

Scholarship Programs for Dependents of Navy and Marine Corps

Part I: Open Eligibility

AMVETS National Scholarship Program. Awards are \$1000 per year renewable for a total of \$4000. Candidates must be high school seniors who demonstrate need and have exhausted all government financial aid. Request applications online from January 1- February 15 at www.amvets.org/HTML/for_our_members/scholarships or by sending a request and a SASE to AMVETS, PO Box 1347, Lanham, MD 20706-1347. Applications must be postmarked by April 13.

Commander William S. Stuhr Scholarship Fund. One scholarship is awarded annually to a dependent of each of the Armed Services. The award is \$565 per semester for a total of eight semesters (\$4500). Seniors must be in to 10% of class, SAT/ACT over 1250/27, and have leadership experience. Send request and SASE between October and December to Executive Director, CDR William S. Stuhr Scholarship Fund for Military Sons and Daughters, 1200 Fifth Avenue, Suite 9-D, New York, NY 10029. Deadline for completed applications is mid-February. More information is available via e-mail: stuhrstudents@earthlink.net.

Daughters of the Cincinnati Scholarship. An eligible applicant must be the daughter of a career officer commissioned in the regular Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, or Navy (active, retired, or deceased). Awards are renewable for 4 years. Send request and a SASE to Daughters of the Cincinnati, Scholarship Administrator, 122 East 58th Street, New York, NY 10022 or telephone 212-319-6975. Requests should include name of high school, class rank, and qualifying parent's branch of service. Completed applications are due by March 15.

Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Foundation Scholarships for Military Children Program. At least one award of \$1500 per commissary will be awarded. Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, full time in the fall in an undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. A 3.0 GPA (on 4.0 basis) is required. Applications can be picked up at commissaries or downloaded from www.militaryscholar.org/apply/what.shtm. Student eligibility will be verified through DEERS. Applications must be returned to local commissary by February 22.

Jaycees War Memorial Fund Scholarship. Although not solely for military dependents, the Jaycees make available 25 scholarships annually in the amount of \$1000 each. Send request, a SASE, and a **\$5 application fee** between July 1 and February 1 to JWFMF, Dept. 94922, Tulsa, OK 74191-0001. Request forms can be downloaded from www.usjaycees.org/scholarships.htm. The check or money order must be make payable to JWFMF.

Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association (LAFRA). Awards are based on financial need, scholarship, and character. Preference will be given to applicants who are dependents of members of the FRA and/or LA FRA. Request information from LA FRA Scholarship Administrator, c/o Fleet Reserve Association, 125 N. West Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or telephone 800-372-1294. The deadline is April 15.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, Inc. The Foundation offers scholarships annually ranging from \$500 to \$10,000 to the dependents of active duty or retired Marines and Marine Reservists. Family income is limited to \$63,000. Applications are available online at www.mcsf.org. Additional information may be requested from Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 3008, Princeton, NJ 08543, or by telephone at 800-292-7777. Applications are due by March 1.

MOAA Base/Post Scholarships. The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) awards 50 awards of \$1000 each. Eligible applicants must be the dependent child of an active duty member or drilling Reserve/National Guard member of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, NOAA, or USPHS. The military sponsor does not have to be a member of MOAA. Applicants must be a high school senior or a college student working on the first undergraduate degree. Scholarship recipients will be selected randomly from among all applicants with representation given to each of the uniformed services. Applications can only be submitted online at www.moaa.org beginning November 1. Entries must be submitted no later than March 1.

Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH). Eight scholarships of \$1750 each are awarded annually to the son, daughter, or grandchild of a member or a Purple Heart recipient. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.5. Applications should be filed between October 1 and March 15. Request materials from Scholarship Program, Military Order of the Purple Heart Headquarters, 5413-B Backlick Road, Springfield, VA 22151-3960, telephone 703-642-5360, or visit www.purpleheart.org.

Navy League of the United States. Several one-time awards are offered with preference given to students who intend to major in math or science. Send request and a SASE to National Scholarship Foundation, Navy League of the United States, 2300 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1000, Arlington, VA 22201-3308 or download application at www.navyleague.org/scholarship. The deadline is March 31.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS). NMCRS offers several financial assistance programs that are based on financial need. Two of the principal programs are the **VADM E. P. Travers Scholarship** and the **Travers Loan Program**. The Travers Scholarship provides \$2000 per year and may be renewed. The loan is interest-free up to \$3000 per academic year. Additional information is available from Education Division, NMCRS Headquarters, 801 N. Randolph Street, Suite 1228, Arlington, VA 22203-1978, by telephone at 703-696-4960, or online at www.nmcrs.org. Information and applications are also available at the local NMCRS office. The deadline is March 1.

Non-Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) Scholarship Grant. 35 grants awarded annually to children and spouses of members of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association. Awards range from \$900 - \$1000; some awards are renewable. Request applications from NCOA Scholarship Fund Inc., PO Box 33610, San Antonio, TX 78265-3610. More information is available at www.ncoausa.org or by telephone at 210-653-6161. Completed applications are due by March 31.

Educational Assistance Program of the Military Officer Association of America (MOAA). MOAA provides interest-free loans and scholarships for children of active or retired service personnel of all ranks and services. Applications are available online at

www.moaa.org/education/2004/Application/LettertoStudents.asp. The deadline for applying is March 1.

USO Scholarship Program. 25 scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each are awarded annually to the spouses and children of active duty service members. At least half of the scholarships are awarded to students who spent the preceding three years on overseas assignment and half are reserved for the families of enlisted personnel. The selection of recipients is based on scholastic record rather than need. Contact USO World Headquarters, Attn: Scholarship Program, Washington Navy Yard, Building 198, 901 M Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20374, or telephone 202-610-5700. Applications must be filed by mid-February.

Part II: Awards Based on Membership/Affiliation

Eligibility for the following scholarships is based on a parent's membership in the granting organization or the military sponsor's service with the organization or unit:

2nd Marine Division Association Scholarship. The Association makes awards to the dependents of individuals who are serving or have served with the 2nd Marine Division or an attached unit. Family income may not exceed \$42,000 for the taxable year the award is requested. Contact Memorial Scholarship Fund, 2nd Marine Division Association, PO Box 8180, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547-8180. The application deadline is April 1.

3rd Marine Division Association Memorial Scholarship Fund. Awards are available to dependents of 3rd Marine Division Association members. Request information from Royal Q. Zilliox, Memorial Scholarship Fund, Third Marine Division Association Inc., 3111 Sundial Drive, Dallas, TX 65229-3757. Applications must be returned by April 15.

4th Marine Division Association of WWII. The Association provides assistance to the sons, daughters, and grandchildren of men who served with the 4th Division during WWII. Income limits apply. Applications are available in August from the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 3008, Princeton, NJ 08543-3008. The deadline is April 1.

5th Marine Division Scholarship Fund. Five scholarships are awarded annually to the dependents of Marines who served with the 5th Marine Division and who are current members of the 5th Marine Division Association. Applications are available in August from the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 3008, Princeton, NJ 08543-3008. The deadline is April 1.

Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Scholarships. Scholarships are available to the dependents of FRA members in good standing. The awards are based on financial need, scholarship, character, and leadership qualities. Contact FRA Scholarship Administrator, Fleet Reserve Association, 125 N. West Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or telephone 800-372-1924.

Marine Corps Tankers Association, Inc. The John S. Cornelius and Max English Memorial Scholarships are awarded by the Association to the dependents of active duty, retired, honorably discharged, and reserve Marine Corps tankers. Good standing in the MCTA is required. Request application and information from MCTA Scholarship Chairman, 112 Alpine Heights Road, Alpine, CA 91901-2814, telephone 619-445-8423, or visit www.mcta2000.org. The deadline is March 15.

Military Benefit Association Scholarship Program. Up to five (5) \$2,000 nonrenewable scholarships will be awarded each year by the Military Benefit Association. Applicants must be dependent children of members of the Military Benefit Association and must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.00 scale. Selections are based primarily on academic record and demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities. Financial need is not considered. Additional information is available from Military Benefit Association Scholarship Program, Scholarship Management Services, CSFA, 1505 Riverview Road, PO Box 297, St. Peter, MN 56082, or telephone 507-931-1682. The deadline is February 15.

Navy Wives Club of America, Inc. The organizations offer assistance to dependent children of active duty, retired, or deceased Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard enlisted personnel. Membership in the organization is required. Send a SASE to Navy Wives Clubs of America Scholarship Foundation, Barbara Stead, Director, 3848 Old Colony Circle, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. The deadline is May 30.

Surface Navy Association. Renewable scholarships in the amount of \$1000 are available to the dependents of members of the Surface Navy Association. Contact SNA, 2550 Huntington Avenue, Suite 202, Alexandria, VA 22303, telephone 800-628-9762, or visit www.navysna.org/awards/index.html. The deadline is February 1.

Part III: Awards Based on Disability or Death

1st Marine Division Association. The Association provides grants to dependents of deceased or 100% disabled veterans of service with the 1st Marine Division. Contact 1st Marine Division Association, 14325 Willard Road, Suite 107, Chantilly, VA 20151-2110, telephone 703-803-3195, or visit <http://64.127.181.67/0-01st-div-pages/scholarship-fund-page.html>.

Beirut Relief Fund Scholarship. Awards are available to the unmarried widows and dependents of Marines and sailors killed in Beirut. Write to Secretary, Second Marine Division Association, Scholarship Fund, PO Box 8180, Camp Lejeune, NC 28547-8180.

Blinded Veterans Association (BVA). The Kathern F. Gruber Scholarships of \$1000 and \$2000 are available to the dependents of legally blinded U.S. Armed Forces veterans. Write The Kathern F. Gruber Scholarship Program, Blinded Veterans Association, 477 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20001-2694 or telephone 202-371-8880. The deadline for applying is April 13.

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. The Auxiliary provides interest-free loans through the National Education Loan Fund to children of full-paid life members of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. Write National Education Loan Fund Director, DAVA National Headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076 before March 1.

Knights of Columbus Education Fund. Scholarships are available to dependents of Knights who were killed or became totally and permanently disabled as the result of military service during a time of conflict. The awards include the costs for tuition, fees, room, board, and books at a Catholic college or university. Request applications from Knights of Columbus, Director of Scholarship Aid, PO Box 1670, New Haven CT 06507-0901.

(Note: SASE = business-sized, self-addressed, stamped envelope)