



John Jay Student Veterans' Guide

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John Jay Services

Activating your VA benefits

You apply (activate) for your GI Bill benefits at: <https://www.va.gov/education/how-to-apply/#modal>

If you have used your VA educational benefits at another college, you need to submit the transfer form below online or provide a hard copy to Ms. Pacheco, the Certifying Official.

Form 22-1995 Request Change of Program/Place of Training (for transfer students)

After you have applied for your VA educational benefits, create an account with eBenefits to track the status of your payments. You can also access your DD214 and educational benefit records which need to be submitted to the school.

<https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/apply>

Coordinate with the Veteran Certifying Official

Contact the Certifying Official after enrollment to ensure you receive your VA, state and/or military benefits in a timely manner.

Chrissy Pacheco

Financial Aid, BMW Building, 6th Floor

Suite 607

(212) 237-8153

cpacheco@jjay.cuny.edu

Provide Ms. Pacheco your Certification Form

(http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/sites/default/files/contentgroups/military_veterans_services/john_jay_enrollment_certification_form_fillable_16_oct_20.pdf), DD214, and VA benefits letter (mailed copy or from ebenefits)

Office hours:

9:00 am-5:00pm Monday—Friday

To schedule appointments with Ms. Pacheco in the evening or other times, email or phone her.

Military and Veteran Services Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Ms. Velez is available for emotional support and counseling, help for personal and family problems, referral for VA benefits, accessibility accommodation assistance, and academic support.

Alicia Velez, LCSW

Harren Hall room 229

Google Voice: 929-324-6816 or 212-484-1329

alvelez@jjay.cuny.edu

Transfer Military Service into Credit

Retrieve your JST online at <https://jst.doded.mil/official.html>

FOR USAF: <http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/Transcripts.aspx>

The Office of Academic Credit Evaluation (6th floor BMW Building room 611; (212) 237-8108) will evaluate your Joint Service Transcript. After you request your JST, inform them it is coming at their office or by emailing them at evaluations@jjay.cuny.edu

Evaluation of the JST grants you military experience credit that can be used for electives, General Education requirements, or your major.

Academic Advisement Center

All new Freshman, Transfer and Readmitted students need to meet with an academic advisor to understand the structure of the degree requirements, create a semester by semester academic plan, understand your credit evaluation (JST and Transfer students), plan your course load, and select the major that prepares you for the *Career you Desire*!

Hugo Monroy-Caceres

Academic Advisement Center

Room L.73.04NB

(212) 621-4106

hmonroy-caceres@jjay.cuny.edu

Vicky Qiu

Academic Advisement Center

Room L.73NB

(212) 621-4070

vqiu@jjay.cuny.edu

Make an appointment online

(<https://login.cuny.edu/idp/profile/SAML2/Redirect/SSO?execution=e2s1>), email them, phone or stop by Academic Advisement reception.

Career and Internship Planning

It is never too early to prepare for your post-graduate career through valuable internship experiences, job searches, and resume support.

Prem Sukhan, Associate Director and Veterans' Liaison

Center for Career & Professional Development (L.72.21NB)

(212) 237-8437

psukhan@jjay.cuny.edu

Make an appointment online (<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/Career-services>), call or stop by their office reception desk.

Use and regularly check **John Jay Careers Online** to see the latest job and internship opportunities and for information on workshops and hiring events at:

<https://jjay-cuny-csm.symplicity.com/>

Classroom and Study Support

Accessibility Services: L.66NB

Veterans with special needs may register to receive supportive services such as extended time on exams, note-taking services, separate testing and/or other accommodations.

Farrukh Ablakulov

Office of Accessibility Services L.66.00NB

(212) 237-8031

accessibilityservices@jjay.cuny.edu

Workshops on Organizational Skills, Time Management, and Anxiety Management

Math and Science Resource Center, room 01.94NB

For information and to make virtual tutoring appointments, see:

<https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/mathematicsscience-resource-center>

Alan Siegel Writing Center, room 1.68NB

Make an online appointment at:

<http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/writing/Writing%20Center%20Online.htm>

Track your degree progress

Log into CUNY First and select



DegreeWorks - Online Advisement System

You can view grades, credits, and courses needed for graduation. This is supplemental to meeting with an Academic Advisor, and does not take the place of formal advisement or speaking with the Chair of your major's department.

II. Benefits

VA (US Department of Veterans Affairs)

Post-9/11 GI Bill

This scholarship includes up to 36 months of educational benefits including tuition & fees, Monthly Housing Allowance, and a Books and Supplies Stipend of up to \$1000 per year. The recent Forever GI Bill (Harry W. Colmery Veteran Educational Act) ended the 15-year time limit for veterans leaving active duty after January 1, 2013, and expanded benefits for some National Guard and Reserve members. Additionally, the benefits are transferable to a spouse or dependent/s by serving members of the uniformed services that have completed at least six years of service. To transfer benefits, the military member usually needs to agree to serve an additional four years.

Eligibility:

- Served on active duty for at least 90 days (does not need to be consecutive) after September 10, 2001 and are still on active duty,
- Or honorably discharged or discharged with a service-related disability after 30 days.
- Once proven eligible, the veteran must make an irrevocable election of the Post 9/11 GI Bill to receive benefits.
- *Good for undergraduate and graduate studies

Link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_gibill.asp

FAQ: https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/523

Transfer of Entitlement Option

Under Post-/11 GI Bill, service members can transfer all or some unused benefits to their spouse or dependent children. The transfer is only viable if the request is submitted while the service member is an active member of the Armed Forces. After the Department of Defense (DoD) determines whether or not the spouse or dependents is eligible for the benefits, the spouse or dependents must apply for the benefits at the VA. (Visit this website to apply now: <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>).

Eligibility:

- Any member of the armed forces active duty or Selected Reserve, officer or enlisted who is eligible for the post 9/11 GI Bill
- At least six years of service in the armed forces (active duty and/or Selected Reserve) on the date of approval and agrees to serve four additional years in the armed forces from the date of election
- Transfer requests are submitted and approved while the member is in the armed forces.

- Effective 1/12/2020, eligibility to transfer benefits will be limited to servicemembers with at least 6 years but not more than 16 years of active duty or selected reserve service.

If eligible, benefits can be transferred to:

- Spouse
- One or more of service member's children
- Any combination of spouse and child

Link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/post911_transfer.asp

Fact Sheet: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/factsheets/Transferability_Factsheet.pdf

Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship

Children and surviving spouses of an active duty service member who died in the line of duty while on active duty after September 10, 2001, are eligible for Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits.

Eligibility:

- Children are eligible when they turn 18 or when they graduate high school (whichever is sooner)
- Child can be married
- For children that became eligible before January 1, 2013 their eligibility ends on their 33rd birthday. This age limit no longer applies to children that became eligible on or after January 1, 2013.
- Surviving spouses lose eligibility upon remarriage.

****** Someone who is eligible for the Fry Scholarship and DEA (Dependents Educational Assistance) must choose one of the programs because they cannot receive benefits from both of the programs at the same time based on the same event. Exception: If the child's parent died before August 1, 201, child may be eligible for both programs but may only use one program at a time and combined benefits are maxed at a total of 81 months of full-time training.

****** Surviving spouses are eligible to receive Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) in tandem with the Fry Scholarship. The children over 18 who are receiving DIC benefits will stop receiving them once they start getting VA education benefits such as the Fry Scholarship.

Link: http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Fry_scholarship.asp

Rogers STEM Scholarship

Post-9/11 GI Bill recipients can receive up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits for students pursuing a degree in the STEM field. Eligibility includes: enrolled in an undergraduate STEM program, have completed 60 credits, and that you have or will soon have exhausted your Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits.

Link: <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/fgib/stem.asp>

Applications will be accepted through January, March, July and October

Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VETTEC)

This is a tuition and housing assistance program for 9/11 GI-Bill recipients who seek training in high-tech (IT) skills. The VA selects specific Training Providers for you in one of the following fields: Computer Software, Information Science, Computer Programming, Data Processing, and Media Application. The VA will both pay for the Veteran's tuition and living stipend during training. This will not count against your GI-Bill benefits.

Link: https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/fgib/VetTec_Veteran.asp

Application is open now until April of 2022

Montgomery GI Bill – Active Duty (MGIB-AD)

Eligible Veterans either receive a monthly payment of \$2,050.00 for full-time students who served for at least three years or \$1,664.00 for full-time students who served less than three years. Unlike the Post 9/11 GI Bill, MGIB-AD students must pay for their own tuition, fees, books, and other education-related expenses. The Buy-Up program may be used with the MGIB-AD (as long as the veteran signed up for the Buy-Up program while serving). Any student who is not full-time will receive a monthly payment that is pro-rated based on a quarter-time basis. Lastly, this benefit expires 10 years from the date of discharge.

Eligibility:

- Veteran must be on active duty
- Elected the MGIB-AD at the time of enlistment
- Paid the \$1,200 contribution fee by: monthly payments of \$100 from their payroll (for the first 12 months), or lump-sum
- Served for at least 24 to 36 months

Links: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_ad.asp

<http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/vocational-trade-school/guide-for-veterans/>

Montgomery GI Bill – Selective Reserve (MGIB-SR)

Eligible Service members receive 36 months of education benefits at \$392.00 per month for full-time students. Students are solely responsible for paying tuition and fees. The MGIB-SR may be used with other types of financial aid, such as Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA), scholarships, and any education benefit that may be provided to selective Reserve members by their state.

Eligibility:

- Selected Reserve members (including the Reserves of each of the military branches and the National Guard) who enlist for at least six years after June 30, 1984
- Education benefits expire after serving 10 years or upon discharge

*These benefits must be used in the first two years of serving

Links: http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/mgib_sr.asp

<http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/vocational-trade-school/guide-for-veterans/>

Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)

DEA provides 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 because of a service related condition. DEA benefits may be used for

degree and certificate programs, apprenticeship, and on-the-job training. A spouse is eligible to take a correspondence course. Additionally, remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. DEA beneficiaries are either eligible to receive benefits for up to 36 months or 72 months if they use the benefits from both the Fry Scholarship and the DEA. Please use the direct link below for more information.

Eligibility:

You must be the son, daughter, or spouse of:

- A veteran who died or is permanently disabled

Link: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/DEA.asp>

Tuition Assistance

This program provides financial aid for service members to get college credit at almost any two-year, four-year, or correspondence school. Tuition Assistance (TA) provides slightly different benefits depending on the military branch. TA is not available if the service member is getting a degree equal or lower than their current degree (second bachelor's degree), or for any degree higher than a Master's. The program pays up to 100% of tuition and fees and up to the following amounts:

- \$250 per credit hour (for semesters)
- \$166 per credit hour (for quarters)
- Up to \$4500 in a fiscal year

Please check the link regarding each military branch for more information.

Army

In addition to the information stated above, the Army TA will pay 100 percent of tuition costs up to the Department of Defense (DoD) semester hour cap of \$250 per semester hour cap for up to 16 semester hours of TA-funded courses per fiscal year. Current Army policy limits TA to 130 semester hours of undergraduate credit or a baccalaureate degree, whichever comes first, and 39 semester hours of graduate credit or master's degree, whichever comes first. The 39-semester hour limit applies to all credits taken after completion of a baccalaureate degree. Army TA is available to members of the Army Reserves and the Army National Guard.

Link: <https://www.armyignited.com/app/>

Navy

In addition to the information stated above, Navy TA is available to active duty Officers and Enlisted personnel. It is also available to enlisted Naval Reservists ordered to active duty 120 days and to Naval Reservist Officers ordered to active duty for 2 years or more. At the tuition cap limit the navy will pay for up to 16-semester hours or 24-quarter hours in a fiscal year.

Link: <https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/sailors/tuition-assistance-ncpace.htm>

Marine Corps

In addition to the information stated above, the Marine TA is available for all active duty Marines. TA is also available to Reservists on continuous active duty, enlisted Reservists ordered to active duty 120 days, and to Reservist Officers ordered to active duty for two years or more. TA applicants must receive Command Approval to use TA.

Link: <http://www.usmc-mccs.org/articles/how-do-i-apply-for-tuition-assistance/>

Coast Guard

In addition to the above, the FY20 Coast Guard Tuition Assistance cap is \$2250. Active duty members and reservists are eligible.

Link: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDHSCG/bulletins/26407d1>

Air Force

In addition to the above, members of the Air Force Reserve also are eligible for Tuition Assistance.

Link: <http://www.afpc.af.mil/Benefits-and-Entitlements/Military-Tuition-Assistance-Program/>

New York State Programs

Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (RIRP)

RIRP's directive is to recruit and retain members for the State Military Forces (Army and Air National Guard, and Naval Militia). The program will pay the cost of tuition up to SUNY tuition rates per semester.

Eligibility:

- Be in good standing with the State Military Forces by attending or making up all drills and annual trainings
- Be accepted and enrolled in an undergraduate degree-granting program for a minimum of six credit hours per semester or four credit hours per quarter
- Be a resident of New York State for a period of 186 days prior to using the program, excluding Active Duty periods
- Please visit the website for more eligibility requirements and for more information

Link: <http://dmna.ny.gov/education/?id=rirp>

Veterans Tuition Award (VTA)

The NYS Higher Education Services Corporation awards the VTA to veterans who are full or part time study and are matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate-granting institution or in an approved vocational training program in NYS. In addition to being NYS residents and honorably discharged, eligible students must also be one of the following:

Eligibility:

- Vietnam Veteran who served in Indochina between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975
 - Persian Gulf Veterans who served in the Persian Gulf on or after August 2, 1990
 - Afghanistan Veterans who served in Afghanistan during hostilities on or after September 11, 2001
 - Veterans of the US Armed Forces who served in hostilities that occurred after February 28, 1961, as evidenced by the receipt of an Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or a Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
- *If the veteran also receives TAP, it may be reduced
- *The veteran cannot use the VTA in conjunction with GI bills except the Montgomery GI bill
- Please visit the website for more information on the VTA

Link: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/veterans-tuition-awards.html>

Military, Veteran and Family Member Scholarships

Military and Veteran Scholarships

Corporate Scholarships from firms that employ the student or his/her family members also can be a valuable source of scholarship aid.

AFCEA War Veterans Scholarship for Undergraduates

\$2,500 scholarships for sophomore or junior veteran or active or reserve military that served in Afghanistan or Iraq combat from 2003-present. For computer science and Cybersecurity majors. AFCEA STEM Majors Scholarships for Undergraduates: This program awards scholarships to students enrolled in their second year, as sophomores or juniors at an accredited academic institution. To be eligible, students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Also, they have scholarships for sophomore and junior students in ROTC programs majoring in computer science fields.

Link: <https://www.afcea.org/site/foundation/scholarships>

Application deadline: April and November

AMVETS National Scholarship Program

The **Lowe's AMVETS Technology Scholarship** program provides \$5,000 scholarships to Veteran or active duty service members, and spouses of veteran or active duty service members who are working toward a degree in Computer Science. For undergraduate sophomore, junior or senior. Must have a minimum GPA of 3.0

Link: <https://amvets.org/lowes-amvets-technology-scholarships/>

Application deadline: October 2nd

Army Women's Foundation Legacy Scholarship Program

This scholarship program provides scholarships of up to \$2,500 for women veterans of the US Army (active duty, reserves, national guard) and their child/children. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled at an accredited college or university, have completed at least 30 credit hours, have a minimum 3.0 GPA or higher. The program awards scholarships to students enrolled in community colleges, certificate programs, four-year college/universities, and graduate programs.

Link: <https://www.awfdn.org/scholarships/general-information/>

Application deadline: January each year

eLearners.com Military Scholarship

This scholarship provides funds of up to \$1,000 to veterans and their spouses pursuing higher education. The scholarship application is an essay answering the question "how has your military service better prepared you to enhance your education?" To be eligible, applicants must be active duty personnel, honorably discharged, veteran, and/or military spouse (of any branch) and enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution.

Link: <https://www.elearners.com/scholarships/military-scholarships/>

Application deadline: TBA

Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Member Scholarship

This scholarship program awards scholarships of up to \$5,000 to full-time students pursuing a college or graduate degree at an accredited college or university in the US. FRA scholarships are for those affiliated with the US Navy, US Marine Corps, or the US Coast Guard through their own service, service of their spouse, parent, grandparent or great-grandparent. The scholarships are based on financial need, academic standing, character and leadership qualities.

Link:

[http://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events and Programs/Fra Education Foundation Scholarships/Web/Content/FRA Education Foundation.aspx?hkey=fe5fe4c8-48b6-4003-be7b-5f3f317c6600](http://www.fra.org/fra/Web/Events_and_Programs/Fra_Education_Foundation_Scholarships/Web/Content/FRA_Education_Foundation.aspx?hkey=fe5fe4c8-48b6-4003-be7b-5f3f317c6600)

Application deadline: April 15 each year

Imagine-America Military Award Program

This award is for active duty, retired, reservists, and honorably discharged military service members. Requirements for this award are that the individual must be pursuing college. The institution attended must be accredited in the US and there must be a proven need for financial assistance. The award amount is \$1,000.

Link: <https://www.imagine-america.org/grantsformilitary/>

Application deadline: No date listed

John Jay Military and Veteran Services Scholarships:

Military and Veteran Services offers up to 16-scholarships to help pay tuition fees, books and similar expenses for veteran and military students without VA or other benefits that fully cover these expenses. Undergraduate and graduate veteran and military students can apply for a **T-Mobile Veteran Scholarship** (\$2500-\$3200/year) and the **Beshar Scholars Military Service award** (\$2500/year).

Link: https://jjay.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/scholarx_scholarshipsearch.aspx

Search keyword VETERAN

Application deadline: October 1, 2020 or when available (*check with Military and Veteran Services Manager*)

Military Award Program (MAP)

This \$1,000 scholarship funded by The Imagine America Foundation helps active duty, reservist, honorably discharged or retired veterans receive a career education at a participating college. To be eligible, applicants must be enroll in a participating college, demonstrate financial need, and not be a previous recipient of another Imagine America Foundation scholarship.

Link: <http://imagine-america.org/grantsformilitary>

Application deadline: No date listed

National Association of Veterans Programs Administrators (NAVPA) Scholarship Program

NAVPA offers scholarships for veteran, active duty, reserve and Guard, and military and veteran family member students enrolled at NAVPA member institutions (John Jay is a NAVPA member).

Link: <https://www.navpa.org/scholarship/>

Application deadline: April each year

SALUTE Veterans National Honor Society Scholarships

Applicants must be SALUTE members (John Jay has a chapter—see Military and Veteran Services Manager for information). This scholarship is for financial assistance to veterans or current service members pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Link: <https://salute.colostate.edu/scholarships/>

Application deadline: TBA; Application opens: May 2020

Sports Clips Help a Hero Scholarship

This scholarship awards \$5,000 to eligible student veterans for a semester. The scholarship serves to fund the educational careers of veteran's without obtaining excessive loan debts. To

be eligible, applicants must: be retired, honorably discharged, active duty, or a member of the National Guard or Reserve, have completed basic training and follow-on training, hold a rank of E-5 or below, participate in, be accepted to or currently enrolled in a VA-approved program or school at an accredited post-secondary institution.

Link: <https://www.vfw.org/scholarship/>

Application deadline to be awarded for the Fall Semester: April 30, 2020.

Application deadline to be awarded for the Spring Semester: November 15, 2020

Student Veterans of America: NBC Universal Scholarship

This program is geared towards increasing diversity on the air and behind the scenes. The scholarship provides two \$12,000 scholarships to eligible student veterans. To be eligible, applicants must be in pursuit of an Associate, Bachelors, or Graduate degree at an accredited institution. Must have a GPA of 3.0 or above. The application deadline is in April.

Link: <https://studentveterans.org/programs/scholarships?layout=edit&id=706>

Application deadline: April 2

Tillman Military Scholars Program

This program supports active-duty service members, veterans, and military spouses in higher education. The program covers educational expenses, including tuition, fees, books and living expenses. Veterans of both the Pre and Post 9/11 eras and of all branches including the Guard and Reserves are eligible to apply. Additionally, spouses of veterans or active-duty service members are eligible. Applicants must be full-time degree students in an undergraduate, graduate or professional program, in both private and public accredited institutions.

Link: <https://pattillmanfoundation.org/apply-to-be-a-scholar/>

Application opens early in the year

TonaLaw Veteran Scholarship

The TonaLaw Veteran Scholarship is available to veterans of any branch who must be a student at an accredited school or accepted to begin within a six-month time period. The scholarship is from the Law Office of Thomas Tona, P.C. The award is for a total of \$2,500 annually.

Link: <https://tonalaw.com/scholarship/>

Application deadlines: July 31st and November 30th

Wells Fargo Veterans Scholarship Program and Emergency Grant Program

Wells Fargo offers scholarships and emergency grants to honorably discharged veterans and spouse of disabled veterans to help them meet the educational costs of their full-time undergraduate and graduate studies. Deadline for scholarship application is February 28.

Applications for emergency grants of up to \$1000 may be submitted at any time.

Link: <https://wellsfargovets.scholarsapply.org/>

Application open around January 1

There is no application deadline for the Emergency Grant Program.

Woman Marines Association (WMA) Scholarships

This scholarship program provides a variety of scholarships to veterans, active duty and reserve personnel of the United States Marine Corps. The scholarships are also available to direct descendants, legally adopted children or step children of a Marine, a sibling or a descendant of sibling of a Marine, or to students who have participated in a Marine Corps JROTC program. The scholarships are up to \$3,000 and may be used at any accredited college, university or trade school.

Link: <https://www.womenmarines.org/scholarships>

Application deadline: February 28

Women's Forum of New York Education Fund

This scholarship program provides financial awards to women age 35 and over who are pursuing their first Associate or Bachelor degree. The scholarship is awarded to women who demonstrate high potential and faced extreme adversity which disrupted their education and derailed their futures. The \$10,000 award goes directly to the recipient to be used at her discretion. Applications must be submitted by December 1 for the next academic year.

Link: <https://www.womensforumny.org/index.cfm/edfund/>

Application deadline: February each year

Family Member Scholarships

American Legion

This nonprofit organization provides a variety of scholarships to fund undergraduate education at an accredited college or university. These scholarships are primarily for the children, grandchildren and/or great grandchildren of veterans and service members. The scholarships include the Samsung scholarship, the Legacy scholarship, and the Baseball scholarship.

Link: <https://www.legion.org/scholarships>

Application deadline: April 15

American Patriot Scholarship

\$7,000 scholarships are provided annually for undergraduate students seeking their first degree, whose military parent has died on active service or whose military parent is receiving Traumatic Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (T-SGLI) payments. To be eligible, applicants must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, must be under 24 years old, must have a parent eligible for MOAA membership OR be children of active duty/Reserve/National Guard/retired enlisted military personnel. If selected to receive this scholarship, the military parent must have a paid MOAA membership throughout the college years.

Link: <https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/education-assistance/education-assistance/>

Application deadline: TBA

Army Scholarship Foundation

This scholarship program provides scholarships of between \$500 and \$2000 to the children of soldiers of the US Army, as well as to the spouses of enlisted soldiers serving on active duty in the US Army. This program provides a variety of scholarships, all of which can be renewed for a total of four years of higher education for undergraduate studies at accredited educational/technical institutions.

Link: <http://armyscholarshipfoundation.org/index.html>

Application deadline: April 15

Folds of Honor Scholarship

Up to \$5,000 scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students seeking their first bachelor's degree. Applicants must be a dependent of a military service member or a spouse of a military service member. Awards can be renewed up to four years.

Link: <https://foldsofhonor.org/scholarships/higher-education/>

Applications open February 1st, 2022 and close March 31st, 2022

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund

This scholarship program is dedicated to the children of military personnel who have been killed or permanently disabled in a combat mission or training accident. To be eligible, applicants must be the dependent son or daughter of a US Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Guardsman, or Marine who has: been killed in action; OR is 100% disabled as a direct result of a combat mission; OR been classified as a Prisoner of War or as Missing in Action; OR been awarded the Medal of Honor, the Navy Cross, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Air Force Cross, or the Coast Guard Cross; OR been involved in a training accident that resulted in the death of the service member or caused an immediate inability to continue serving. The applicant must currently be under the age of 26, in their senior year of high school, a high school graduate, or a currently enrolled full-time undergraduate student. The scholarship amount awarded will be determined based on the applicant's need, and is renewable for up to three years.

Link: <https://fascholarship.com/qualifications/>

Application deadline: No date listed

Gilman-McCain Scholarship for Children of Active Duty Military Personnel

The US Department of State offers a \$5,000 scholarship to support the study abroad credit-bearing study or internship program of the children of Active Duty military personnel.

Link: <https://www.gilmanscholarship.org/program/program-overview/>

Application deadline: March 2021

Heroes' Legacy Scholarship

This program awards scholarships to dependent, unmarried children under the age of 23 of active-duty personnel, Reserve/Guard and retired military members, or survivors of service members who died while on active duty. To be eligible, the applicant must have had one of their parents die while serving on active duty on or after September 11th, 2001 in any branch or component of the US Armed Forces; OR one of the parents, while serving on active duty on or after September 11th, 2001, became disabled; OR one of the parents, who was on active duty on or after September 11th, 2001, received a permanent and total compensation rating of 100% from the Department of Defense or Department of Veterans Affairs. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program leading to a bachelor's degree or a community/junior college. If applying as a high school student, the applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. If applying as a current college student, the applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.5.

Link: <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/scholarship-programs/heroes-legacy-scholarship/>

Application deadline: TBA

HotelPlanner.com Graduate Technology Scholarship

This scholarship is available to any military veteran or their family members who are pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree related to technology. The award is a total of \$1,000.

Link: <https://www.hotelplanner.com/Scholarship/>

Application deadlines: August 15th and December 15th.

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation Undergraduate and Associate Degree Scholarship

This scholarship is for undergraduate children/stepchildren of US Marine veterans, active-duty, and/or reservists, who are incoming freshman pursuing a bachelor's degree, associate degree, or a certificate. Award amounts range from \$1,500 to \$30,000.

Link: <https://mcsf.scholarshipapps.org/>

Deadline to apply: March 2nd

MG James Ursano Scholarship

This scholarship is for any child of an army soldier that is attending college for their first undergraduate degree. The child must be a dependent of a active duty, retired, or deceased soldier. The child must be under the age of 24, a full-time student at an accredited post-secondary or vocational institute, unmarried, and not a member of the National Guard reserves or any other military branches. The scholarship awards an individual a range of \$500-\$3,400.

Link: <https://www.armyemergencyrelief.org/scholarships/child/>

Application deadline: April 1st.

MyCAA (Military Spouse scholarship program)

MYCAA provides up to \$4,000 in financial assistance for the career advancement of active-duty military spouses working towards a license, certification, or Associate's degree in particular career fields. Qualification also is based within eligible pay grade quadrants (E1 through E-5, W1 through W-2, and O1 through O-2). Steps to get started include registration, establishing MyICP, creating an education plan, and requesting financial assistance.

Link: <https://mycaa.militaryonesource.mil/mycaa/>

Application deadline: No date listed

National Military Family Association – NMFA Spouse Scholarships

The NFMA provides a variety of scholarships for military/veteran spouses. They provide scholarships from \$500 - \$1,000 for career funding, degrees, business funding and more. To be eligible, applicants must be a military spouse with valid military ID, married to an active duty, reserve, guard, retired, wounded or fallen service member, a dual service military spouse, or a divorced spouse (only if you receive 20/20/20 or 20/20/15 benefits).

Link: <https://www.militaryfamily.org/programs/spouses-scholarships/>

Application deadline: No date listed

ThanksUSA Scholarship

This scholarship is for dependent children or spouses of a member of the military. The child must be no older than 24 and must be a high school senior who plans to attend a full-time graduate program at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational or technical school. The scholarship is for a total of \$3,000 and the applications will re-open in the spring of 2021.

Link: <https://www.thanksusa.org/scholarships.html>

Application deadline: April 15th

The Graydon & Myrth Fox Scholarship

This scholarship is for veterans, surviving spouses, dependents, or grandchildren of a veteran. The applicants must be pursuing a degree at an accredited college, university, or trade school. The scholarship awards up to \$5,000.

Link: <https://sacregcf.academicworks.com/opportunities/929>

Application deadline: March 6th

The Kim and Harold Louie Family Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is open to high school seniors and college students whose parents are US military veterans. Applicants must have applied or been accepted to an accredited university or vocational program for the 2020-2021 school year and must have a 3.5 minimum GPA and a 1300 minimum SAT score. Applicants must have two reference letters, submit an essay with the application, and submit to interviews via phone/skype. The scholarship awards up to \$25,000.

Link: <http://www.louiefamilyfoundation.org/scholarship-application>

Application deadline: TBA for the 2021 application

Grants

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

This program is administered by financial aid offices in individual schools. The purpose of this program is to provide grants between \$100 and \$4,000 to students depending on financial need, time of application, other amounts of financial aid, and fund availability. FSEOG funds are limited per year, thus they are given to eligible students on a first come, first served basis. To be eligible for this grant, students must be enrolled as an undergraduate student without having previously received a bachelor's degree. Eligibility for this grant is determined through the FAFSA application.

Link: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/fseog>

Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grants

This grant is provided to students whose parent or guardian died as a result of military service during the wars in Iraq and/or Afghanistan after 9/11. To be eligible to receive this grant of up to \$5,815, students must not be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant on the basis of expected family contribution, but be eligible in all other requirements of the Federal Pell Grant, and have been under 24 years of age or enrolled in college at the time of their parent/guardians death.

Link: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/iraq-afghanistan-service>

Pell Grant

This grant is provided to all eligible students who demonstrate financial need. Eligibility requirements include financial need, cost of attendance, full-time or part-time student status, and plans to attend school for a full academic year. Additionally, to be eligible, students must be undergraduates who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. The maximum amount a student may receive is \$5,815 per award year, and the grant is available for only 12 semesters of study (about 6 years).

Link: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/pell>

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grants

This grant of up to \$4,000 a year is provided to students pursuing a career in teaching. Recipients of this grant must agree to TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve, in which they agree to teach in a high-need field (bilingual education, ELA, foreign language, mathematics, reading specialist, science and special education). Additionally, by receiving this grant, students agree to serve as a full-time teacher for a total of 4 academic years at a low income school or educational service agency. Failure to go through with the agreement results in the grant being converted to a Direct Unsubsidized Loan which must be repaid to the DOE. To be eligible for this grant, students must meet the basic eligibility criteria for FAFSA, be enrolled as an undergraduate, post baccalaureate, or graduate student at a school that participates in the

TEACH program, be enrolled in a TEACH-Grant eligible program, meet academic achievement requirements, and sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve.

Link: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/grants-scholarships/teach>

Federal Loan

FAFSA

FAFSA provides grants, loans and work-study funds to students attending college/university or career school. The FAFSA program awards more than \$150 billion annually to over 13 million college students in the US. Awards are provided on a basis of financial need.

Link: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

III. Counseling

Vet Centers (in NYC)

The Vet centers offer individual, group, family, bereavement, sexual trauma, and substance abuse counseling. They also offer community education and VA Information and referrals. The services that the vet centers provide are free to all eligible veterans and their families.

Additionally, no information that was disclosed during counseling will be given to any person or agency, without written consent from the veteran, except incircumstances to avert crisis (HIPPA, 1996).

1. Manhattan
32 Broadway 2nd Floor - Suite 200
New York, NY 10004
Phone: 212-951-6866
Fax: 212-742-9593
<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=744&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1>
2. Bronx
2471 Morris Ave., Suite 1A
Bronx, NY 10468
Phone: 718-367-3500
Fax: 718-364-6867
<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=741&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1>
3. Queens
75-10B 91 Avenue
Woodhaven, NY 11421
Phone: 718-296-2871
Fax: 718-296-4660
<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=747&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1>
4. Brooklyn
25 Chapel St. Suite 604
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Phone: 718-630-2830
Fax: 718-624-3323
<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=742&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1>
5. Staten Island
60 Bay Street
Staten Island, NY 10301
Phone: 718-816-4499
Fax: 718-816-6899
<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5440&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1>

6. Harlem

2279 - 3rd Avenue, 2nd Floor

New York, NY 10035

Phone: 646-273-8139 Or 646-273-8139

Fax: 212-423-5963

<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?ID=5487&dnum=All&stateid=NY&v=1>

The vet centers also provide a 24/7 hotline for veterans: (877) WAR-VETS or (877) 927-8387.

Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at NYU Medical Center

The clinic provides free care for veterans and military families who are experiencing long-term effects of all phases of military service and other life stresses, including relationship difficulties, school problems, and unemployment and relocation issues. Family members include spouses, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, and significant others. For more information, please call (855) 698-4677 or email militaryfamilyclinic@nyumc.org. The clinic is located at the NYU Medical Langone Center, One Park Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 100616. The clinic hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM and Friday, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM. The clinic is closed on weekends and holidays. If you need immediate assistance on those days, please contact the National Veterans Crisis Line at 800-273-8255.

Link: [nyulangone.org/militaryfamilyclinic\](http://nyulangone.org/militaryfamilyclinic)

Military Family Center at New York Presbyterian

The Military Family Wellness Center is on the cutting edge of clinical care for mood and anxiety disorders, and trauma related to military service, including both combat and military sexual trauma (MST). Guided by our armed forces research programs, we create evidence-based treatment plans for service members and their families are coping with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety and other mental health issues. The Military Family Center offers individual therapy, telehealth, couples therapy, group therapy and emerging treatment. It offers services at 3-locations :

- Weill Cornell Medical, Program for Anxiety and Traumatic Stress Studies: 425 East 61st Street, Floor PH, Room 1301, New York, NY 10065 (212-821-0717; ano2015@med.cornell.med)
- New York Presbyterian Westchester Division (Weill Cornell): 21 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, NY 10605 (212-821-0717; ano2015@med.cornell.med)
- New York State Psychiatric Institute at Columbia University Medical Center, PTSD Research and Treatment Program: Herbert Pardes Building, 1051 Riverside Drive, Suite 3200, New York, NY 10032 (646-774-8042; hillbur@hyspi.columbia.edu)

IV. Housing

NYC Resources

- **Mitchell-Lama Housing**

This program provides affordable housing options in all five boroughs for moderate and middle income families. Student veterans have been successful in the past with placement through veteran priority status. However, student veterans should check the following document to be sure that they are eligible for the veteran priority status :

 - <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/hpd/downloads/pdf/renters-mitchell-lama/Section85-DefinitionofVeteran.pdf>
 - **Link:** <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/mitchell-lama-rentals.page>
- **NYC Housing Search**
 - In the general search information section, be sure to specify (by clicking yes) that you are a veteran
 - **Link:** <http://www.nyhousingsearch.gov/index.html>
- **VetConnectNYC**
 - A comprehensive source of veteran housing and other support in New York City
 - **Link:** <https://vetconnectnyc.org/>
- **G.I. Bill Housing Allowances**
 - Qualifying student veterans pursuing higher education in New York City may utilize G.I. Bill Housing allowances to subsidize the cost of renting an apartment.
 - **Link:** https://www.jjay.cuny.edu/sites/default/files/contentgroups/stud_affairs/Housing%20Letter%20%2817%20Apr%2018%29.pdf

VA Resource

- **Department of Veteran Affairs : 1-877-4AID VET or (877) 424-3838**
 - Provide HUD-VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) vouchers for housing and case management services.

Non-VA Resources

- **Samaritan Village Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)**
 - **Link:** <http://samaritanvillage.org/people-we-serve/veterans>
- **Jericho Project**
 - **Link :** <http://www.jerichoproject.org/>
- **Black Veterans for Social Justice**
 - **Link:** <http://bvsj.org/vsc>
- **HELP USA**
 - **Link:** <http://www.helpusa.org/who-we-serve/veterans/>
- **The Bridge Fund**
 - **Link:** <http://thebridgefund.org/>

- Long March Home
 - **Link:** <http://longmarchhome.org/>
- Phone App: Streeteasy
 - **Link:** <http://streeteasy.com/mobile>

V. Vocational

Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)

Veteran Readiness and Employment services help veterans and service members with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job seeking skills coaching. Additionally, services may be given to help veterans start their own businesses and independent living services may be given to veterans who are disabled and unable to work in traditional employment. One applies for Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment benefits online through eBenefits. Please see website for more information.

Link: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/vocational-rehabilitation/>

Education and Career Counseling Program

The VA's Education and Career Counseling program provides veterans and service members with personalized counseling and support with regards to their career path, maximizing the use of their VA benefits, and achieving their goals. One applies for Education/Career Counseling online through eBenefits. Please see the website for more information.

Link: <https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/education-and-career-counseling/>

Federal Work-Study Program

This program provides part-time jobs to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a participating college/university either full-time or part-time. The program benefits students with financial need by allowing them to earn money through community service work or work related to their course of study. Jobs can be either on or off campus. To apply, see the Military and Veteran Services Manager.

Link: <https://www.va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits/how-to-use-benefits/work-study/>

VI. Legal Assistance

CITY BAR Justice Center – Veterans Assistance Project (VAP)

Provides disabled, low-income veterans in NYC with pro bono legal assistance on issues related to claims for service-connected disability compensation from the VA.

Link: <https://www.citybarjusticecenter.org/projects/veterans-assistance-project/>

Legal Services NYC: Veterans Justice Project (VJP)

Provides civil legal services to low-income military veterans, service members and their families. VJP is designed to help veterans achieve housing and financial stability as well as connect veterans with social and mental health services in NYC.

Link: <http://www.legalservicesnyc.org/what-we-do/practice-areas-and-projects/veterans-justice-project>

Veteran Advocacy Project

Provides discharge upgrade clinic support, as well as eviction prevention, and access to health care and treatment benefits.

Link: <https://www.veteranadvocacy.org/about/services/>

Fordham Feerick Center Veteran Rights Project

Links veterans to volunteer lawyers to assist them with civil legal needs in the areas of consumer law and VA benefits.

Link: https://www.fordham.edu/info/29028/feerick_center_veteran_rights_project

Free Legal Services: Military Mondays Initiative

Provides general legal advice to veterans regarding SSD/SSI claim denials, applying for SSD/SSI benefits, housing concerns, and more.

Link: <https://www.legalservicesnyc.org/get-involved/pro-bono/pro-bono-opportunities/clinics-and-study-groups/military-mondays>

Resources:

- <http://www.va.gov/>
- <http://www.vetcenter.va.gov/>