**Scholarships for Military Families of Fallen**

**Instructions:**

Save this list to your desktop and delete the scholarships that you do not meet the eligibility requirements for. You can [download our tracking sheet](https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/c70914_0a503e0e738d48ee845b0853edfedc17.xlsx?dn=Scholarship%20Application%20Organizer.xlsx) to organize and maintain your scholarships by deadline.

Click on the individual links for the updated deadlines of scholarships.

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<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/education-employment/virginia-military-survivors-and-dependents-education-program-2-2>

The Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program (VMSDEP) is a Commonwealth of Virginia program which provides education benefits to spouses and children of military service members killed, missing in action, taken prisoner, or who became at least 90 percent disabled as a result of military service in an armed conflict. Military service includes service in the United States Armed Forces, United States Armed Forces Reserves, or the Virginia National Guard. Armed conflict includes military operations against terrorism or as the result of a terrorist act, a peace-keeping mission, or any armed conflict after December 6, 1941.

NOTE: A Veteran’s 90-100% disability must have been directly caused by the Veteran’s involvement in: 1) military operations against terrorism; 2) a peacekeeping mission; 3) a terrorist act; 4) an armed conflict subsequent to December 6, 1941. The service connected disability cannot have been incurred during active duty that coincides with, but was not the direct result of, one of the listed events/missions.

The purpose of the Virginia Military Survivors and Dependents Education Program is to provide undergraduate or other postsecondary education free of tuition and all required fees. A stipend to offset the cost of room, board, books, and supplies may also be available, contingent on funding. Benefits are available for up to four years.

The eligible student must be:

Accepted by and enrolled in a Virginia public college or university; and

a. A spouse of a qualifying military service member; or

b. A child, between the ages of 16 and 29, inclusive, of a qualifying military service member.

The qualifying military service member is one who meets at least one criterion in each of the following four areas.

Served on active duty in:

* US Armed Forces;
* US Armed Forces Reserve; or
* Virginia National Guard.
* Must have at least 90% service-connected disability that coincides with:
* Military operations against terrorism;
* A peacekeeping mission;
* Active duty as a result of a terrorist act; or
* Any armed conflict subsequent to December 6, 1941.
* While serving active duty\*:
* Was killed;
* Was missing in action;
* Was prisoner of war; or
* Became permanently disabled or at least 90 percent disabled due to such service and is now a veteran.

\*Please refer to the note listed under "General Description and Purpose."

Have one of the following qualifying statuses:

Virginia domicile at time of entering service or called up from reserves;

Virginia domicile or physical presence in Virginia for at least five years immediately prior to student applying for admission to the institution;

If deceased, was a Virginia domicile or had physical presence in Virginia on, and for at least five years prior to, his death;

In the case of a qualifying child, is deceased and the surviving parent had been, at some point previous to marrying the deceased military member, a Virginia domicile for at least five years or is and has been a Virginia domicile or has had physical presence in Virginia for at least five years prior to student’s application for admission

In the case of a qualified spouse, is deceased and the surviving spouse had been, at some time previous to marrying the deceased military spouse, a Virginia domicile for at least five years or is and has been a Virginia domicile or has had physical presence in Virginia for at least five years prior to his or her admission application.

**Benefits**

Full Tuition/Fee Waiver

Eligible students, as confirmed by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS), are guaranteed waiver of all tuition and mandatory fees at a Virginia public college or university regardless of degree program or enrollment level. Note: Mandatory fees are those fees incurred after tuition is charged and does not include application or enrollment fees.

Stipend

In addition, as funds are available, eligible students may receive a stipend to offset other educational expenses incurred by the student, such as room, board, books, and supplies. Please note that the stipend is not available for the advance purchase of books. The current maximum authorized award is $1,800, allocated to fall and spring terms according to the schedule below.

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| **Enrollment Level** | **Credit Hours**as of census date (end of add/drop) | **Term Amount** |
| **Undergraduate** | **Graduate** |
| Full-Time | 12+ | 9+ | $900 |
| 3/4-Time | 9-11 | 7-8 | $675 |

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**Folds of Honor Foundation**

<http://www.foldsofhonor.org/scholarships>

Check out each of our scholarship programs below to see if you qualify for one of the three scholarships:  [Immediate Use](https://scholarships.foldsofhonor.org/) (college scholarship), **Future Use** (college scholarship for young children), or **Children’s Scholarship Fund** (private school tuition or tutoring in primary or secondary education).  If you are applying for a college scholarship for the first time with Folds of Honor, please click the APPLY ONLINE button for the[**Immediate Use**](https://scholarships.foldsofhonor.org/) application.   If you have received a Folds of Honor [Immediate Use Scholarship](https://scholarships.foldsofhonor.org/) any time in the past, please click the APPLY ONLINE button for the [**Re-Apply Scholarship**](https://scholarships.foldsofhonor.org/).  If you have received a Children’s Scholarship Fund scholarship in the past, please click the APPLY ONLINE button for the **Children’s Scholarship Fund**.  For all of our scholarships, you will be able to upload your supporting documents during the application process.  If you are unable to upload your documents, you may mail the documents to 5800 N. Patriot Drive, Owasso, OK 74055, ATTN: Scholarship Department.

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<http://www.navywivesclubsofamerica.org/scholarships/>

Scholarship Foundation of the Navy Wives Clubs of America, Inc. – up to 30 scholarships granted annually. The grants are presented with the knowledge that no repayment is expected from the recipient. Those eligible for the grants are the natural born, legally adopted or stepson or daughter of an Enlisted member of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard on active duty, or retired with pay or the son or daughter of a deceased member of these categories. Applicants must have a valid dependent’s I. D. card (United States Uniformed Services Identification and Privileges Card). Applicants must show basis of need for financial assistance, have a scholastic standing of at least a 2.5 grade point average (GPA), and be a graduate of an accredited high school or its equivalent or will qualify for graduation prior to beginning eligibility for assistance. The grants may be used for tuition, room and board, fees and books. The grants are for tuition, room and board, fees and books.

**The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund**

<http://www.fascholarship.com/apply/>

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors the bravery and dedication exhibited by Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships to their children. Thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Guardsmen have been killed defending our great nation and it is our honor to help them achieve the dream of a college education.

Thousands more members of our Armed Forces have been permanently disabled, leaving their families in difficult financial situations. Their children – the sons and daughters of America’s military heroes – (many of whom are now young) will be eligible for a Freedom Alliance Scholarship in the years to come.

The scholarship funds can be used by a student to cover any costs that may be incurred during their pursuit of higher education. These costs can be, but are not limited to: Tuition & Fees, Books & Supplies, Room & Board, Meal Plans, Transportation Expenses, Off-campus Rent and other qualified expenses.

**Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund applicants must be one of the following:**

* The dependant son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has become permanently disabled as a result of an operational mission or training accident.
* The dependant son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has been killed in action.
* The dependant son or daughter of a U.S. Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman or Marine who has been classified as a Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA).

**All applicants must also meet the following eligibility requirements in order to qualify for a Freedom Alliance scholarship.**

* Currently in their senior year of high school, a high school graduate or a currently enrolled full time undergraduate student.
* Under the age of 26 at the time of application.

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**American Legion Scholarships**

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

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country. It is a civic duty to provide them with equal opportunity. The Legion offers its support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

There has been a significant shortfall in government money allotted to children with parents lost in war. The government gives these children a college education stipend worth slightly more than $37,000. Taking into account living expenses, textbooks and rising tuitions, this benefit covers only a little more than half of college costs in the most affordable situation. And the price tag of higher learning will only continue to rise. The most conservative estimates predict a 5-percent annual increase, meaning that in 16 years the most affordable college education will be $132,800. Obviously, military compensation will not keep up.

**Aid offered**

The amount of aid and number of awards depend upon the income derived from the trust. Scholarship recipients may re-apply for the award.

**Eligibility**

Those eligible to apply for the scholarship shall be the child/children or legally adopted child/children or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard, and military reservists who were federalized and die on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. The applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited institution of higher education within the United States.

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**Veterans United Foundation Scholarship program**

<http://www.vamortgagecenter.com/scholarships.html>

The program's primary goal is to assist military service members and their families by awarding five bi-annual $2,000 scholarships to help pay for tuition and books.

Scholarship Eligibility:

To be considered, the scholarship applicant must have a connection to the United States Military through falling into at least one of the following categories:

* A current active-duty service member
* Veteran of the United States Armed Forces
* Spouse of a military member or veteran
* Surviving spouse or child of a fallen soldier
* Child of a military member or veteran

Applicants must currently be pursuing a post-secondary degree (associates, bachelors, masters or doctorate) at an accredited college or university, OR plan to attend a college or university the following academic year.

In addition, applicants must have a financial need and maintain a cumulative 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The Veterans United Foundation Scholarship can only be used toward school-related expenses (tuition and books).

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**Fallen Heroes Scholarship**

Fallen Heroes Scholarship benefits families of Coast Guard personnel who die in the line of duty. This is the first fund established for supporting the higher education needs of families whose loved one makes the ultimate sacrifice. Students applying to and currently attending college are eligible to apply. An eligible dependent may apply for this scholarship any time during the year. Interested parties should contact the Commandant's office (CG-1112) at (800) 872-4957.

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<https://www.mcsf.org/>

**Heroes’ Tribute Scholarship program for children of the fallen:**

The Scholarship Foundation guarantees scholarships of up to $30,000 over four years ($7,500 a year) to eligible\* children of the following:

* Children of Marines and veteran Marines who were**killed in the terrorist attacks on** **September 11, 2001**
* Children of Marines and children of Navy Corpsmen attached to a Marine unit, **who were killed in combat operations after September 11, 2001**
* Children of Navy Religious Program Specialists attached to a Marine unit who were **killed in combat operations on or after September 27, 2008**; or
* Children of Marines who were **killed in training after September 27, 2008**.

*\*Heroes Tribute Scholarship Program for Children of the Fallen applicants must meet the established eligibility criteria, excluding the income eligibility requirement.*

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**Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship**

<https://www.purpleheart.org/scholarship-program/>

**To be eligible to apply for a Military Order of the Purple Heart Scholarship the applicant must fulfill one of the four (4) following criteria**:

- **(1)** *A Purple Heart recipient who is also a member of the Military Order of the*

*Purple Heart; or* ***(2)*** *his/her spouse or widow; or* ***(3)*** *his/her direct lineal descendent; (child, step-child, adopted child or grandchild). Great grandchildren are not eligible. A Purple Heart recipient who is not a member of the MOPH can become a member by applying online through the MOPH website: www.purpleheart.org or by calling (703) 642-5360)* ***(4)*** *the spouse, widow or direct lineal descendant (child, step-child, adopted child, or grandchild) of a service member killed-in-action or who died of wounds.* Great-grandchildren are not eligible. *If the Purple Heart recipient is listed as killed-in-action or died of wounds, supporting documentation must accompany the application.*

A MOPH Associate Membership or membership in the MOPH Ladies Auxiliary does not by itself convey scholarship eligibility. An applicant can receive a maximum of two scholarships awarded in non-consecutive years. Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, books, incidental fees, room & board, and other direct associated costs of higher education. Scholarship funds cannot be used for transportation expenses or to pay pre-existing education loans.

In addition, the recipient of a MOPH Scholarship must meet these requirements:

- A graduate or upcoming graduate (Senior) of a high school, or

- Accepted by or enrolled as a ***FULL-TIME*** undergraduate student (12 or more semester credit hours, or 18 quarter credit hours, or as determined by the school) at an accredited U.S. College, University or Trade School at the time the scholarship is awarded, (***graduate students are not eligible***)

- Be able to demonstrate the capacity for advanced academic achievement or technical proficiency as demonstrated by at least a 2.75 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) based on an un-weighted 4.0 grading system.