



## **EDUCATION / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** **(Federal and Private Organizations)**

This list is a compilation of the federal and private organization education and scholarship opportunities specifically available to military Survivors (i.e., spouses, dependents or siblings). These are in addition to any State Survivor education benefits that might also be available. The organizations listed below are funded with federal dollars or through private Nonprofit 501c 3.

Be sure to check all eligibility rules to ensure you apply for the opportunity when submitting your application. Here is an at-a-glance charge of all opportunities as well as some basic eligibility details

Opportunity Information (Click name to jump directly)	Eligible Party				Branch					
	Survivor	Spouse	Children/Dependents	Sibling	National Guard	Army	Air Force	Navy	Marines	Coast Guard
<a href="#">A Million Thanks Armed Forces Children's Education Fund, Inc.</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Air Force Aid Society</a>			X				X			
<a href="#">America's Child Rebuilding Futures, One Child at a Time</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">American Legion Auxiliary: Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">American Legion Auxiliary: Non-Traditional Student Scholarship</a>	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">American Legion: Legacy Scholarship</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">American Veterans (AMVETS)</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Armed Forces Benefits Association Survivor Scholarship</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Army Emergency Relief (AER) Education Program</a>	X	X	X		X	X				
<a href="#">Army Scholarship Foundation</a>		X	X		X	X				
<a href="#">Army Women's Foundation: Legacy Scholarship</a>	X		X		X	X				
<a href="#">Assisting Single Parents in Realizing Education (ASPIRE)</a>		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Beaumont Foundation of America</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Children's Fund of America</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Coast Guard Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund</a>			X							X
<a href="#">Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Education, Grant and Loan Programs</a>	X	X	X							X
<a href="#">CollegeScholarships.org</a>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Defense Commissary Agency Scholarships for Military Children</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Dependents Education Assistance Program</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund</a>			X		X					
<a href="#">eKnowledge: SAT/ACT Test Preparation</a>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans' Families</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X



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<a href="#">Fallen Heroes Survivors Foundation</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Families United</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Financial Counselor Fellowship</a>		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Fisher House Foundation Heroes' Legacy Scholarship Program</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">The Folded Flag Foundation</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Folds of Honor Foundation</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Fort Brag Area Officer's Spouses Club Grants/Scholarships</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Gold Star Kids Project</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Homefront America</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Hope for the Warriors Scholarship Program</a>	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Kaplan University/American Freedom Foundation Military Family Scholarship Program</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Marine Corps Scholarship Fund</a>			X				X	X		
<a href="#">Marine Gunnery Sgt John David Fry Scholarship (Post 9/11 GI Bill)</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Matthew Freeman Project</a>				X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Military Families United: The Art Institutes Scholarship Program</a>		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Military Officers Association of America: American Patriot Scholarship</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship Program</a>	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">National Military Family Association Military Spouse Scholarship</a>		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Navy League Foundation Scholarships</a>			X				X			
<a href="#">Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society</a>		X	X				X	X		
<a href="#">Oregon Community College Veterans Tuition Waivers</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Pat Tillman Foundation</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Patriot Guard Riders Fallen Warrior Scholarship Fund</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Professional Tutors of America, Inc.</a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">No Greater Sacrifice: Scholarships for Children of Fallen and Wounded Service Members</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Our Military Kids: OMK Grants for Children</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#">Sons and Daughters in Touch</a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X



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	<i>Survivor</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Children/Dependents</i>	<i>Sibling</i>	<i>National Guard</i>	<i>Army</i>	<i>Air Force</i>	<i>Navy</i>	<i>Marines</i>	<i>Coast Guard</i>
<i>Opportunity Information</i> <i>(Click name to jump directly)</i>										
<a href="#"><u>Special Operations Warrior Foundation</u></a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#"><u>ThanksUSA</u></a>		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#"><u>Tutor.com for US Military Families</u></a>			X		X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#"><u>Warford Foundation</u></a>		X			X	X	X	X	X	X
<a href="#"><u>Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation</u></a>		X	X					X		



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### **A Million Thanks Armed Forces Children's Education Fund, Inc.**

#### **QUALIFICATIONS FOR AFCEF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:**

The candidate must be a surviving child of a U.S. Military Service Member who lost their life on or after October 7, 2001, while serving their country. The candidate must be enrolled (or accepted) at an eligible educational institution (college, university or accepted trade school) that meets federal accreditation standards. Be able to prove financial need of funds. Submit completed AFCEF application and 500 word essay titled, "Why it is important for me to continue my education, and what the plan is for my life."

**TO APPLY:** If the above qualifications are met, click on the following link:

[http://amillionthanks.org/A\\_Million\\_Thanks\\_Scholarship\\_application.pdf](http://amillionthanks.org/A_Million_Thanks_Scholarship_application.pdf).

Applications are ONLY accepted between 1 January – 31 March and 1 July - 15 October of each year. AFCEF funds are available based on need, not grades, and will be decided on a case-by-case basis. AFCEF funds are secondary to other funding sources and payment will be made directly to the school. A submission of an application does not guarantee an AFCEF Scholarship. The decision of the AFCEF Board of Examiners is final.

<http://amillionthanks.org/index.php>

### **Air Force Aid Society – Merit Scholarship for children of those who died on Active Duty or Retired**

The Society awards a minimum of ten \$5,000 merit-based scholarships to incoming freshman who have completed both phases of the **General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant application**, and therefore, have already been reviewed for eligibility and had their Grade Point Average (GPA) verified. These scholarship candidates, regardless of whether or not they receive the need-based Arnold Grant, will be directly contacted by **AFAS HQ in May**. Learn more at: <http://www.afas.org/merit>.

### **America's Child Rebuilding Futures. One Child at a Time**

Honoring our nation's armed forces, America's Child provides higher education assistance and mental healthcare assistance for the children of our military heroes: the fallen men and women who proudly sacrificed their lives fighting terrorism and whose strength and courage has kept our nation safe. <http://www.americaschild.org/>.

### **American Legion Auxiliary: Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship**

Candidates for this award shall be daughters, sons, grandsons, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, great-grandsons of veterans who served in the Armed Forces.

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Children-of-Warriors-National-Presidents--Scholarship/>.

### **American Legion Auxiliary Non-Traditional Student Scholarship**

Getting a job or staying competitive in today's workplace involves showing employers you have the skills and experience to get the job done. In many cases, returning to college is a must. The American Legion Auxiliary's goal is to do all we can to make that happen, and that's what the Non-Traditional Student Scholarship is all about. This scholarship helps people who are part of The Legion Family pursue a college degree later in life or allow them to pick up where they left off when their studies were interrupted. If you're at this place in life, this may be the right scholarship for you. <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Non-Traditional-Student-Scholarship/>.



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### **American Legion Legacy Scholarship**

The American Legion offers a Legacy Scholarship to children whose parents(s) died while on active duty orders on or after September 11, 2001. The parent does not have to have been in combat, or even "in country". Being on active duty is the only stipulation. This includes any National Guard (air or ground), and reservists who have been activated by federal orders. Applications must be post marked no later than 1 April 16. The scholarship is not "competitive" meaning that all who correctly and fully complete the application process will be awarded the scholarship. The amount distributed to the applicants will vary year-to-year based on the amounts of donations and awarded scholarships. Applicants must be a high school senior or high school graduate to apply. Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited institution of higher education within the U.S. For further information and an application, call the Program Coordinator at (317) 630-1212 or go to:

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

### **American Veterans (AMVETS)**

#### **Children, Grandchildren of veterans or Active Duty Service Member/Guard or Reserve**

Graduating High School Seniors Only

\$4,000 – (\$1,000 awarded annually over four years) 6 awarded each year

\$1,000 – 1 awarded each year <http://www.amvets.org/amvets-in-action/scholarships/>.

### **Armed Forces Benefits Association (AFBA) Charles C. Blanton Family Survivor College Scholarship Program**

The AFBA offers the Charles C. Blanton AFBA Family Survivor College Scholarship. The scholarship is offered to the surviving spouse or children of an insured AFBA member who dies in a combat zone, as a result of combat action or whose life was lost as a result of acts of foreign or domestic terrorism. The scholarship provides an educational scholarship to candidates for an undergraduate degree of up to \$10,000 per family, per year for a maximum benefit of \$40,000 for tuition and fees. For more information, go to: <http://www.afba.com/Life-Planning/Products/By-Life-Event/Surviving-a-Loss.aspx> or call 1-800776-2322.

### **Army Emergency Relief (AER)**

AER is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to provide financial assistance to Army Soldiers and their dependents in time of valid emergency need. Their education program is a secondary mission to help Army families with the costs of education. AER offers three scholarships: Stateside Spouses Education Assistance Program, Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program and the Major General James Ursano Scholarship Fund (for dependent children). To apply for these programs or to obtain further information, go to: [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

### **Army Scholarship Foundation (ASF)**

The Army Scholarship Foundation awards one-year financial scholarships (not grants or loans) on an annual basis to qualified and deserving students. The amount of award ranges from \$500 to \$2000 for undergraduate studies at accredited educational/technical institutions. Scholarship recipients may apply to renew their scholarships annually for a total of four years of higher education. Renewal is not automatic, but depends on academic performance and continued academic eligibility. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic record and participation in school and community activities.

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



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### **Army Women's Foundation - Legacy Scholarship**

The Foundation's Legacy Scholarship program recognizes the importance of education and helping recipients to achieve their educational goals. The Legacy Scholarship Program offers financial support in four areas: Certificate programs, Community College coursework, Undergraduate Degrees, and Graduate Degrees. Scholarships are awarded only for coursework from accredited institutions. Scholarships are based on merit, academic potential, community service, letters of recommendation, and need.

**Applicant must** be a woman who has served or is serving honorably in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, Army National Guard or the child of a woman who served honorably in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve or Army National Guard.

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-type/legacy-scholarships/army-womens-foundation-legacy-scholarship/>

### **Assisting Single Parents in Realizing Education (ASPIRE)**

Under the Surviving Spouses Scholarship Program presented by BAE Systems, Inc., ASPIRE provides scholarships to single parents who have lost a spouse in OEF or OIF. Scholarships may be used for tuition, books, utility bills, car maintenance, childcare or any other financial need that contributes to the recipient's success in school. In addition, counselors are available to serve as coaches and assist with day-to-day issues such as financial planning and tutoring.

Single parents selected for financial assistance will meet the following criteria:

- Widow/widower of a service member, between the ranks of E1-E9, who has died in action while serving in OEF or OIF.
- Be able to prove that your spouse was enlisted in the U.S. Military from 2001 to present.
- High School or GED graduate.
- Single head of household (single, legally separated, divorced, widowed) with sole custody of one or more children under the age of 21, and not co-habiting with ex or current spouse or partner.
- Pursuing a career-oriented course of study (full-time) to ensure a better standard of living for his/her family. Applicants cannot already have earned an undergraduate degree.
- Low income person at or near the current U.S. Department of Health and Human Service (HHS) Income Guidelines poverty level. Call 866-973-0805 or visit [www.aspireus.org](http://www.aspireus.org) for more information.

### **Beaumont Foundation of America**

The Beaumont Foundation's Children of Fallen Heroes Program was initiated in April of 2005 to honor the service and sacrifice of United States troops. The brainchild of Chairman Wayne A. Reaud, the program awards laptop computers to the children and spouses of military personnel who gave their lives in the ongoing conflicts in Iraq or Afghanistan. The Beaumont Foundation is dedicated to enriching the lives and enhancing the futures of less fortunate children and youth, families and the elderly, by providing grants and scholarships to a broad range of charitable, religious and educational organizations across the United States. Call 866-546-2667 or [www.bmtfoundation.com](http://www.bmtfoundation.com) for more information.



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### **Children's Fund of America**

*America's Child* was established for the sole purpose of providing college education and welfare assistance to every child whose military parent gave their life to protect us from the horrors they faced on a daily basis. We are committed to providing assistance to the surviving children of our military heroes who have already given their lives in patriotic service to their country fighting our nation's war against terrorism as part of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and the Philippines, Operation Iraqi Freedom or future conflicts.

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

### **Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation**

The Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation was founded with the mission to provide college scholarships and educational counseling to the children of military personnel who were killed in the line of duty. These range from programs administered by the Veteran's Administration to state sponsored programs to private scholarship funds. However, these grant sources often fall short of the total cost of college and the goal of The Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation is to "fill the gap" to ensure that no child who has lost a parent in the line of duty has to pay for college. Visit online at [www.fallenpatriots.org](http://www.fallenpatriots.org) to learn more about its mission, service offerings, and detailed contact and enrollment information.

### **Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund**

The Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund was founded, October 23, 2003 to help support surviving U.S. Military children who have lost a parent in the Afghanistan or Iraq wars by providing them with College Grants. The organization's College Grant Program has been expanded to include both U.S. Military children and spouses who have either lost a loved one as a result of the Afghanistan or Iraq wars or have a severely disabled parent or spouse who was injured during a deployment to either war. The organization's second objective is to help the surviving members of these families with financial assistance. Our goal is to make awards to applicants in need of assistance with housing, repairs, utilities, medical expenses, groceries, clothing, school supplies, and other expenses deemed necessary in order to help alleviate their need. Contact [www.cfsrf.org](http://www.cfsrf.org) or 301-865-6327 for more information.

### **Coast Guard Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund (Fallen Heroes)**

The Fallen Heroes Scholarship Fund was established by John and Delinda Statts and benefits dependent children of USCG members (enlisted and commissioned officers) who lost their life in CG land, air, or sea operations. Dependent children must be currently registered in the DEERS system. For more information, go to:

[www.uscg.mil/worklife/scholarship.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/worklife/scholarship.asp)

### **Coast Guard Mutual Assistance (CGMA) Education, Grant and Loan Programs**

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Education grants and loans foster long-term financial well-being by helping Coast Guard families pursue their academic goals through post-secondary education. For the purpose of **CGMA Education Grant and Loan Programs**:

**All CGMA Clients** refers to all Active Duty Coast Guard and Retired Coast Guard military personnel, members of the Coast Guard Selected Reserve, Coast Guard Civilian employees, Coast Guard Auxiliarists, and Public Health Officers serving with the Coast Guard. **Eligible Family Members** include: the CGMA Client's spouse and children under 23 years of age who are unmarried, non-service members, and dependent upon the CGMA client for over half of their support. <http://www.cgmahq.org/Assistance/Programs/edu.html>.



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### **College Scholarships.org – Helping Students Pay for College Since 1999**

Instant access to Free College Scholarships and Grants, Student Loans and Financial Aid Blogs at your fingertips! Visit our website today at: <http://www.collegescholarships.org/>.

### **Defense Commissary Agency Scholarships for Military Children Program**

The Scholarships for Military Children Program was created to recognize the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and to celebrate the role of the commissary in the military family community. Scholarships are available to dependent, unmarried children of active duty, reservists, National Guard or Survivors of a deceased member as long as the child has a valid military ID card. Applicants must be younger than 21 or 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university. Applications are normally available in early December. For more information, go to: [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) (then click 'scholarships Info' under the 'News & Info' tab) or call 804-734-8000, ext 86115 (Commissary marketing and mass communication specialist).

### **Dependents Education Assistance (DEA) Program**

The Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA) program offers education and training opportunities to eligible dependents of Veterans who are permanently and totally disabled due to a service-related condition or of Veterans who died while on active duty or as a result of a service-related condition.

#### **Type of Assistance:**

Benefits may be used for degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. If you are a spouse, you may take a correspondence course. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Get the [DEA pamphlet](#).

#### **Available Benefits and Eligibility**

You may receive up to 45 months of education benefits. Effective Oct. 1, 2013, some DEA beneficiaries may be eligible for up to 81 months of GI Bill benefits if they use the Survivors and Dependents Educational Assistance program in conjunction with an entitlement from other VA education programs. View [current payment rates](#). If you are eligible for both Fry Scholarship and DEA, you will be required to make an irrevocable election between the two programs when you apply. Learn more at: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/DEA.asp>.

### **DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund**

The DRS Guardian Scholarship Fund is provided for college-bound or enrolled children of National Guard men and women who have lost their lives in support of the war on terrorism. Applicants can apply for up to \$25,000 in scholarship funds from DRS Technologies, a New Jersey-based defense contractor. The Guardian Scholarship Fund is administered by the National Guard Educational Foundation (NGEF). Students will receive up to \$6,250 per year for four years if they attend a four-year institution and for those attending a two-year program at a community college or technical school, the scholarship will provide up to \$6,250 for both years. A review panel created by NGEF will determine who will receive the funds, which will be paid directly to the school. Juniors and seniors in high school, as well as students already in college, are eligible to apply. For more information go to: <http://www.ngef.org/get-involved/apply-for-the-drs-guardian-scholarship/>. To download an application form go to: <http://www.ngef.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/2015-DRS-Guardian-Scholarship-Fund-Application-Revised.pdf>.





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### **eKnowledge**

eKnowledge offers SAT and ACT test preparation programs FREE to Survivors of our Fallen Soldiers, all military members (including National Guard and Reserves) and their relatives. These programs are normally offered at over \$200. To date, eKnowledge has donated more than \$38 million of free test prep software to military families worldwide (note: there is a small charge for materials, processing and shipping, currently about \$17). They also offer significantly discounted prices on other educational programs. The free software comes in a single DVD and includes more than 11 hours of Virtual Classroom instruction and 3,000 files of supplemental test prep material. Students select the training they need and study at their own pace. For more information or to place an order online, go to: [www.eknowledge.com/SOS](http://www.eknowledge.com/SOS). To order by telephone, call 951-256-4076.

### **Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans' Families (EBV -F)**

The EBV-F is an education and training program offered by the Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University. The program is designed to leverage the flexibility inherent in small business ownership to provide a vocational and economic 'path-forward' for military family members who are now caregivers to a wounded warrior – or for the surviving spouse of a military member who gave his or her life in service to our country. The EBV-F program will integrate training in small business management, with caregiver and family issues, positioning the family member to launch and grow a small business in a way that is complementary or enhancing to other family responsibilities.

Eligibility includes the surviving spouse or adult child of a soldier, airman, sailor, coast guardsman, or Marine (active, guard or reserves) who lost their life since 2001, as a consequence of their military service. The program is entirely free to accepted applicants including travel, lodging and meals. For more information or to submit an application, go to <http://www.whitman.syr.edu/ebv/> or contact EBV Coordinator, Falcone Center for Entrepreneurship, Whitman School of Management, 721 University Ave, Suite 116, Syracuse, NY 13244, 315-443-6007/8736. The EBV program is offered by a network of six world-class institutions including The Whitman School of Management, UCLA Anderson School of Management, Florida State University's College of Business, Mays Business School at Texas A&M, The Krannert School of Management at Purdue University and The University of Connecticut School of Business.

### **Fallen Heroes Survivors Foundation**

Fallen Heroes Survivors Foundation, Inc. (FHSF) is a Non Profit 501(c) 3 Corporation (incorporated in 2011) that was founded in 2010 by Mr. Mike H. Ladouceur. FHSF provides services to the surviving spouses and dependent children of our brave American military personnel who have fallen in battle during the war on terror, as well as those persons who have committed suicide due to documented Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) as a result of their service to our country during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. FHSF provides short-term support for emergency health care, housing, and car payments, as well as accounts for scholarships (for surviving college-bound youth). <http://www.fallenheroessurvivorsfoundation.org/>.



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### **Families United**

Families United supports America's Gold and Blue Star families through social gatherings, educational programs, charitable support, and patriotic activities. Through Families United, military families receive support, resources, and opportunities that they need to cope with the absence of a loved one. Families United also provides a means for veterans to be honored for their service, support to those who are currently fighting, and a place for patriotic Americans throughout the country to support our troops and their families. For more information, go to:

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

### **Financial Counselor Fellowship**

This program provides up to 200 military spouses with the education necessary to enter the financial counseling career field. The fellowship covers the costs associated with completing the Accredited Financial Counselor® (AFC®) training and the first two attempts at both exams. Upon successful completion of the program and required practicum, the participant will be awarded the Accredited Financial Counselor® designation from AFCPE®. For more information, go to:

<http://www.military.com/spouse/career-advancement/military-spouse-jobs/financial-counselor-training-for-spouses.html>

### **Fisher House Foundation Heroes' Legacy Scholarship Program**

Heroes' Legacy Scholarships honor not only those who have fallen in battle, but all who have died or have become disabled through their active military service on or after September 11, 2001. The program is available to dependent unmarried children under age 23 of active duty personnel, Reserve/Guard and retired military members, or survivors of service members who died while on active duty since 9/11. For more information, go to:

[www.militaryscholar.org/legacy/index.html](http://www.militaryscholar.org/legacy/index.html).

### **Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children**

Only dependent unmarried children under age 23 of active duty personnel, reserve/guard and retired military members, or survivors of service members who died while on active duty (also see Heroes' Legacy Scholarship) or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military, may apply for a scholarship. <http://militaryscholar.org/sfmc/apply.html>.

### **The Folded Flag Foundation**

In recognition of our fallen heroes, the Folded Flag Foundation awards educational grants and scholarships to families of the U.S. military and employees of the U.S. government who have lost their lives in combat. Scholarships and grants are available to qualifying spouses of fallen heroes and their children under the age of 26 to assist with a wide range of educational needs, including K-12 tuition and tuition for college/trade school. <https://www.foldedflagfoundation.org/>



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### **Folds of Honor Foundation (FHF)**

FHF provides post-secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of military service men and women killed or disabled while serving our great nation. Scholarships are to be used to subsidize the costs of tuition, school books, fees, room and board, special tools and equipment necessary for coursework, school-approved tutoring, and any other expense that the school in which the student is enrolled may deem appropriate and unmet. There are two available types of scholarships:

- *Immediate-Use Scholarship*: awarded to the spouses or dependents that are currently attending or recently accepted into a 4-year or 2-year degree program at an institution of higher education, OR a vocational, technical or other certification program.
- *Future-Use Scholarship*: awarded to the young children of service members, infants up to, and including, the 8th grade, and invested by the Foundation on their behalf, the scholarship is dispersed at the time of college enrollment.

To be eligible, an applicant must be the spouse or dependent of:

- An active duty or Reserve Component Soldier, sailor, airman, Marine, or Coast Guardsman killed or disabled in the Global War on Terror or other unique applications presented to and approved by the FHF board in writing on a case-by-case basis.
- An active duty or Reserve Component Soldier, sailor, airman, Marine or Coast Guardsman who is currently classified as a POW or MIA.
- A veteran who died from any cause while such service-connected disability was in existence.
- A service member missing in action or captured in line of duty by a hostile force.
- A service member forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign government or power.
- A service member who received a Purple Heart Medal. For more information or to apply for this scholarship, go to: Folds of Honor Foundation, 7030 S. Yale, Suite 600 Tulsa, OK 74136 or [www.foldsofhonor.org](http://www.foldsofhonor.org).

### **Fort Brag Area Officer's Spouse s Club Grant/Scholarship Programs**

The FBAOSC offers numerous Grants and Scholarship Programs available to military children and spouses. Please see the following link for more information:

[http://www.fbaosc.org/scholarship\\_9.html](http://www.fbaosc.org/scholarship_9.html).

### **Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund**

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund was the vision of Freedom Alliance founders LtCol Oliver North, USMC (Ret.) and the late LtGen Edward Bronars, USMC. The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships for their children. The dependent children of U.S. military personnel who have been killed or permanently disabled in an operational mission or training exercise are eligible to apply. Also eligible are students who have a parent classified as a Prisoner of War or Missing in Action. For more information, go to: [www.fascholarship.com](http://www.fascholarship.com) or call 800-475-6620.

### **Gold Star Kids Project**

Gold Star College for Kids Foundation serves children whose parents died in military combat. At Gold Star College for Kids Foundation, we try to help children while they are young, so we can monitor their progress. We stay in touch with their families and schools to make sure that they are doing well. <http://goldstarkids.org/>.



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### **Homefront America (Supporting Military Families)**

Homefront America provides year-round programs to help enhance the quality of life for military families, with focus on meeting the unique needs of the children. We offer **Scholarships for Military Dependent Children**, Back-to-School "Packs for Success", Special Events to help bolster troops and family morale. As well as Holiday Program: Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas. If you are new to our site, we invite you to take a look around and join our growing family! <http://www.homefrontamerica.org/>.

### **Hope for the Warriors Scholarship Program**

All Hope For The Warriors programs serve post-9/11 active duty, National Guard, and reserve service members and veterans from all branches of the military. Programs also support the entire military family, families of the fallen, and military caregivers. <http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/>

### **Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans, Inc.**

#### **One Scholarship. Endless Opportunities.**

As one of the nation's largest need-based college scholarship programs in the country, the Horatio Alger Scholarship Programs specifically assist high school students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their young lives. While many programs are directed primarily to recognizing academic achievement or leadership potential, the Horatio Alger program seeks students who have exhibited determination, integrity, and perseverance in overcoming adversity, as well as critical financial need.

<https://scholars.horatioalger.org/scholarships/>.

### **Kaplan University/American Freedom Foundation (AFF) Military Family Scholarship Program**

The mission of the American Freedom Foundation (AFF) is to honor the men and women of our armed forces and to raise awareness of their service and sacrifice. In that proud spirit, Kaplan University and the AFF joined forces to offer scholarships designed to support our military and veteran families. Two different scholarship awards are available to spouses or dependent children of service members, including National Guard and Reserve, and spouses or dependent children of United States veterans.

<http://americanfreedomfoundation.org/news/kaplan-university-and-american-freedom-foundation-launch-scholarship-program-military-families>



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### **Marine Corps Scholarship Fund**

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is the nation's oldest and largest provider of need-based scholarships to children of Marines and Navy Corpsmen, with particular attention given to those whose parent has been killed or wounded in combat, or who have demonstrated financial need.

#### **Applicants must be the son or daughter of one of the following:**

- Active duty or Reserve U.S. Marine who has served at least 90 days.
- Veteran U.S. Marine who has received an honorable discharge, medical discharge, was wounded, or was killed while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.
- Duty or Reserve U.S. Navy Corpsman who is serving, or has served with a U.S. Marine unit.
- Veteran U.S. Navy Corpsman who has served with a U.S. Marine unit and has received an honorable discharge, medical discharge, was wounded, or was killed in the U.S. Navy. Heroes Tribute scholarships provide up to \$30,000 over four years to students who meet these eligibility requirements. Applicants must also meet the requirements listed above with the exception of the family income cap. Income requirements are waived for Heroes Tribute scholarships.

#### **Heroes Tribute scholarships are for:**

- The children of Marines, and of former Marines, who were killed in the terrorist attacks on 11 Sep 2001.
- The children of Marines, and Navy Corpsmen serving with them, killed in combat since 11 Sep 2001. For more information, go to [www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org) or call 800-549-0060

### **Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship also known as: Post-9/11 GI Bill:**

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) provides Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to the children and surviving spouses of Service members who died in the line of duty while on active duty after September 10, 2001. Eligible beneficiaries attending school may receive up to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level. [For more information on payment rates click here.](#) [For more information click here.](#)

**Eligibility:** Children and surviving spouses of an active duty member of the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001 are eligible for this benefit. Children are eligible as of their 18th birthday (unless they have already graduated high school). A child may be married or over 23 and still be eligible, although their eligibility ends on their 33rd birthday. A spouse will lose eligibility to this benefit upon remarriage. A spouse has 15 years from the date of death of the Service member to use the benefit.

**If you are eligible for both Fry Scholarship and DEA (Dependents Educational Assistance), you will be required to make an irrevocable election between the two programs when you apply.** Dependents are not eligible to receive both DEA and the Fry Scholarship based on the same event (like a Service member dying in the line of duty) unless he or she is a child whose parent died prior to August 1, 2011. A child of a parent who died prior to August 1, 2011 may still be eligible for both benefits but he/she may only use one program at a time and combined benefits are capped at a total of 81 months of full-time training. In this situation the two benefit programs cannot be used concurrently. [http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Fry\\_scholarship.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Fry_scholarship.asp).



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### **Matthew Freeman Project**

This scholarship was established in 2012 to honor the life of Captain Matthew C. Freeman, USMC, and to acknowledge the struggles and emotional pain when dealing with the loss of a sibling. Captain Freeman was killed in action in Afghanistan on August 7, 2009. The applicant must be a sibling of a fallen military member who was killed while deployed to a combat zone. For more information, go to: <http://www.imaginenet.us/freeman/memorial-sibling-scholarship/>

### **Military Families United: The Art Institutes Scholarship Program**

Through a range of competitions and other opportunities, we're offering over \$135 million in full and partial scholarships to new and current students in the 2015-2016 school year. We also offer a variety of financial resources to help qualified students meet their costs. Our dedicated Student Financial Aid Officers will help you explore all your options-including grants, loans, and scholarships-as you start on your journey toward bringing your ideas to life.

<https://www.artinstitutes.edu/scholarships>

### **Military Officers Association of America: American Patriot Scholarship Program**

Students (under age 24) who are children of an active-duty, reserve, or National Guard parent who died on active service **or** children of severely wounded (as defined as Traumatic SGLI) are eligible to apply. - See more at: <http://www.moaa.org/loans/#Scholarships-and-Grants>.

### **Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Scholarship Program**

The MOPH Scholarship is available to: The recipient of the Purple Heart, **or** The direct descendant (child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild, or great grandchild) of a member of the MOPH, **or** The direct descendant (child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild, or great grandchild) of a Veteran killed in action, or a Veteran who died of wounds, but did not have the opportunity to join the MOPH, **or** The spouse or widow of a recipient of the Purple Heart, a Veteran killed in action, or a Veteran who died of wounds. The MOPH Scholarship Program is funded by a generous grant from the MOPH Service Foundation. If you have any questions you may contact MOPH Headquarters by email at [scholarship@purpleheart.org](mailto:scholarship@purpleheart.org) or phone 703-642-5360. Also view our website at:

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

### **National Military Family Association Military Spouse Scholarship**

Military Spouse Scholarships are available for Spouses of the Fallen. This scholarship is open to any Military ID-carrying Uniformed Services' Spouse whose Service member was killed since September 11, 2001. Awardees will be required to verify that the death was a result of active duty service in support of the Global War on Terror. The scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, and school room and board. They may not be used for books, rent, or previous education loans. For more information, go to: <http://www.militaryfamily.org/spouses-scholarships/>



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### **Navy League Foundation Scholarships**

The Navy League's Premier Program to Support the Children of the Men and Women of the Sea Services through Scholarships. The Navy League Foundation awards scholarships to high school seniors who will attend college in the fall. Navy League Foundation Scholarships are available only to children and grandchildren of former members of the Sea Services and those currently serving as well as members of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Presently the Foundation has twenty five endowed scholarships. Scholarships are awarded for four years and provide an award of \$2,500.00 per year.

<http://navyleague.org/aboutus/scholarship.html>.

### **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society: Interest Free Loans, Grants and Scholarships**

#### **EDUCATION ASSISTANCE**

[APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR](#)

#### **INTEREST FREE LOANS AND GRANTS**

The Society's Education Assistance Program offers interest-free loans and grants for undergraduate/post-secondary education at an accredited 2 or 4 year education, technical or vocational institution in the United States. This financial assistance is available for children of active duty, retired or deceased Sailors and Marines; and for spouses of active duty and retired Sailors and Marines. Spouses of active duty Sailors and Marines stationed and living outside the United States are also eligible for the Society's Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP). <http://www.nmcrcs.org/pages/education-loans-and-scholarships>.

### **Oregon Community College Veterans Tuition Waivers**

The community college tuition waiver benefit provides full tuition for courses that may lead to a certificate from a community college or to an associate's degree for a child of a member of the United States Armed Forces who either died in active duty, became 100% disabled in connection with military service, or died as a result of a disability sustained in active duty.

<http://www.oregon.gov/ccwd/Pages/VeteransTuitionWaiver.aspx>

### **Pat Tillman Foundation**

The Pat Tillman Foundation is a national leader in providing resources and educational scholarship support to veterans, active service members and their dependents. The Foundation is in honor of the late Pat Tillman, a former NFL football star killed in Afghanistan while serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment. Eligibility for a Tillman Military Scholar includes dependents of service members (children between the ages of 19 and 28 and spouses). For further information and to apply for this scholarship, go to: [www.patillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/apply](http://www.patillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/apply).

### **Fallen Warrior Scholarship Fund**

The Patriot Guard Riders has established the Fallen Warrior Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to US military family members of our Fallen Warriors in their pursuit of higher education. One-year scholarships of a minimum of \$2000 are awarded annually, and are limited to studies at accredited educational/technical institutions. Scholarships are not automatically renewable. Recipients must reapply each year and may receive no more than four annual scholarships. Applicants must possess a valid military ID card and be the legal dependent of a US military member who died in the line of duty. For more information and to download an application, go to: <https://scholarships.asu.edu/scholarship/1626>



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### **Professional Tutors of America, Inc.**

Professional Tutors of America is a proud supporter of the families of our Fallen Soldiers and their goal is to provide free personalized tutoring services to every child (or surviving spouse) whose mother or father lost their lives serving in Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Our tutors have been very effective in mentoring these children and keeping them focused on their education and future goals. For more information, go to: <https://www.professionaltutors.com/childrensoldiers> or call 800-832-2487

### **No Greater Sacrifice: Scholarships for Children of Fallen and Wounded Service Members**

We are dedicated to the children of our nation's fallen and wounded Service members. Our scholarships deliver assistance to reduce any unmet financial costs of higher education, which includes: in-state tuition, room and board, special equipment, books or other expenses deemed necessary. If you are interested in receiving a scholarship, and you are a child whose parent has fallen or has been wounded in combat while serving in the United States military after 9/11/2001, please [e-mail](mailto:info@nogreatersacrifice.org) us for an application. <http://nogreatersacrifice.org/>.

### **Our Military Kids: OMK Grants for Children of Fallen Service Members**

Our Military Kids offers cost coverage/free Grants for extra-curricular sports programs like soccer, swimming lessons, fine arts, and tutoring. In support of Gold Star Kids. Children ages 5-18 of fallen military personnel KIA in 2010-present, while serving overseas in support of OEF/OND/OIF **or** on those killed in CONUS while/during a training mission, while on mobilization orders. You may apply for a Grant via our website at: [www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org).  
**\*\*Children of Fallen Service Members who passed away prior to 2010 may receive a Grant for tutoring services only.** For additional information, see their website at: [www.ourmilitarykids.org](http://www.ourmilitarykids.org).

### **Sons and Daughters in Touch**

Sons and Daughters in Touch (SDIT) is dedicated to providing support for the children of Soldiers who died or remain missing as a result of the Vietnam War. The organization works to produce a quarterly newsletter providing important information to all SDIT stakeholders, promote healing via networking and special projects, and is dedicated to coordinating sustained outreach to high schools and colleges in hopes of providing education on the historical and emotional legacy of war. For more information on programs and membership, go to: [www.sdit.org](http://www.sdit.org).

### **Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF)**

The SOWF provides full scholarship grants and educational and family counseling to the surviving children of special operations personnel who die in operational or training missions and immediate financial assistance to severely wounded, special operations personnel and their families. It began in 1980 as the Col. Arthur D. "Bull" Simons Scholarship Fund. The Bull Simons Fund was created following the Iranian hostage rescue attempt, to provide college educations for the 17 children who survived the nine men killed or incapacitated at Desert One. It was named in honor of the legendary Army Green Beret Bull Simons, who repeatedly risked his life on rescue missions. The Warrior Foundation is committed to providing scholarship grants, not loans, to more than 800 children. For more information, go to [www.specialops.org](http://www.specialops.org).





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### **ThanksUSA**

ThanksUSA is a non-partisan, charitable effort to mobilize Americans of all ages to "thank" the men and women of the United States armed forces. They do that by providing need-based college, technical and vocational school scholarships for their children and spouses. Scholarships for dependent children (ages 24 and under) and spouses of active duty military personnel are eligible to apply. However, preference will be given to children or spouses of military members killed or injured on active duty. Scholarships are selected on the basis of financial need; academic record; demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities; and a goal statement. Since 2006, they have awarded 2,200 scholarships with a total value of nearly \$6.5 million. For more information or to download an application, go to:

<http://www.thanksusa.org/special-military-spouse-scholarships.html>

### **Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families**

Tutor.com for U.S. Military Families, funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance, is a program that allows eligible grades K-12 and college students in U.S. military families to connect to a live tutor online at any time for one-to-one help with homework, studying, test prep, proofreading and more. The service is available at no charge to all grades K-12 students and service members—regardless of whether the service member is serving full-time or part-time—plus some adult dependents in Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve families. When you go to the web site select your branch of service to determine your eligibility and to create an account. <http://military.tutor.com/home>

### **Warford Foundation**

The Warford Foundation mission is to expend the opportunities of single mother and military widow families by increasing self-sufficiency through scholastic growth and achievement. They can offer financial assistance to those military widows who have lost loved ones on active duty. Under the Project Impact Scholars Program, they can provide financial assistance if the military widow earns less than \$40k/year and is enrolled in an accredited nursing (LPN or RN) program. For more information, go to: <http://thewarfordfoundation.org/home/about-us/our-mission/#>

### **Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation**

Our Mission is to provide college scholarships to dependents of the Navy Aviation Community. **Dependent Children Candidates:** Are defined as: natural born, adopted or step-children, unmarried, up to the age of 22 on March 1st of applying year.

**Dependent Spouse Candidates:** Those who are spouses of a sponsor must plan to be, or are currently enrolled in an accredited Trade/Technical School, College or University as a full time or part time student. Spouses may receive an unlimited number of awards.

<http://wingsoveramerica.us/application/>.