



Veterans Network Directory - Montgomery County, MD

Tuition Assistance and Scholarships

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American Legion Legacy Scholarship

Email: legacyfund@legion.org
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 and individual need. Expenses may include tuition, fees, books, program costs, meal plans and housing, up to \$5,000 for disabled veterans and \$20,000 for fallen heroes.

AMVETS – Scholarships

4647 Forbes Boulevard
Lanham, MD 20706-4380
Email: amvets@amvets.org
www.amvets.org/scholarships

301-459-9600 (V)

Annually award scholarships to veterans and active duty military, Guard and Reserves, and their sons, daughters or grandchildren. A son, daughter or grandchild of a deceased veteran is also eligible. Awarded on the basis of academic excellence and financial need, the scholarships go to deserving high school seniors, high school JROTC students and veterans pursuing a higher education. The following scholarships, funded by the AMVETS National Service Foundation, are awarded annually:

- Two scholarships of \$12,000 for veterans and active duty in the United States military, National Guard or Reserves.
- Six \$4,000 scholarships for high school seniors (\$1,000 a year of a four-year undergraduate program or at an accredited technical/trade leading to certification or a degree; one selected from each district).
- Three \$4,000 scholarships for veterans (\$1,000 a year of a four-year undergraduate program or certification/degree from an accredited technical/trade school; no regard for district boundaries).
- One \$1,000 scholarship for a JROTC high school senior entering any undergraduate program (no regard for district boundaries).

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

Email: scholarship@bva.org
<https://bva.org/programs/scholarships/>

202-371-8880 (V)

Scholarships are available to spouses, dependent children, and grandchildren of blind and low vision veterans to assist them with their higher education tuition. These military dependent scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit through an application process that is evaluated by a committee. The Gruber scholarships for veterans' dependents are for one year only but recipients can re-apply and receive the award up to four times. The blind or low vision veteran family member is not required to be a BVA member for the spouse, child, or grandchild to receive a scholarship.

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation

1818 Library Street, Suite 500
Reston, VA 20190
Email: contact@fallenpatriots.org
www.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.

Fisher House Foundation – Scholarships

12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 410
Rockville, Maryland 20852
www.fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs

301-294-8560 (V)
1-888-294-8560 (Toll Free)

Scholarships for Military Children: Program is open to unmarried military dependent children under the age 23 who possess a valid Uniformed Services Identification (USID) card. In addition, a student's parent(s)/sponsor(s) must be one of the following: active duty, reserve/guard, deceased, or retired from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Space Force. Must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree or a community/junior college designed to allow for a direct transfer into a four-year program.

High school applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis). College applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. College freshmen must submit a first-semester college transcript.

Heroes' Legacy Scholarship: program honors not only those who have fallen in battle, but all who have died or have become seriously injured 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.

Military Spouses: Scholarship funds can be used towards degrees, certifications, licensure, clinical supervision for mental health licensure, CEUs, business expenses and more. Eligibility is for spouses of a Service member that served post 9/11/2001 and meets one of the below requirements: active duty service member; retiree (including medically retired); 100% disabled veteran; guardsman; reservist; fallen service member; or you are a 20/20/20 spouse. Eligibility is extended to spouses of a service member that served post 9/11 in one of the 8 Uniformed Services which are Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard and Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and NOAA.

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

www.fascholarship.com

1-800-475-6620 (Toll Free)

Scholarship fund is for the children of military personnel who have been killed or have been deemed 100% totally and permanently disabled from a combat mission or training accident. The dependent son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman, or Marine who has:

- Been killed in action.
- Become 100% totally & permanently disabled as a direct result of a combat mission, with priority given to those who have a single combat-related disability rated at 70% or more. This does not apply to Servicemembers who are Silver Star or Purple Heart medal recipients, as they only need a combined 100% total and permanent disability rating. Qualifying parent must have received an Honorable discharge.
- Suffered a major limb amputation due to enemy action
- Been classified as a Prisoner of War (POW) or as Missing in Action (MIA).
- Been awarded the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, or the Coast Guard Cross.
- Been involved in a training accident that resulted in the death of the Servicemember or caused an immediate inability to continue serving (100% totally and permanently disabled).

General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program – Air Force Aid Society

22570 Markey Court, Suite 240
Dulles, VA 20166
Email: education@afas-hq.org
<https://afas.org/haparnoldgrant>

703-972-2647 (V)

Provides education grants to dependents of U.S. Air Force or U.S. Space Force service members. AFAS education support is available to dependent sons and daughters of active duty, Title 10 Reserve and Guard on extended active duty, Title 32 Guard performing full-time active duty through December 1 of the academic year, retired due to length of active duty service or disability, retired AGR/Reserve with 20+ satisfactory service years creditable for retired pay and placed on the Air Force or Space Force Reserve Retired List (no other retired classifications are considered eligible), or deceased member who died while on active duty or in retired status. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Grants range from \$500 to \$4,000.

Education grants are available to spouses of U.S. Air Force or U.S. Space Force members who are active duty, Title 10 Reserve and Guard on extended active duty, and Title 32 Guard performing full-time active duty through December 1 of the academic year or surviving spouses of U.S. Air Force or U.S. Space Force members who died while on active duty or in retired status.

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:** Child or step-child of one of the following: 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, Navy Chaplain or Religious Program Specialist who is or was attached to a U.S. Marine Corps unit or who was killed while serving with a U.S. Marine Corps unit; minimum unweighted 2.00 GPA; demonstrate financial need through a family adjusted gross income of \$117,000 or less for the 2022 tax year; attending or planning to attend an accredited school that is eligible for federal funding; and submit a completed application with all required documents by the deadline. 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 up to \$40,000 over four years (\$2,500 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: Grandchildren applicants must provide documentation of their grandparent's membership in one of the following associations: 531 Gray Ghost Squadron Association; Marines' Memorial Association; or USMC/Combat Helicopter Association. Proof of membership can include membership card, roster list, letter from the association indicating membership. Applicants must also meet the Scholarship Foundation's eligibility criteria. This includes financial eligibility and there are no exceptions. These programs receive limited funding and not all who apply will receive a scholarship award.

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)

Email: 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

https://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.

Douglas J.J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Program

https://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;
- 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

Email: info@militaryfamily.org

703-931-6632 (V)

www.militaryfamily.org/programs/spouses-scholarships

Spouse scholarships are one-time/year awards averaging between \$500 – \$2,500. The amount can depend on donors and your educational or professional need. Scholarship program eligibility is extended to spouses of all 8 Uniformed Services which are: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard and Commissioned Corps of the USPHS and NOAA. You are eligible to apply for a spouse scholarship if you are the spouse of a service member that served post 9/11 and meets one of the following requirements: active-duty service member; retiree (including medically retired); 100% Disabled Veteran; Guardsman; Reservist; fallen service member; you are a 20/20/20 spouse; or you have, or are eligible to hold, a valid military/Uniformed Services ID.

Our Military Kids

www.ourmilitarykids.org

703-734-6654 (V)

1-866-691-6654 (Toll Free)

Offers grants (up to \$300 per eligible child) to pay for extracurricular activities for children ages 1 to 18 of deployed and stateside activated National Guard and Reserve service members, as well as those of combat-injured veterans from any service branch. Grants can be used to pay for a wide range of extracurricular activities, including sports teams, music lessons, tutoring, and summer camp. Unable to fund daycare fees, school tuition, or mission trips. Our Military Kids has never turned away an eligible child. You may submit one application per eligible child in your household for an activity grant for up to \$300 each.

Tuition Assistance Top-Up – Department of Veterans Affairs

www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/tuition-assistance-top-up

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's certifying official to make sure your program is approved.

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

Email: 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.