

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Money should not be a reason for qualified student to not attend college or vocational school. Financial assistance is available in many forms to help student pay for postsecondary education. Money can be provided by various agencies including federal, state, and local governments, universities, community organizations and private corporations or individuals.

TERMINOLOGY

SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarships do not have to be repaid. They come from many place including national, state, public, and private sources and are based on a variety of criteria such as financial need, academic or athletic merit, program of study, personal background/family heritage, etc. Every scholarship has it's own criteria.

GRANTS - Grants do not have to be repaid. Amount awarded is based on need, school cost, and enrollment status.

LOANS – Loans must be repaid with interest. Often time repayment is deferred until after graduation, withdrawal or termination of attendance. Both students and parents may borrow money to pay education expenses.

WORK STUDY - provides jobs for students with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses.

MILITARY RELATED SCHOLARSHIPS

- American Legion: <http://www.legion.org/scholarships>
- American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships: <http://www.legion-aux.org/scholarships/index.aspx>
- American Military Retirees Association: <http://amra1973.org/>
- AMVETS National Scholarship Program: <http://www.amvets.org>,
- Anchor Scholarship Foundation: <http://www.anchor scholarship.com>
- Armed Forces Communications & Electronic Association Educational Foundation (AFCEA): <http://www.afcea.org>.
- Association of the United States Navy (AUSN): <http://www.ausn.org/Resources/EducationAssistance/AUSNEducationAssistanceProgram/tabid/2595/Default.aspx>
- Aviation Boatswain Mates Association (ABMA) Scholarship: <http://www.abma-usn.org/scholarship.html>
- Blinded Veterans Association (BVA), Kathern F. Gruber Scholarship: <http://www.bva.org>.
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America: <http://www.bgca.org>
- Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation: www.fallenpatriots.org

- Coast Guard Captain Caliendo College Assistance Fund: <http://www.uscgcpoa.org/index.htm>
- Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Commandant: <http://www.cgmahq.org>
- Commissary Scholarship: <https://www.commissaries.com>
- Dolphin Scholarship Foundation: <http://www.dolphin-scholarship.org>
- Fisher House Foundation: <http://www.fisherhouse.org/>
- Fleet Reserve Association Scholarships: <http://fra.org>
- Fleet Training Center Chief Petty Officer Scholarship Fund: <http://www.cposf.org/#crestinsert>
- Fleet Reserve Association - Ladies Auxiliary: <http://www.la-fra.org>
- Freedom Alliance: <http://freedomalliance.org/programs/scholarship-fund/>
- GI Bill: [www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH35/CH35 Pamphlet General.htm](http://www.gibill.va.gov/pamphlets/CH35/CH35_Pamphlet_General.htm)
- Knights of Columbus Educational Fund: <http://www.kofc.org>
- Marine Corp League: <http://www.mcleague.com/mdp/index.php>
- Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc.: <http://www.mcsf.org>
- Military Officers Association of America (MOAA): www.moaa.org/education
- Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH): <http://www.purpleheart.org>
- Military Scholar: <http://www.militaryscholar.org>
- Military Warriors Support Foundation: <http://militarywarriors.org/>
- National Military Family Association: <http://www.militaryfamily.org/>
- Navy League Foundation: <http://www.navyleague.org/scholarship>
- Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Education Programs: <http://www.nmcrcs.org/education>
- Naval Special Warfare Foundation: <http://www.nswfoundation.org>
- Navy Supply Corps Foundation Scholarship: <http://www.usnscf.com>
- NMCRC Gold Star scholarships: <http://nmcrcs.org/goldstar.html>
- Naval Officer's Spouses Club (NOSC) of Washington <http://www.noscdc.com>
- Our Military Kids: <http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/>
- Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association: <http://www.seabee.org>
- Special Operations Warrior Foundation: <http://www.specialops.org>
- Surface Navy Association: <http://www.navysna.org>
- Tailhook Association: <http://www.tailhook.org>
- ThanksUSA: <http://www.thanksusa.org/main/index.html>
- Veterans of Foreign Wars: <http://www.vfw.org/>
- Wings Over America: <http://www.wingsoveramerica.us/>

ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

ROTC scholarships are available at many colleges and universities

- Navy and Marine Corps: <http://www.nrotc.navy.mil>
- Army: <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc>
- Air Force: <http://afrotc.com>
- US Coast Guard: <http://www.cga.edu>
- Merchant Marine <http://www.usmma.edu>

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- [Business Education & Community Alliance](#)
- [Marine Corps Aviation Association John Glenn Squadron](#)
- [Sabre STEM Scholarship](#)

GI Bill

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GRANT & LOAN INTERNET RESOURCES

[Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)

[Federal Student Aid](#)

[Student.gov](#)

[The College Savings Plan Network](#)

[Military One Source](#)

[Fast Web](#)

[College Board](#)

[Sallie Mae](#)

[Military.com](#)

[Tax Benefits for Higher Education](#)

This list is not meant to be all inclusive. There are many, many more scholarships offered through specific colleges, for specific declared majors, and for other special groups. Keep researching—there's money out there!

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