_benefits.html

- More information on Nevada benefits is available here:

<http://www.military.com/education/content/money-for-school/state-veteran-benefits-rockies-and-southwest.html#Nevada>

New Hampshire

- Children of a service member classified as MIA (after 28 February 1961) can receive free tuition at vocational-technical college for as long as the service member holds that status.
- Children of certain deceased veterans who died from a service-connected disability are entitled to free tuition in state college institutions. Room, board, books, and supplies up to \$2500 per year for a period not exceeding four years may be awarded. <http://www.nh.gov/nhveterans/benefits/education.htm>
<http://www.education.nh.gov/highered/veterans/index.htm>

New Jersey

- Veterans' tuition credit program allows veterans attending any approved educational institution to apply for partial reimbursement for tuition to offset the cost with a maximum reimbursement of \$400 per year for full-time students and \$200 per year for part-time students.
- Tuition benefits are also available for the dependents of Service Members who are classified as MIA or POW after 1 January 1960. The Service Member must have been a New Jersey resident at the time of entry into the US Armed Forces. The child must attend either a public or private institution in New Jersey.
- Children of service personnel who died while in the military or due to service-connected disabilities or who are listed as MIA by the Department of Defense may claim \$500 per year for four years of college or equivalent training. The child must be a resident of New Jersey for at least one year immediately prior to the filing of the application and be between the ages of 16 and 21 at the time of application. The veteran must have also been a state resident.
<http://www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/njguide/index.html>

New Mexico

- Scholarship for children of deceased veterans who were killed in action or as a result of their wounds are eligible for a scholarship provided they are between the ages of 16-26. Children of New Mexico National Guard members are also eligible.
- The Vietnam Veterans Scholarship offers Vietnam Veterans who have been residents of New Mexico for a minimum of 10 years and were issued a Vietnam Campaign Service Medal full coverage for the cost of tuition and books from any post-secondary school.
- Residency requirements are relaxed for veterans and dependents of Active Duty/Title X members. All honorably discharged veterans using federal education benefits and dependents of Active Duty/Title 10 Armed Forces members regardless of their state of residency are able to immediately qualify as residents and are eligible for in-state tuition at all institutions of higher learning in New Mexico. This eliminates the waiting period for residency for veterans in regards to qualifying as in-state residents for tuition purposes. <http://www.dvs.state.nm.us/benefits.html>

New York

- Military Service Recognition Scholarships provide financial aid for children of veterans whose parents

were former POW or MIA, or whose parents are deceased resulting from service. Child(ren) must be a New York resident at the time of application and parent must have been a New York resident at the time of entry into service, death, or disability. Student will be required to apply for federal aid by completing a FAFSA and apply for the Tuition Assistance Program. For an application, contact the Higher Education Service Corp: <http://www.hesc.com> .

- Veterans Tuition Awards (VTA) are available to veterans who are eligible for part and full-time study attending an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution or at an approved training vocational program in New York State. Students must reapply for this award annually.
- New York State Regents Awards are available to children of deceased and disabled veterans whose parent(s) served in the US Armed Forces during specified times of national emergency. Students' parents must be New York residents. Award provides for up to \$450 per year to students. <http://veterans.ny.gov/education/msrs.html>

North Carolina

- Four-year scholarship program at approved schools in North Carolina is provided for qualifying children of eligible deceased, disabled, combat, or POW/MIA veterans. Applicants must be under age 25 and a resident of North Carolina. The veteran parent must be a legal resident of North Carolina at the time of entrance into the US Armed Forces. For more information about classes of eligible children or to see if a North Carolina school is approved, inquire at the respective school or write to the Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs. <http://www.ncveterans.com/benefitslist.aspx#Scholarships>

North Dakota

- Education benefits are provided for resident veterans' dependent children or spouse seeking an undergraduate degree. For more details about veterans eligibility and residency requirements, visit: <http://www.nd.gov/veterans/education/> .

Ohio

- Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program pays for 100% tuition charges for state-assisted colleges and universities as long as the funds go towards an Associate or Baccalaureate degree. National Guard members must be Ohio residents with a high school diploma or GED certificate to be eligible and willing to enlist, re-enlist, or extend their current enlistment for six years of Selective Reserve duty in the Ohio National Guard.
- A scholarship is available for children whose veteran parent was either killed or disabled in the line of duty. Parent must have served in the US Armed Forces for 90 days or more during a period of war, died, or been discharged with at least 60% disability or a 100% non-service connected disability. Applicant must be between the ages of 16-21, an Ohio resident for one year preceding the award and attending an Ohio institution of higher education. http://dvs.ohio.gov/home/veterans_benefits/education.aspx

Oklahoma

No state specific scholarships or educational benefits are listed on the state website.

Oregon

- Educational benefits are provided for training courses through the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs. Benefits are paid equivalent to the number of months spent on active duty with a maximum of 36 months. Benefits are paid for classroom instruction, home study courses, and vocational training from an accredited educational institution. (Note: Aid will not be paid if veteran is currently receiving federal educational benefits from any federal act.) More information is available regarding Oregon Educational Aid for veterans at: www.oregon.gov/ODVA/EDU/ .

- A full-tuition waiver is available for a bachelor's or master's degree at an Oregon University System institution for the child(ren) or spouse of Service Members who died on active duty or became 100% disabled while serving on active duty. Information about the tuition waiver is available on the Oregon University System website, www.ous.edu , under "Featured Documents and Links."

Pennsylvania

- The Educational Gratuity program provides financial assistance to children of honorably discharged veterans who have service-connected disabilities and served during a period of war or armed conflict, or children of veterans who died in service during a period of war or armed conflict. To apply, contact the County Veterans Affairs Director in the county you reside in.

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/veterans_benefits/11386/disabled_benefits/592956

- Tuition assistance is provided for Pennsylvania resident students attending state schools upon entering into and fulfilling a service commitment with the Pennsylvania National Guard. Part-time graduate degree candidates are also eligible for aid. Students whose parents have been classified as POW or MIA are eligible provided the parent was a resident of Pennsylvania for at least a year preceding his/her active duty service, and served honorably on active duty after January 31, 1955.

- The Veterans/Military Education Division of the Pennsylvania Department of Education:

http://www.dmva.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/dmva_home/5902

Rhode Island

No state specific scholarships or educational benefits are listed on the state website.

South Carolina

- Children of eligible war veterans attending South Carolina state-supported colleges and universities and technical education institutions are eligible for education funds. Residency and other requirements apply. Download applications online at: <http://www.govoepp.state.sc.us/va/ftapp.pdf> .

http://www.govoepp.state.sc.us/va/benefits.html#ed_assis (General State Veterans Benefits page)

South Dakota

- Free tuition is available for children of veterans who die during service, provided the veteran is a South Dakota resident for at least six months immediately preceding entry into active service. Free tuition is also provided for dependents of POWs and MIAs.

- Reduced tuition is available for South Dakota National Guard members at a 50% reduction at any state supported school for a maximum of four academic years or to complete one academic program of study at a state vocational school, approved by the Board of Education.

<http://www.oiepp.sc.gov/va/benefits.html>

Tennessee

- Dependent children of Service Members killed or who died resulting from injuries sustained in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, or a current conflict, or are classified as a POW or MIA are eligible for free tuition and fees at any college or university owned, operated, and maintained by the state of Tennessee. Eligible children cannot be older than 21 years of age and must be a Tennessee resident. For an application, contact the Tennessee school directly.

<http://www.state.tn.us/veteran/>

Texas

- Hazlewood Exemption (derived from the Hazlewood Act) provides education benefits to honorably

discharged or separated Texas veterans and to eligible spouses and dependent children of Texas veterans. This program is provided by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

<http://www.texas.gov/en/veterans/Pages/education.aspx>

- Tuition waivers for veterans at state schools exist who serve at least 180 days of active duty military service. Veterans must have been a Texas resident at the time of entry into service, have Texas designated as their Home of Record, or entered the service in Texas. In order to be eligible, veterans must have exhausted all of their federal educational benefits. Starting in Fall 2011, veterans must reside in Texas during the semester or term for which the exemption is being claimed.
- Dependent children or spouses of deceased Texas Service Members who died as a result of service related injuries or illness including certain orphans of a Texas National Guard and Texas Air National Guard member, or are MIA or POW Texas Service Member. Dependents of totally disabled Service Members for purposes of employability as a result of a service-related injury or illness also qualify. Recipients must be residents of Texas at the time they enroll and children recipients must be 25 years or younger on the first day of the term in which they qualify.
- The Transferability of Benefits (Legacy Program) provides for eligible veterans to transfer any unused hours of exemption eligibility to a child. Spouses of veterans are not eligible for this program.
- See webpage for more specific requirements on all of the programs above:

<http://www.collegefortexans.com/apps/financialaid/tofa2.cfm?ID=500>

<http://www.tvc.state.tx.us/about/education>

Utah (Regional/School Specific Program only)

- The Veterans Upward Bound Program through Weber State University provides educational financial assistance to veterans seeking acceptance into secondary schools. This is not a state-sponsored scholarship. Tutors are provided at no cost to the veteran locally in Ogden and Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information e-mail: vub@weber.edu.

Vermont

No state specific scholarships or educational benefits are listed on the state website.

Virginia

- Virginia War Orphans Education Program provides benefits to children or surviving children of eligible veterans. To be eligible for assistance, one of the applicant's parents must have served in the US Armed Forces and must be permanently and totally disabled due to war or armed conflict or died as a result of war or armed conflict, or listed as a POW or MIA. Residency and age requirements apply. For application, contact the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Veterans Affairs

<http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/>

- Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program provides education benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, on MIA or POW status, or who became 90% disabled as a result of military service in an armed conflict. Eligible recipients must attend a state-supported college university as the program waives tuition and fees in Virginia. Benefits are available for up to four years.

<http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/veterans-benefits.shtml>

Washington

- Colleges and universities are authorized to waive all or a portion of the fees for eligible veterans or members of the National Guard for up to 200 quarter credits or equivalent semester credits. Each college and university operates their own veterans waiver program; contact each institution for more details about their respective programs: <http://www.hecb.wa.gov/links/colleges/collegesindex.asp>

- Educational benefits are available for dependents of 100% disabled veterans or those who died as a result of military service. <http://www.dva.wa.gov/veterantuitionwaiver.html>

<http://www.dva.wa.gov/dependentstuitionwaiver.html>

West Virginia

- Dependents of Deceased Veterans Tuition Waiver is available for the children of veterans who are orphaned and between the ages of 16-23 at the time of application with one-year West Virginia residence. Free tuition at state-sponsored institutions of higher education plus a maximum of \$500 for fees, board, room, books, supplies, and other expenses is awarded to recipients. To apply, contact the West Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs. <http://www.wvs.state.wv.us/va/>
- Veterans Re-Education Act Fund was established by the West Virginia Legislature to provide tuition assistance for veterans who need a new vocation due to dislocation or unemployment. Veterans must have exhausted their GI Bill benefits and be in need of tuition assistance. http://www.wvs.state.wv.us/va/state_fed.htm

Wisconsin

- The Wisconsin GI Bill is a state tuition remission program for eligible Wisconsin veterans, and certain children and spouses of eligible veterans, who are attending public institutions of higher education in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin GI Bill is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill and Post-9/11 GI Bill. For more information, see: <http://gibill.wisconsin.edu> .
- The Wisconsin Veteran Education (VetEd) Reimbursement Grant is available for eligible Wisconsin residents who have not been awarded a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue educational or vocational objectives up to a bachelor's degree at an eligible university of Wisconsin, technical college, or approved private institution of higher education. Reimbursement may be provided for up to 100% of tuition and fees not covered by other grants, scholarships, or remissions. Some time limitations and income restrictions apply, for more details contact a County Veterans Service Officer or apply online: http://dva.state.wi.us/Ben_VetEd.asp .
- For general educational information www.WisVets.com/Education <http://www.veterans.wisconsin.edu/benefits.aspx>

Wyoming

- Orphans of veterans who are killed while in service to their country and Vietnam veterans are eligible for free tuition and fees for a maximum of 10 semesters at any of Wyoming's Community Colleges or at the University of Wyoming.
- Wyoming National Guard 100% State Educational Assistance Plan allows for full tuition reimbursement along with fees at Wyoming junior colleges and at the University of Wyoming. A predetermined amount is available for Wyoming private school attendance, provided the school is VA approved. Limit to one degree or certificate program at any level from Associate to Ph.D.
- Family members (children or spouses) of deceased Wyoming National Guard members who are killed or become permanently disabled resulting from active duty service or any authorized training duty can also receive educational benefits. Matriculation fees and tuition will be paid for attendance at the University of Wyoming or any junior college or vocational training institution in Wyoming. <http://www.veteranprograms.com/id186.html>
<http://www.veterans.wisconsin.edu/>