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Army Officers' Wives Club of Greater Washington Area Offers Scholarships

The Army Officers' Wives Club of Greater Washington Area will award scholarships to qualified applicants for the 2007-2008 school year. Eligible applicants are the spouses or children of Army personnel enrolled in an accredited post-secondary program. High school senior and spouse applicants must reside in the Washington, DC metropolitan area along with their sponsor. Sponsors may be active duty or retired, officer or enlisted. For more information, visit www.fmthriftshop.org and click on AOWCOGWA Scholarships.

Want to Find Scholarships?

There are many scholarships available to military family members. The Better Business Bureau Military Line suggests you not pay someone to find scholarships for you, because these researchers will use the same sources on the internet that you will use, so why pay them to do so? For suggestions on where to find scholarships for which you might be eligible, visit: http://www.enebuilder.net/cbbbmilitary/e_article000694547.cfm?x=b8r7v35,b5CkcRhP. For information to help military families avoid financial pitfalls, visit: <http://military.bbb.org>.

Virginia Makes In-State Tuition Rates for Military Family Members the Law

Virginia is the 45th state to provide eligibility for in-state tuition rates to family members of active duty military personnel assigned to a permanent duty station in Virginia and who also reside in Virginia. On a related topic, military children are allowed to remain in the same school and school district, tuition free, if the military member is ordered to locate to military housing located in a different school system. Prior to this provision, families were charged tuition to keep their children in the same school. As Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) takes effect, and certain Virginia installations are realigned or closed, this change may become more important. To read more about this change, see: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?061+sum+HB240>.

Service Member Opportunity Colleges

Military families who transfer frequently can find it difficult to finish college degrees. Service Member Opportunity Colleges (SOC), an association of colleges and universities, was established in 1972 to ensure Soldiers and their families have sufficient educational opportunities. Today SOC is a consortium of [more than 1800 colleges and universities](#) that provide educational opportunities for Service members and their families. SOC is cosponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities ([AASCU](#)) and the American Association of Community Colleges ([AACC](#)), in cooperation with 13 other educational associations, the Military Services, the National Guard, and the Coast Guard. SOC is funded by the Department of Defense (DoD) through a contract with AASCU. The contract is managed for DoD by the



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Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support ([DANTES](#)). If you would like to enroll in a SOC Army Degree (SOCAD) program, contact your Army Education Center, or visit: <http://www.soc.aascu.org/socgen/WhatIs.html>.

Army Launches Virtual Gateway for Tuition Assistance

The Army Continuing Education System launched its new GoArmyEd portal for tuition assistance (TA) at: <http://www.GoArmyEd.com>. This virtual gateway provides a one-stop location for Soldiers to process tuition assistance and sign up for college courses 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Previously, Soldiers had to go to an Education Center to enroll in classes and process TA applications. GoArmyEd also has other education financial assistance opportunities listed and is now the portal for EArmyU, an online education program offering more than 145 degree and certificate programs.

Military Friendly Schools/Scholarships

To show appreciation for those who serve in the military, educational institutions are providing special opportunities to make completing a degree easier than ever for those currently serving, as well as for veterans. Information is available on college credit for military service, a broad selection of degree programs, military friendly schools, and flexible programs to accommodate different schedules at http://edu.military.com/education/gi_bill/?ESRC=ESRC=apr_gen_education.se. For scholarship information, see: http://aid.military.com/scholarship/search-for-scholarships.do?ESRC=apr_edu_general2.se.

NMFA Scholarships for Military Spouses

The National Military Family Association is now accepting applications for the NMFA Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarship Program. Uniformed service spouses—active, retired, National Guard, Reserve or survivor—studying toward professional certification or attending post-secondary or graduate school are encouraged to apply. Scholarships are normally in the amount of \$1000, and the number awarded annually varies depending on funding. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, books, and school room and board. Applications will only be accepted online, and must be submitted by midnight, 15 April 2006. Applications can be found at www.nmfa.org/scholarships2006.

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DECA Scholarships for Military Children

The Defense Commissary Agency (DECA) and the Fisher House Foundation have teamed up again to offer educational scholarships to children of military families. The Scholarships for



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Military Children Program is in its sixth year. The goal is to provide at least one \$1,500 scholarship for each of DECA's 268 commissaries worldwide. Eligible applicants include unmarried children under age 21 (23, if still enrolled in school) of active duty, Guard or Reserve, or military retiree families. The application deadline for this year's scholarships is 22 February 2006. Application forms are available at commissaries worldwide and at:

<http://www.commissaries.com/> or at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Military Officers Association Offers Scholarships

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is offering 25 scholarships worth \$1,000 each. The 2006 Base/Post Scholarship Program is open to dependent children of active, Guard, and Reserve service personnel from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Applications are available at <http://www.moaa.org>. The deadline for submission is 01 Mar 06. Winners will be notified in May.

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Scholarships for Children

Thanks to the Scholarships for Military Children program, 500 students will receive \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward college tuition this fall. Eligibility includes sons and daughters of active duty, Guard and Reserve, and military retired members. The annual scholarship program is usually announced in early November with an entry deadline of mid-February. For more information on the program, visit the Scholarships for Military Children website at

<http://www.militaryscholar.org>

University Offers Scholarships

Widener University is making available four, four-year college scholarships to sons and daughters of servicemembers who make the ultimate sacrifice. The scholarship program is called, Widener CARES - for Children of Active and Reserve Educational Scholarships. The program is open to the sons and daughters of service members killed in action in operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. This is a national program. For more information, visit the Widener College Website at http://www.widener.edu/News_Events/Top_Stories/3258 or contact the Office of Admissions at 610-499-4126.

Military Spouse Scholarship Deadline Approaching

The National Military Family Association (NMFA) is accepting applications for the Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships. Through a partnership with the Military Channel, NMFA has expanded the program in 2007 to provide a larger number of scholarships. These scholarships are awarded to military spouses to obtain professional certifications and to attend graduate school. Applications are accepted online only at www.nmfa.org/scholarship and must



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be submitted by **midnight, 15 March 2007**. Applicants must be spouses of Uniformed Services members (active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retirees, and survivors). Scholarships range in amount from \$500 to \$1,000. The number awarded each year varies depending on funding. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, and school room and board. Scholarship selection is based on completion of some survey questions that will help NMFA advocate for education changes on behalf of military spouses, short-answer questions, and an essay question. For other information related to spouse education, visit: www.nmfa.org/SpouseEd.

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