

Montgomery County, MD - Veterans Network Directory

Tuition Assistance and Scholarships

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American Legion Legacy Scholarship

www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy

317-630-1203 (V)

For children whose parents were killed during active duty on or after September 11, 2001. The American Legion expanded the scholarship to include children of VA-rated, post-9/11 "Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" Veterans with a combined disability rating of 50 percent or higher. Scholarships are available for natural and adopted children who are enrolled or planning to enroll in an accredited undergraduate program. Individual scholarship amounts vary based on annual funding an individual need.

AMVETS - Scholarships and Tuition Discounts

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www.amvets.org/programs/scholarships

301-683-4027 (V)

Annually award scholarships to Veterans/active duty military, Guard and Reserves, and their sons, daughters or grandchildren. A son, daughter or grandchild of a deceased Veteran is also eligible.

Blinded Veterans Association – Kathern F. Gruber and Thomas H. Miller Scholarships

E-mail: bjones@bva.org
www.bva.org

202-371-8880 ext. 330 (V)

Spouses, dependent children, and grandchildren of blinded Veterans are eligible for the annual Kathern F. Gruber Scholarship and the annual Thomas H. Miller Scholarship to assist them with their higher education tuition. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit through an application process that is evaluated by a committee. The scholarships are for one year only but recipients can re-apply and receive the award up to four times. The blinded Veteran family member is not required to be a BVA member for the spouse or child to receive a scholarship.

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation

44900 Prentice Drive
Dulles, VA 29166
E-mail: contact@fallenpatriots.org

1-866-917-2373 (Toll Free)

Provide college scholarships and educational counseling to military children who have lost a parent in the line of duty. Serve families of servicemembers from all branches of the armed forces who have died as a result of combat casualties, military training accidents, service-related illnesses, suicide, as well as other duty-related deaths as ruled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Cover expenses other than tuition, including but not limited to room and board, transportation, health insurance, internet expenses, and more.

Disability Awareness Scholarship - MilitaryVALoan.com

E-mail: scholarship@militaryvaloan.com
www.militaryvaloan.com/disability-scholarships.html

Every year MilitaryVALoan.com awards a prospective or current college student a \$1,000 scholarship to help with the costs associated with attending school. You do not have to have a disability to apply - the scholarship is meant to bring awareness. Applicants should submit an essay between 500 and 1,000 words about how they or someone they knew overcame disability to do something great. Visit website to download an application.

Fisher House Foundation - Scholarships

www.militaryscholar.org

202-607-1067 (V)
1-888-294-8560 (Toll Free)

Scholarships for Military Children Program: Award \$2,000 scholarships to military children under the age of 23. Program is open to students who possess a US Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card (DD Form 173), and whose parent or parents serve or served in the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard. Recipient must be enrolled or planning to enroll full-time in a four-year undergraduate college or university, accredited in the U. S or a two-year community college. They must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 basis.

Heroes' Legacy Scholarship: program honors not only those who have fallen in battle, but all who have died or have become disabled through their active military service since September 11, 2001. The program is open to their dependent unmarried children under age 23. A disability is defined as one that results in the service member being eligible for, and receiving, Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (TSGLI) or a permanent and total disability compensation rating of 100%. The amount to be awarded each year depends on the amount of royalties, sponsorships and other donations designated for this program.

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

www.fascholarship.com

1-800-475-6620 (Toll Free)

Honors Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships for their children. **Eligibility Criteria:** Dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine or Guardsman who has been killed or permanently disabled (100% VA disability rating) as a result of an operational mission or training accident, who is currently classified as a Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA); or who has been awarded the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, or the Coast Guard Cross. Applicants must currently be in their senior year of high school, a high school graduate or a currently enrolled full-time undergraduate student, and under the age of 26 at the time of application.

General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program

Air Force Aid Society - National Headquarters
22570 Markey Court, Suite 240
Dulles, VA 20166

703-972-2647 (V)

E-mail: education@afas-hq.org
www.afas.org/education-grants

Provides education grants to dependents of Air Force service members. AFAS education support is available to dependent sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 Reservists on extended active duty, Title 32 Guard performing full-time active duty, retired, retired Reserve and deceased Air Force members, as well as spouses of active duty and Title 10 Reservists, and widows/widowers. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Grants range from \$500 to \$4,000.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation (MCSF)

909 N. Washington Street, Suite 400
Alexandria, VA 22314
www.mcsf.org

703-549-0060 (V)

Scholarships for children of Marines. Offer scholarships for undergraduate and associate degrees as well as career and technical education. **Eligibility:** Active duty, reserve or Veteran U.S. Marine; a Marine killed while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps; active duty, reserve or Veteran U.S. Navy Corpsman who is/was attached to a U.S. Marine unit; or a Navy Corpsman attached to a Marine unit that was killed while serving in the U.S. Navy. Veterans must have received an honorable discharge.

Heroes Tribute Scholarship Program for Children of the Fallen: MCSF guarantees scholarships of \$30,000 over four years (\$7,500 per year) to eligible children of the following: children of Marines and Veteran Marines whose parent was killed in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen 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 Navy Religious Program Specialists attached to a Marine unit who were killed in combat operations on or after September 27, 2008; or children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attached to a Marine unit whose parent died by suicide as a result of combat-related PTSD.

Heroes Tribute Scholarship Program for Children of the Wounded: Provides scholarship support of \$6,000 to \$40,000 over four years (\$1,500 to \$10,000) to eligible children of the following: children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attached to a Marine unit who were wounded in action in any war or conflict; children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen attached to a Marine unit who were permanently retired from the Marine Corps or Navy as a result of their service related injury.

Limited Grandchildren Eligibility: MCSF administers programs for several Marine Corps associations that offer scholarships to the grandchildren of their members. Must meet eligibility criteria.

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)

E-mail: osfamail@mhec.state.md.us
<https://mhec.state.md.us>

1-800-974-0203 (Toll Free)

Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program

http://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_conroy.aspx

Aid for tuition and other educational expenses are available for veterans and their family members who are attending an institution of higher learning within the borders of the State of Maryland. Eligibility criteria:

- You must be a Maryland resident at the time of the application.
- You must enroll at a two-year or four-year Maryland college or university, as a full-time or part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate student or attend a private career school.
- The son, daughter, or stepchild of a member of the United States armed forces who is deceased as a result of military service or who suffered a service-connected 100 percent permanent disability as a result of military service; or,
- A Veteran who suffers a service connected disability of 25 percent or greater as a result of military service and has exhausted or is no longer eligible for Federal veterans' educational benefits; or
- The son, daughter, or stepchild or surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks who died as a result of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the attack on the Pentagon in Virginia, or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania; or,
- The son, daughter, or stepchild or surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a State or local public safety employee or volunteer who died in the line of duty or who sustained an injury in the line of duty that rendered the public safety or employee or volunteer 100 percent disabled;
- A POW/MIA of the Vietnam Conflict or his/her son or daughter; or,
- A State or local public safety employee or volunteer who became 100 percent disabled in the line of duty.
- The son, daughter, stepchild, or surviving spouse (who has not remarried) of a school employee who, as a result of an act of violence either died in the line of duty or sustained an injury in the line of duty that rendered the school employee 100% disabled or a state or local public safety employee or volunteer who was 100 percent disabled in the line of duty.

Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program

http://mhec.maryland.gov/preparing/Pages/FinancialAid/ProgramDescriptions/prog_vaic.aspx

The program is designed to provide financial assistance to United States Armed Forces personnel who served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, and their sons, daughters, or spouses who are current high school seniors, and full-time and part-time, degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolled in an eligible accredited Maryland postsecondary institution.

Eligibility requirements:

- A Veteran who served at least 60 days in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, as defined above;
- An active duty member of the Armed Forces who served at least 60 days in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts, as defined above;
- A member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Maryland National Guard who was activated as a result of the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts and served at least 60 days, as defined above; or
- A son, daughter, or spouse of:
 - A Veteran or active duty member of the Armed Forces who is serving or has served in the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts at least 60 days, as defined above; or
 - A member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces or Maryland National Guard who was activated as a result of the Afghanistan or Iraq Conflicts and served at least 60 days, as defined above.
- Applicants must be residents of Maryland, must be accepted for admission or enrolled in a regular undergraduate program at an eligible Maryland institution, or be accepted for admission or enrolled in a 2-year terminal certificate program in which the course work is acceptable for transfer credit for an accredited baccalaureate program at an eligible Maryland institution.

Note: Residents of Maryland include active members of the United States Armed Forces, their spouses and their dependent children who are stationed in the State of Maryland or whose home of residency is Maryland.

National Military Family Association (NMFA) – Scholarships and Career Funds

E-mail: info@militaryfamily.org

703-931-6632 (V)

www.militaryfamily.org/programs/spouses-scholarships/

NMFA spouse scholarships are one-time/year awards averaging between \$500 – \$1,000. The amount can depend on our donors and your educational or professional need. Any spouse with a valid military ID is eligible.

You are eligible to apply for a spouse scholarship if you:

- are a spouse of a member of the seven Uniformed Services with a valid military ID
- are married to an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, medically retired, wounded or fallen service member (must be a service-related wound, illness, injury or death that took place after September 11, 2001)
- are a dual service military spouse
- are a divorced spouse, but ONLY if you receive 20/20/20 benefits

Here's who is not eligible:

- Surviving spouses who are remarried, unless they are remarried to a service member
- Children (Check the Defense Commissary Agency Military Children Scholarships at www.fisherhouse.org)
- Spouses of former service members, unless they are retired or medically-retired
- NMFA volunteers, employees and board members are not eligible

Our Military Kids

www.ourmilitarykids.org

703-734-6654 (V)

1-866-691-6654 (Toll Free)

Offers grants to dependents aged 3 to 18 years of Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army National Guard and Reserve, Navy Reserve, Marine Reserve, Coast Guard, and children of severely injured service members and Veterans. The maximum grant is \$300 per child, which may be used to fund youth sports, camps, STEM programs, fine arts programs, and tutor programs.

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program

E-mail: thanksusa@scholarshipamerica.org
www.thanksusa.org

507-931-8209 (V)

Sponsors a scholarship program for dependent children or spouses of U.S. military personnel* serving after September 11, 2001. To be eligible you must

- Be a dependent child, age 24 and under (as of application deadline) OR be a spouse of U.S. military service personnel AND
- Be current high school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll or students who are already enrolled in a full-time undergraduate course of study at an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or vocational or technical school for the academic year.
- Have at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale or its equivalent on their relevant academic record (e.g., high school record for incoming freshmen or post-secondary school record for those already enrolled in a college, university, or vocational or technical school).

Spouses enrolled part time in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited institution are also eligible. Spouses may also use the award for non-degree licensure and certification programs regardless of whether an undergraduate degree has already been completed.

*U.S. military personnel are defined as those who have served full-time for at least 180 days after 9/11/01 and all those who have been either killed or wounded in action after 9/11/01. U.S. military personnel are defined as members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard. U.S. military personnel are further defined as members of the military reserves who have been activated to full-time duty and members of the National Guard who have been federalized and who otherwise meet the requirements. Spouses and dependent children of retired or discharged service personnel are eligible to apply but military member must have served 180 days after 9/11/01. Spouses and dependent children of Public Health Employees are not eligible to apply.

Tuition Assistance Top-Up – Department of Veterans Affairs

www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/tuition_assistance.asp

Using Top-Up benefits may be an option if you plan to use tuition assistance (TA) to complete a degree program while on active duty, and don't plan to continue your education after service. Top-up can also be helpful for just taking a few courses with TA while on active duty; then you can save most of your GI Bill benefits for after service to complete your education program. The Top-up program is only available for recipients of the Montgomery GI Bill - Active Duty or Post-9/11 GI Bill programs. Top-up is limited to 36 months of payments. The amount of this benefit can be equal to the difference between the total cost of a college course and the amount of Tuition Assistance that is paid by the military for the course. To be eligible for the Top-up benefit, you must be approved for federal TA by a military department and be eligible for Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty or Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. Contact your School Certifying Official (SCO) to discuss applying for Top-Up.

Veterans of Foreign Wars - "Sports Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"

E-mail: helpahero@vfw.org
www.vfw.org/Scholarship

Provide service members and Veterans with the financial assistance they need to complete their educational goals. Eligible applicants must: Be a citizen of the United States; Be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve; Have completed Basic Training and follow-on training (Advanced Individual Training, Technical school, etc.); Separated with or currently hold a military rank of E-5 or below; Demonstrate a need for financial assistance; Participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution; If selected, authorize the VFW and Sport Clips, Inc. to announce and publish award of your scholarship; If awarded a scholarship, the recipient's name, city, state, photograph and essay may be used for promotional purposes by the VFW and Sport Clips, Inc. without further consent from the recipient. Scholarships of up to \$5,000 will be awarded to qualified applicants.