



College Scholarships & Resources for Military Dependents



Local Scholarships

Fort Lee Spouse's Club (FLSC) Scholarship

The FLSC offers at least 1 scholarship annually. The application deadline is **March 15th**. Scholarships are merit based and require a written essay. Find the application & criteria at: https://www.fortleeareaspousesclub.com

Fort Lee Federal Credit Union Scholarships

Applicants need to be members of the Ft. Lee Federal Credit Union, high school seniors, and within the Richmond/Tri Cities region. Amount includes three @ \$500 & one @\$1,000. Deadline March 11, 2017. Find application and criteria at: www.fortleecu.org.

American Society of Military Comptrollers

The American Society of Military Comptrollers gives several scholarships to Fort Lee community members annually. Any Soldier, government civilian working on Ft. Lee, or the dependent or grown children of Soldiers or government civilians are eligible. All completed official forms, certification of scholastic achievement, and letters of recommendation must be emailed to: asmcsouthsideva2 @gmail.com no later than March 17, 2022. Late submissions will not be considered.

John Randolph Foundation

John Randolph Foundation's scholarship programs offer a number of scholarships for a variety of academic pursuits to local students residing in Hopewell, Prince George, Enon, Chester, Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie, Sussex, Surry, Charles City and Varina. For a complete list of scholarship programs visit:

http://johnrandolphfoundation.org/ScholarApp/scholarships.cfm.

To discuss applying for scholarships at John Randolph Foundation, contact Bonnie Falls,

Scholarship Program Officer at (804) 458-2239 or bfalls@johnrandolphfoundation.org.

WOA (Warrant Officer Association Scholarship

WOA Crater Chapter scholarships is open to all dependents of Crater Chapter WOA members. The program is available to local Tri-cities children under the age of 23. Applicants must be in their senior year or high school with a cumulative GPA OF 3.0 or higher and planned to attend or continue their education in an accredited college.

https://www.woaonline.org/crater/cholarship for details.

Scholarships for Military Children

The Defense Commissary Agency and Fisher House Foundation, Inc. have created The Scholarships for Military Children Program. This program awards a \$1,500 scholarship at every commissary location where qualified applications are received. The scholarship provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees and other related expenses. Dependent, unmarried children under age 23 of active duty personnel, reserve/guard and retired military members, or survivors of deceased members, are eligible to apply.

Applications due in February each year. For more details, visit www.militaryscholar.org/index.html.

General Scholarships for Military Dependents:

http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/dependents.htm

College Scholarships for Daughters of Army Officers

The Daughters of the Cincinnati is a non-profit organization whose members are women descended from the officers who served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. These officers were the founding members of the Society of the Cincinnati, an association dedicated to perpetuating friendships, offering mutual aid, and providing assistance to the widows and orphans of comrades. Scholarship recipients must be high school seniors who are daughters of career officers in the armed services. For more information visit: www.daughters1894.org/scholarship.htm.

Voice of Democracy Scholarships

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) awards scholarships annually to students who write and record an essay on a Patriotic topic. Entries are submitted through the local VFW by November 1st each year. For more information visit: www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/.

ThanksUSA

ThanksUSA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing post-secondary educational opportunities through need-based competitive scholarships to the children and spouses of active-duty

U.S. military personnel. For more information visit: http://www.ThanksUSA.org for details and eligibility. **Applications due in May each year.**

Army ROTC Scholarships

Whether you're a college-bound high school student or already attending a college or university, Army ROTC has scholarships available. Scholarships are awarded based on a student's merit and grades, not financial need. For more information visit: http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students.html.

Scholarships for Wounded or Fallen Warriors Families:

Heroes Legacy Scholarship

The "Heroes' Legacy Scholarships" 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. All applicants will be notified of their status in June.

https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/heroes-legacy-scholarship/

The **MG James Ursano Scholarship Program** assists children of Soldiers in obtaining a 4-year undergraduate degree. Children of Soldiers on active duty, children of retired Soldiers, or children of Soldiers who died while on active duty or in a retired status are eligible.

https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/Benefit-Library/Federal-Benefits/MG-James-Ursano-Scholarship-

Folds of Honor Scholarship

The Folds of Honor Foundation offers college scholarships for spouses and children of service members disabled (10% or more) in action or killed in action in Iraq or Afghanistan. Applications may be submitted in advance for children who will not need the scholarship for several years. Scholarship amounts are determined on a case-by-case basis. For more information visit: www.foldsofhonor.org/ for additional information and a link to the application.

Hope for the Warriors Scholarship

HOPE FOR THE WARRIORS™, offers multiple scholarships to U.S. military spouses of wounded service members and Fallen Warriors. Find out more at www.hopeforthewarriors.org/spouse.html.

Military Order of the Purple Heart

The **MOPH Scholarship Program** is a competitive scholarship program that awards approximately eighty

(80) scholarships to Purple Heart recipients and their spouses, children, and grandchildren each year.

In addition, one of the recipients of the MOPH Scholarship is also selected to receive the Navy Seal Lt. Michael P. Murphy Memorial Award. Lt. Michael P. Murphy was killed in action in 2005 in Afghanistan and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic

actions. This scholarship is awarded in his memory and funded by the Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Foundation of Riverhead, New York.

To be eligible to apply for a MOPH Scholarship, each applicant needs to be a member of one of the following categories: (1) a Purple Heart recipient who is also a member of MOPH, **or** (2) his/her spouse, **or** (3) his/her direct lineal descendent (child, step-child, adopted child, grandchild or step-grandchild), **or**

(4) the spouse, widow/widower, or direct lineal descendent of a service member killed-in-action or who died of wounds. If the Purple Heart recipient is listed as killed-in-action or died of wounds, supporting documentation must accompany the application. For more information, email: scholarship@purpleheart.org or visit: www.purpleheart.org/Scholarships/Default.aspx.

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)

For more information visit:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/survivor dependent assistance.asp.

There are two main GI Bill programs offering education assistance to survivors and dependents of Veterans:

The Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (Fry Scholarship) is available for children and spouses of Service members who died in the line of duty after September 10, 2001.

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.

For information about transferring post 9/11 GI Bill benefits:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/post911 tran sfer.asp.

American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country. The Legion offers its support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund. https://www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy

Grants & Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief Scholarship Program

Army Emergency Relief scholarships are now available for spouses and children of soldiers, retired soldiers and reserve-component soldiers on Title 10 orders.

https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/scholarships/

MOAA Scholarships & Grants The Military Officers Association of America has multiple

scholarships, grant opportunities, and no interest loans. Visit their Web site for details and deadlines. For more information visit: https://moaa.org

Our Military Kids

Grants of \$500 each are available through **Our Military Kids** are available for Guard and Reserve of all Service Branches as well as Wounded Warrior's dependents. These grants are given with the goal to ease stress by paying for participation in sports, fine arts, and tutoring programs. Gabby Douglas, 2012 Olympic Gymnast, was a recipient of one of these grants. Information and applications are available at: http://www.ourmilitarykids.org.

OTHER BRANCHES OF SERVICE:

Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation

Wings Over America Scholarship Foundation provides college scholarships to dependent children and spouses of US Navy service members in Naval Aviation - Officer and Enlisted, active duty, retired, honorably discharged or deceased. Recipients are selected on the basis of scholastic merit, community service, and extra-curricular activities. More than 40 scholarships are awarded yearly ranging from \$1500-\$10,000. For more information, please visit http://www.wingsoveramerica.us.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is offering scholarships to children of active-duty United States Marines and children of former/deceased Marines. For eligibility, scholarship deadlines, and applications, visit: http://www.mcsf.org/.

General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program

The Air Force Aid Society sponsors the *General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program*, which provides education grants to dependents of Air Force service members. The program is open to children of active duty, retired or deceased Air Force members. Applicants must have a minimum 2.0 GPA. Financial need is a strong consideration in determining who receives the \$2,000 awards, and recipients must reapply annually to be considered for an extension. http:///www.afas.org/education-grants.

Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Essay Contest

The FRA National Committee on Americanism-Patriotism sponsors an annual Americanism Essay Contest, based on a theme announced each spring. The contest includes a Grand National Prize of a \$10,000 U.S. Savings Bond, with \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 Savings Bonds awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each grade category. All regional winners are judged at the national level and receive a certificate of recognition. Other prizes are awarded at the branch and regional levels.

FRA's Essay Contest is open to all students grades 7 through 12 (including those who are home schooled). Application are due **December 1**st. For more information visit: http://www.fra.org/Content/fra/AboutFRA/EssayContest/default.cfm.

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships on a competitive basis, to high school or college children/stepchildren (unmarried, under age 24 at time of deadline) of: (1) members or former members of the Submarine Force who have qualified in submarines and have served in the Submarine Force for at least eight years; or of (2) Navy members who have served in submarine support activities (e.g., submarine bases, tenders, and rescue vessels) for a minimum of ten years. Application details are available http://www.dolphinscholarship.org/

Fleet Reserve Association

The Fleet Reserve Association's (FRA) Education Foundation has awarded over \$118,000 in scholarships to 26 students pursuing higher education. All active, Reserve, and retired members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are eligible to apply. Visit http://www.fra.org for more information on how to apply.

More Helpful Information:

* The Senior Year Stabilization Policy allows soldiers with high school seniors to request stabilization from PCS movement during the child's senior year. This is a soldier initiated action. The Soldier should initiate DA Form 4187 requesting stabilization through their unit commander to their servicing PSB/MPD. This must be applied for between March of the sophomore year and 1 September of the Junior Year. This is a request not a guarantee, the needs of the Army will dictate.

https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/High%20School%20Senior%20Stabilization%20Program

SAT/ACT Prep Program for Military Families

The Peterson's DoD MWR Library is an online resource for SAT/ACT preparation for military family members. The site includes free online practice tests, online SAT/ACT courses, articles, and other useful resources. Google it.

The We-Knowledge Corporation and patriotic athletes from the NFL and MLB have donated \$33 Million of free SAT and ACT software to military families worldwide. Military service members, veterans, and dependents can order SAT or ACT test preparation products worth \$200 by visiting the website: http://www.eknowledge.com/mil. You pay only the cost of materials, \$13.84 (+s/h).

March2Success is a free tool designed to help students with Test preparation and understanding college admissions and financial aid. For more information visit: http://www.march2success.com

In-State College Tuition for Military

For periods of enrollment that begin after July 1, 2009, members of the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard) on active duty for a period of more than 30 days and his or her spouse, or his or her dependent children will be eligible to receive in-state

tuition at public colleges and universities in the state where they reside or are permanently stationed. Once a Service member or their family members are enrolled and paying in-state tuition, they will continue to pay the in-state tuition rate as long as they remain continuously enrolled at the institution even if the Service member is reassigned outside the state.

This change is included in section 135 of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (H. R. 4137) (HEOA) which was signed into law on August 14, 2008 and amends and extends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA). This requirement applies to all public institutions that receive funds under a program authorized by the HEA.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The most important form to complete spring of your senior year is located at: www.fafsa.ed.gov

GI Bill Information

http://www.gibill.va.gov

Transferring post 9/11 GI Bill information: www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/post911_transfer.asp

Military.Com Scholarship Finder

Go to http://www.military.com and type "Scholarships" into their search engine to locate the Scholarship Finder.

College Toolkit

College Search, Admissions, Financial Aid & Careers: http://www.collegetoolkit.com

Campus Tours

View thousands of virtual college tours and interactive college maps at http://www.campustours.com.

Four Steps to College: http://www.knowhow2go.org

Additional resources for other scholarships and helpful information:

http://www.myfuture.com/ https://colleges-niche.com/scholarships

http://www.mycollegeoptions.org/ https://bigfutrue.collegeboard.org/get-in/essays

http://www.fastweb.com https://www.scholarships.com

http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/vir

ginia.htm

The information provided has been compiled by the school Liaison Officer as courtesy and for your convenience. This list is not all inclusive list of available scholarships the resources. It is strongly recommended you conduct your own research to make the most informed decision of choice.